



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

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CLUBS

- The McGill App is expanding its functions to allow for SSMU Clubs and Services executives to create pages, promote events, send push notifications, and interact with McGill students. The first set of SSMU Clubs that have expressed interest and consented to releasing their information (email addresses, executive position, etc.) were sent to the app developers at OOHLALA on October 31st so their pages can be created.
 - Club executives were asked whether they would like to use the McGill App as a promotional tool via the Student Group Information Form.
- General Manager and I met with the Muslim Students' Association on October 27th to discuss better storage options for their group and how to maximize their space.
- Dealt with conflict mediation for some clubs beginning the week of October 31st.
- See Club Committee Report to Council.

SSMU SERVICES

- Services Summit happened on Saturday, October 22nd. I am coordinating with the Services that were unable to attend that session to see when a make-up session would best suit their schedules.
- October 31st: Vice-President Finance and I are working with Queer McGill to facilitate their Pink Cherry order by creating the form and to discuss the possibility of using PayPal to complete the order so the service is more accessible to students.
- November 1st: Vice-President Finance and I met with SACOMSS regarding their budget and regarding HR.



- Services Review Committee met on October 26th and we assigned committee members to different services to audit.

MENTAL HEALTH

- The Panel on the State of Mental Health at McGill took place on Monday, October 24th. Thanks to those who came, and to those who didn't you can check out this article from the [McGill Tribune](#) and from the [McGill Daily](#)!
- Mental Health Commissioners and I met with one of the Mental Health Education Coordinators on October 27th to discuss areas for collaboration, changes in Mental Health and Counselling, and the Happy Lights Lending Program.
- We are aiming for a re-launch of the Happy Lights Lending Program on Monday, November 7th!
- Upcoming dates to note:
 - Mental Health Round Table on November 15th.
 - Mental Health Movie Night on November 23rd.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Bi-weekly Collaboration Matters Working Group meeting took place on October 25th; we are still discussing the survey we want to send out regarding how different Services collaborate with one another and what we ultimately want to gather from those survey responses.
- Vice-President University Affairs and I met with the new Interim Director of Student Services, Cara Piperni, on October 27th to discuss what has happened in Student Services already, personal concerns and concerns at large from other students, and next steps for Student Services in terms of gathering student feedback.
- Vice-President University Affairs and I also learned on October 28th that changes to the medical note policy in Student Services were made, again without the consultation of students. In the new system, students will not be able to receive medical notes from Mental Health/Counselling unless they are already registered as a client at one of those services or unless their case is deemed a "safety appointment."
 - Safety appointments are given to students who exhibit serious signs of suicidal ideality, self-harm or harm to others, trauma, etc.



- Courtesy of the Vice-President University Affairs, concerns have been emailed to the Interim Director of Student Services, relevant peer support services, and campus media.

FAMILY CARE

- The first Collective Kitchen event will be happening on Saturday, November 5th!
- Our Seeds of Change crowdfunding campaign has been moved to the Winter Semester due to confusion regarding what deliverables were necessary for the campaign and due to the fact that all the Fall Semester timeslots got filled before we were able to reserve one. Nonetheless, we'll be campaigning in January!
- Met with the Family Care Coordinator from SEDE on October 24th to discuss the possibility of creating a student staff position, club, etc. to maintain the volunteer baby-sitters and to provide institutional memory to the volunteer baby-sitters program.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Student Staff evaluations for my student staff have been happening throughout this week.
- Helped out with 4 Floors on Thursday, October 27th! Nicely done, Daniel!

Respectfully submitted,

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