



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

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CLUBS

- The McGill App is launching the Student Groups “tile” on the app this week. Campus Life & Engagement is hosting a webinar on Monday, January 23rd, for student group executives regarding how to use the app as a promotional method and the basics of what they need to know. Vice-President (Internal) and I will be watching the webinar together.
- Four of the social dance clubs on campus (Salseros, McGill Swing Kids, the Tango Society, and the Ballroom Dance clubs) are planning a “Winter Carnival” event where each group will offer a tutorial for beginners to learn the basics of the dance and, later in the evening, there will be an opportunity for people to show off their moves in Gerts! The event will be taking place on Saturday, February 18th. I met first with representatives from Salseros and the SSMU Events Administrator and Food and Beverage Director to discuss booking spaces for these groups on Monday, January 16th. On Friday, January 20th, representatives from each of the dance groups prepared a presentation for myself, the Vice-Presidents (Internal) and (Operations), and the Security Manager to discuss event logistics.
- On Tuesday, January 17th, I met with Joan Butterworth and Mitch Miller from Campus Life & Engagement and with the Vice-President (Communications) of EUS to discuss an extensive Getting Involved pamphlet for incoming students. The scope of this project is pretty large, so if anyone is interested please feel free to let me know!
- Interviews for the Club Website Designer position were held on Friday, January 20th. I am awaiting approval from the Executive Committee for the hire.
- Club audits were due on Sunday, January 22nd. The Club Auditor will be reviewing those for the upcoming weeks.
- The Funding Vent Session (Do Your Dollar\$ Make Cents?) is happening on Tuesday, January 24th, in the SSMU Southside Cafeteria. I will report on this orally at council.
- We are still in the process of scheduling weekly Club Committee meetings.



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SSMU SERVICES

- Met with SACOMSS Finance Coordinator to discuss the new payroll approval method on January 17th.
- I am working on a date and room booking for the Winter Semester Services Summit.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

- CKUT Board of Directors meeting took place on Friday, January 20th. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but I look forward to reading the minutes.
- I am working on putting together a document regarding how to apply to become a legal entity for student groups that were previously SSMU Services or Clubs that are now Independent Student Groups. I am hoping to have this document completed by January 27th and to set up meetings with student groups the following week to discuss the process in person. Overall, my goal is to have all of the Independent Student Groups stable by the end of my term.
- I spoke with a writer from the McGill Tribune regarding Independent Student Group status.
- A group on campus has applied for Independent Student Group status; I am currently reviewing their application.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Mental Health Awareness Week is taking place this week from January 23rd to the 29th! A huge shout-out goes to the Mental Health Committees (Advocacy & Outreach) and the Mental Health Commissioners for making this event a reality! Try to attend some events this week!
- I had a meeting with the Mental Health Commissioners on Tuesday, January 17th, to discuss final logistics for Mental Health Awareness Week.
- Thank you to Councillor Mehrotra for helping us secure a space to host our speaker event for Mental Health Awareness week on Saturday, January 28th!
- I sat in on the Mental Health Advocacy Committee meeting last Thursday, January 19th, regarding Mental Health Awareness week (again).

STUDENT SERVICES

- Vice-President (University Affairs) and I are meeting with the new Director of Student Services, Martine Gauthier, on January 23rd. I will report on this orally at council.



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FAMILY CARE

- The Seeds of Change crowd-funding campaign for Collective Kitchen begins on Friday, January 27th, and will run for at least 8 weeks (if not longer). We are hoping to raise \$2,000 for this wonderful family care initiative.
- I attended an information session/training offered by Seeds of Change on Friday, January 20th, and we also had a photo shoot for the campaign photo material on Friday the 20th.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Met with Councillor Mansdoerfer regarding creating a student group that specifically provides support for students in extreme circumstances (i.e. students who are diagnosed with illnesses or whose friends, family members, acquaintances, etc., are diagnosed with illnesses, etc.). We worked on some next steps for this idea and I gave him some contacts for groups and people who I think would be able to help make this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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