



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2017

CLUBS

- Met with representatives from OOHLALA on Friday, February 3rd, with Vice-President (Internal) and Mitch Miller from Campus Life and Engagement to discuss how the McGill App is working for student groups on campus, how to make the most of its features, and how to use the App for ticketing and potentially for Activities Night.
- I've been meeting with multiple clubs regarding conflict resolution between club executive members over the course of the past two weeks. For the sake of the clubs' and the executives' privacy, I will not disclose names of students or of the club.
- The Club Administrative Assistant has gotten in touch with multiple Building Directors of various buildings on the downtown campus regarding booking space for SSMU-affiliated student groups free-of-charge. I am attending meetings with her on February 9th (McLennan Library), February 10th (Arts/Leacock), February 16th (Athletics), and likely more as responses from Building Directors keep coming in.
- At my weekly check-in with the Club Commissioner on February 6th, we went over the list of clubs that have been "inactive" for two consecutive years and clubs that never applied for Full Club Status after their Interim Club Status period expired. The Club Commissioner will be getting in touch with each of these groups to notify them of their loss of Club Status and will offer the option for student groups to appeal the process. Appeals will be reviewed by the Club Committee.
- Met with two representatives on February 7th from the club Hillel regarding concerns about the proposed amendments to the Internal Regulations of Governance.
- See Club Committee Report to Council; note the Club Committee was unable to meet on February 8th.



SSMU SERVICES

- Met with a representative from Queer McGill on January 20th to submit Pink Cherry Order. All the orders have been placed by students anonymously and payments are to be collected by SSMU Accounting via the SSMU PayPal account.
- Met with a representative from Drivesafe on February 9th to order more promotional materials for their service.
- Services Review Committee is nearly done conducting user audits of each of the SSMU Services. It has also collected self-reports from each of the SSMU Services and we are working on sending out a User Survey to the general population for students to submit information on their experiences accessing/using SSMU Services.
- Still working on planning the once-per-semester Services Summit; this summit will be centered on issues SSMU Services face and training on executive turnover.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS (ISGS)

- I am in touch with a group that applied to be an Independent Student Group in January. I will be having a meeting with them to clarify some portions of the application process before considering bringing their application to SSMU Council.
- I am still working on gathering information regarding applying to have a separate legal status that is not a Non-Profit Organization status for groups that are transitioning into Independent Student Group status.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Mental Health Awareness Week 2017 was a success! The Mental Health Commissioners have sent out a survey to students that helped plan the event to gather information and feedback on the back end of event-planning so we can improve for next year.
- The Mental Health Commissioners are working on putting together a second semester Mental Health Roundtable that will focus on intersectional mental health. We will invite reps from the relevant mental health networks (both peer and professional), and we are planning on inviting representatives from the Union for Gender Empowerment, Queer McGill, and Black Students' Network.



- The Mental Health Advocacy Committee is still in the process of reviewing SSMU's Mental Health Policy and Plan; this review will be presented to SSMU Council at a later date.

STUDENT SERVICES

- The Vice-President (University Affairs) and I had a check-in with the Senior Director of Student Services, Martine Gauthier, on January 30th regarding communication between our offices; we were able to offer more ideas for the overall communication methods for Student Services, in particular the Mental Health and Counselling Services.
- Met with Joan Butterworth from Campus Life and Engagement, Tim Wilfong from myInvolvement, and the Vice-President (Communications) for the Engineering Undergraduate Society on January 31st regarding the design of an involvement package. Again, this is a very large project, so please feel free to get in touch if you're interested in helping out!
- Don't forget Healthy McGill is doing the [#SelfCareChallenge](#) from February 6th to February 17th! As council, we should do one of the following together to participate in self-care:
 - Take your medication and/or vitamins
 - Fill up your water bottle
 - Try a new fruit or vegetable
 - Dance to your favorite song
 - Compliment a friend or partner
 - Your own self care

FAMILY CARE

- The next [Study Saturday event](#) will be taking place on February 25th!
- We have launched the [Seeds of Change Crowdfunding for Collective Kitchen](#) online! Please share with people in relevant communities and submit a donation!

MISCELLANEOUS

- SSMU Executive Info Session took place on Monday, January 30th



- The Vice-President (Operations) and I worked on creating more concrete guidelines for room bookings and space usage in the SSMU Building.
- Had the opportunity to meet with a bunch of other female-identifying student leaders on campus on February 7th to discuss the possibility of hosting an event that would provide the space for female-identifying people to discuss tone policing, how to maintain your mental health, and more.
- Met with a student interested in running for the Vice-President (Student Life) position on February 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

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