Report to SSMU Council - 22 February 2018

General
A. It’s currently campaign period for EUS Elections. Nam and I are missing debates to be at Council tonight.
B. E-Week was a great success this year - 650 participants! We sold non-drinking tickets this year, and are continuing to work on making the week more accessible and inclusive.
C. The EUS sent four delegates to Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) Congress 2018 in January. The congress brings together students from engineering societies (EngSocs) across Canada for a variety of workshops, seminars, and roundtable discussions, along with the annual GA and Exec elections. There were lots of really interesting topics to come out of Congress: how different Societies run Frosh, how EngSocs are navigating culture change, the reality that most EngSocs don’t have a good relationship with their SSMU-equivalent, and lots more!
   a. Congress is an incredible opportunity for knowledge sharing, where different EngSocs can learn from each other’s successes and failures. The EUS is excited to be hosting Congress 2019. Our delegation got lots of great ideas and feedback for hosting.
   b. One of my favourite points from the delegation was on the difference between accommodating and accessible.
      accommodating = creating a space that can be changed to allow someone access when they show up / request it
      accessible = creating a space to be accessible by nature
      I have lots of thoughts on this, which I wanted to bring up during debate on the Motion to de-gender the language of the SSMU last Council, but I had too much difficulty collecting my thoughts
D. I have started my term on the Board of Directors. We have our second meeting this weekend and training next week. I now sit on both Council and Board of both the EUS and the SSMU...

EUS Council
A. As stipulated in the question which created it just under a year ago, the EUS Board of Governors is currently under review. Council heard a presentation from the Board, but has requested a more thorough discussion, with all Board members present. It’s great to see Councilors staying engaged and keeping us accountable on the Board!
B. We are in the process of reviewing the Constitution, and have been working through it section by section. The project should be completed by mid-March. I’m hopeful one of the amendments will invite SSMU Reps to attend Exec meetings, as a way to help build and solidify the relationship we’ve been building between Engineering and the SSMU.
C. Council meeting 20 Feb (yesterday):
   a. UEQ approached our President to propose the EUS join them. We discussed this, and didn’t come to a firm conclusion, although opinion seems to be that if Eng students join UEQ, it should be as part of the SSMU, not the EUS. Councilors expressed interest in a presentation from UEQ, as we heard one from AVEQ earlier in the year.
   b. We heard the second half of our Midterm Reports from Executives.
   c. We had a Notice of Motion to approve a set of Standing Rules compiled by our fantastic speaker, Joey Decunha, who you may know as a frequent proxy for the Science Reps ;)
   d. We discussed good and bad TAs, and how the quality of TAs and tutorials could improve. Our VP Academic will be bringing this feedback to the Faculty.

Committees
   A. Funding Committee
      a. We helped write amendments to the Motions on the Campus Life and Clubs Funds.
      b. Every week we approve funding for cool stuff on campus. It’s a great committee. Laureanne is fantastic.

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