



## Report of the President to Legislative Council

September 13, 2012

Dear reader,

Here we are, our first Council of the year. Admittedly this report is a bit lackluster. It has been an extremely intense past three or four weeks, with most days being at least 10 hours long (if not 12 or 13). I promise you all the next report will be much more substantial. I'd also like to point out that this only covers my most recent work. A full summer report will happen shortly; it will be quite the read!

Without further ado, here is the report:

### **Student Democracy and Constituencies**

*Judicial Board* – The case is in the works. News is being sent to our Communications and Publications Manager for posting on the website. They will have their own website setup after this case is done. We are still looking for a final justice and a non-law justice.

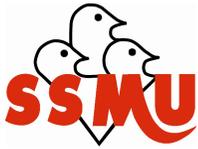
*Council* – Just had retreat... hope everyone enjoyed it. I really enjoyed the level of bonding and learning we all shared. I am truly excited for the coming year.

*Handbook* – The handbook was delivered and is being picked up at an impressive rate. Our mobile handbook will be launched in the next two weeks (we are currently working on our launch and publicity plans). We will be able to update this handbook live over the course of the year.

*Presidents' Roundtable* – We will be having our next meeting next week. We have some exciting projects coming forward this year.

*Elections SSMU* – Hubie Yu has been hard at work all summer and especially in the past two weeks. There is a new website and new election software. LSA will be running the first election on the new software next week. The election and referenda schedule will be coming for approval this meeting.

*General Assembly* – SO EXCITED FOR THIS. This is for sure my big project for the past and coming weeks. The Secretary General is already working on advertising. Clickers will be ordered this week. Video streaming software will be ordered and prepared this week (contract coming ASAP). Will cost 640\$ for the year (can explain in words all of the features this gets us... and at an absolutely great price (actually only 165\$/year, the rest is an add-on that is "for life")). I will be splitting this cost between the GA budget and the Council budget (we will be discussing the live streaming of Council on a permanent basis very soon). We will be compiling a needed staff list this week as well so we know what kind of numbers we need in terms of volunteers (from PGSS?). Advertising will start next Monday. I will also be purchasing two barcode scanners (roughly 250\$ total) for checking in IDs and



clickers (and we will be tracking it in a Google Doc so speakers can follow along live, as well as any helpers).

*Transpo Hackathon: Hack Ta Ville/Hack Your City* – Went so well. Had about 150 participants; excellent and inspiring mix of students and members of the Montreal community. Came up with some cool project ideas and had some really awesome workshops for newbies. Besides the disgusting dishes they left in the office (sorry!!!!), it was an overall success.

*SUDS* – Money is on its way in. A final report will be compiled and presented for the next Council meeting.

### **McGill Governance & Relations**

*Lease* – For discussion during confidential session.

*Board of Governors* – Attended first Exec Committee meeting. Pretty interesting. Will most certainly be a learning experience. Attended BoG Orientation this morning. Was just Jonathan and myself. Also very interesting. Talked about some of the core issues students see in BoG and talked about some very interesting, progressive changes. Will absolutely be a multi-year project, but the SG was very much interested in having conversations about starting these changes. Building and Property Committee meeting yesterday at Mac Campus... from 1pm to 7pm...

*James Admin* – Very pleased with their steps forward. I am happy to see that we are making strides; the principle thanked myself (and student leaders) for making a concerted effort to restore James to normal. She was proud that we wrote the memo and also proud that we showed an understanding of the situation (i.e. keeping in mind the mental state of the people in the building).

*Campus Community Committee* – Working on a few projects. Will be wrapping up the campaign this year with some cool events. Two new focuses this year are retirees (as compared to the alumni focus McGill traditionally has) and students.

*McGill Alumni Association* – Had my board orientation last week. Will certainly be an interesting group to be a part of!

### **Sustainability**

*Environment Commissioner* – Awesome goals set; so excited to watch them unfold.

*ECOLE* – Still chugging along.

*Green Events* – Status quo.

*Green Building* – Will be meeting with the coordinator soon.



## Human Resources

*Student Staff for 2012-2013* – A huge amount of our almost 350 student employees have started working. All of the execs have been working hard to ensure they are welcome, are setting goals, and are ready to rock this year.

*HR Policy and Bylaws* – Marie-Elaine is hard at work on the changes. Will certainly be an iterative process. She will have everything ready for a first round of discussion in about a month!

*Workplans* – These have been a huge success with the permanent staff. Time consuming but showing marked improvement. As for everyone else, make sure to get your plans ready!

*Archivist* – A report will be discussed briefly in my next report.

*Vibe* – SO EXCITED to use it with student staff and council!

### **This week!**

- GA GA GA GA
- Reading up on everything that is BoG and Senate (to prepare for the year!)
- Starting my live exit report
- Working on Orientation Week brain dump/transparency report
- Getting ready for Presidents' Roundtable
- Finishing up Vibe for staff and council
- Preparing our super awesome mega workplan for Monday's lunch!

Peace, love, and happiness,

Josh Redel  
*President*