



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE) / ACTING PRESIDENT

MARCH 23RD, 2017

CLUBS

- The Club Commissioner and the Club Reps will be facilitating the last round of Club Workshops for the 2016-2017 Academic Year on my behalf next week. Official dates and times are being booked by the Club Commissioner and clubs that have not yet attended a Club Workshop will be contacted personally to register for a workshop session.
 - One of the Club Reps brought up including a section on consent in the Club Workshops. I will be making this recommendation to the incoming Vice-President (Student Life) when they start their transition process in May.
- Clubs that have already attended a Club Workshop are still able to reference the Club Workshop Handbook available on the SSMU Website.
- The Club Administrative Assistant and the Funding Commissioner have been kind enough to help out with my office hours while I've been busy with task delegation. A quick thank you to those two!
- Reminders:
 - Funding Applications for all student groups close on April 1st! Any student group on campus can apply for SSMU funding—you can even apply for funding for an event retroactively up to two weeks after your event has taken place.
 - The Student Life portfolio is looking to hire a Club Commissioner for the 2017-2018 academic year! Feel free to apply if you're interested in chairing a SSMU Committee, if you enjoy helping write/amend constitutions and policies, and if you want to facilitate
- See Club Committee Report to Council.



SSMU SERVICES

- Services Review Committee met on March 20th. We discussed SSMU Services' self-reports to the committee and created some follow-up questions to ask the services for clarification.
- On March 22nd, I spoke with a representative from the Peer Support Centre regarding the potential implementation of an Advisory Board for their service.
- Met with the Services Representative and a student regarding SACOMSS on March 23rd.
- Please help the Services Review Committee share this [user survey](#) widely amongst your constituents!

INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS (ISGS)

- The CKUT Board of Directors meeting is going to be held on March 23rd during SSMU Council; I will read up on the minutes and report back.
- I am scheduling meetings with student groups transitioning into Independent Student Group status, beginning with the McGill Outdoors Club.
- Essentially, all Independent Student Groups must start by Registering an Enterprise, but their choice of Legal Form is entirely up to them. I anticipate most Independent Student Groups choosing to register as an Association or Group of Persons. If you want to get a taste of all the jargon I've been looking through, you should [check out this website!](#)

MENTAL HEALTH

- The Mental Health Roundtable on Intersectional Mental Health was held on March 13th in the White Room. The Mental Health Commissioners briefed me on the Round Table in our weekly meetings and they said it was a success.
- The Blue Ribbon Therapy Dogs finally got back to the Mental Health Outreach Committee on March 20th. They don't have any dogs available until after exam season is over. If anyone has suggestions for other therapy dog organizations, please refer them to me!
- We applied for the Mental Health fund to get more Happy Lights to circulate via the Happy Lights Lending program. I'm also working with the Vice-President (Finance) on implementing a credit/debit card scanner for renting Happy Lights; unfortunately some people renting the lights have provided false contact information and never return the light after borrowing it from SSMU.



- The Mental Health Outreach Committee is applying to SSMU Funding and considering doing a crowdfunding campaign with Seeds of Change to raise money for their project.

STUDENT SERVICES

- The Committee on Student Services meeting was canceled on March 15th. The next meeting will be held on April 10th.
- The Collaboration Matters Working Group will be meeting on March 28th.

FAMILY CARE

- The Collective Kitchen crowdfunding campaign is live on the Seeds of Change website! Please consider donating to this wonderful initiative.

ADMIN RELATIONS

- Met with the Dean of Students on March 17th; he offered the administration's help to SSMU as we work on our next steps towards creating a set of protocols surrounding sexual and gendered violence.

ADDRESSING SEXUAL AND GENDERED VIOLENCE IN SSMU

- Working with the Community Disclosures Network to determine the best next steps for addressing sexual and gendered violence in SSMU. We met on March 13th, 19th, and 22nd to plan a series of focus groups and an open forum so we can consult members of the society on what they would like to see in a policy.
- Focus groups will be happening on March 28th, April 5th, and April 9th in locations off-campus. The open forum will be held on April 11th in the Lev Bukhman and Madeleine Parent rooms. We are coordinating space bookings, active listeners, loose agendas for these events, refreshments, and more.
- Please take a look at SSMU's statement or the open forum event page for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

- I was a panelist at the McGill Students for UN [Women panel on Women and Innovation: Thriving in the Workplace](#) on March 15th and I attended the McGill Women in Leadership Trailblazers Conference on March 18th. Women are wonderful.



- I began sitting in on the Board of Directors meetings as a gallery member on March 13th and March 20th.
- I've been working with the HR Advisor and the General Manager to create a transition schedule for the incoming executives. We met on Monday, March 20th.
- Met with the General Manager and the Chair of the Board of Directors to finalize executive task delegation on March 20th.
- The SSMU Executive Committee attended a workshop on Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence on March 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,

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