



REPORT OF THE VICE—PRESIDENT (SUSTAINABILITY & OPERATIONS)

April 6th, 2017

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BUILDING AFFAIRS

- Long-term building plan: sustainability
 - I’ve compiled all the research I’ve done this year on what’s possible and what’s not. It’s confidential, but I can make it available on request after signing a confidentiality agreement.
 - General outline: I’ve researched a number of alternate locations that could be purchased or rented by the SSMU to expand student space
 - I’ll be discussing my findings with the incoming VP StOPS and the VP Finance, and I’ll leave it up to them to determine how to proceed



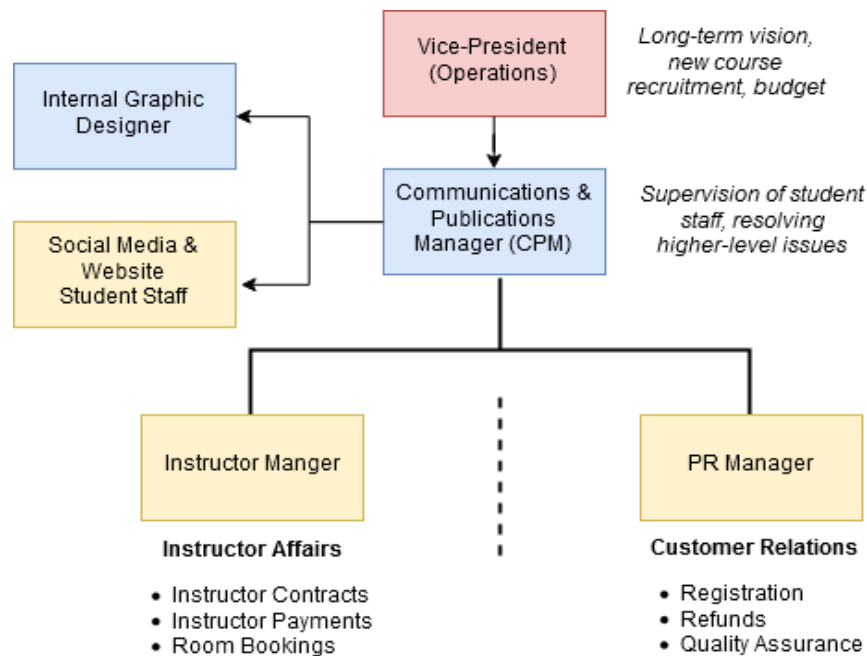
• **Bicycle Facility Project:**

- Negotiations continue
- Major issues: determination of construction timeline and who will handle contingency
- Next steps:
 - Meeting with Facilities to determine how this project can be tied in to existing future project (to ensure minimal disruption to SSMU)
 - Continue negotiations until SSMU is not at risk of a financial loss

MINICOURSES

- **Current work:** finalizing winter MiniCourses payments (VERY time consuming)
- **Spring session:** We will be holding 11 spring MiniCourses, including Java, Python, HTML/CSS, Intro French, Conversational French, and more.
- Restructuring is complete and fully implemented. .

Note: Red = Executive, Blue = Permanent Staff, Yellow = Student Staff





SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability Projects

- Attended the Fair Trade Campus event on Tuesday, April 4th to learn more about implications for Gerts and Sadie's, as well as for Frosh clothing orders
- Attended the Catalyst Awards on Monday, April 3rd
- Environment Commissioner candidates have been selected, interviews start tomorrow (April 7th)
- Check-in with MOOS on April 6th, with special attention to community conversations on carbon neutrality, CCSC
- **Cross-Campus Sustainability Council (CCSC) #2:**
 - The second and Final CCSC was held on Friday, March 31st. Topics discussed include: composting on campus, sustainability certifications and checklists, sustainability legislation at the faculty level, Frosh SPF
 - New participants: ECOLE, EdUS
 - Next steps:
 - Expansion of the committee beyond the faculties to all groups on campus
 - I would still recommend that a sub-group composed of Faculty councils be maintained to create a medium to have wide-spread consensus amongst governing bodies on campus
- **Sustainable Orientation SPF:**

Recap: Collaboration with MOOS to develop a plan to make Frosh more sustainable. Together, we submitted a major SPF application for nearly \$100 000 to target Orientation Week shirts and tote bags, the Student Handbook, and to create sustainability coordinator positions

 - Presented to IOC on Friday March 24th, and I feel that it was well received.
 - Initial design of the sustainability-themed handbook has been created (and it looks great - thank you Zach Kay!). First draft due April 21st



- **Next steps:**
 - Presentation at Orientation Planning Group tomorrow (April 7th)
 - Formal vote by IOC (date TBD)
 - Writing of sustainability content for the handbook
 - [IF APPROVED] Hiring of Sustainability Coordinator ASAP
- **Sustainability at the workplace:**
 - Met on Monday, March 27th, latest improvement include a tiered point system where the easier tasks are grouped into level 1, level 2, etc. Offices could achieve levels of certification rather than a simple certification or not
 - **Major challenges identified:** duality of stringent criteria vs. creation of office conflicts + how to encourage participation from departments that would be less likely to be interested
 - Identified that there needs to be high-level commitment from the admin
→ something that needs to be advocated for in years to come
- **Gardent Project**
 - Recall: Environment Committee approved \$4,000 to hire a student to coordinate volunteers and maintain the SSMU courtyard garden
 - Reached out to the SSMU Daycare staff (thank you **Courtenay Lorde!**) and the First-People's House. Both are on-board and will be participating in the project
 - Job description approved by Excom, position to be posted by early next week
 - Finalized construction plan and associated details to facilities
 - Paint and supplies have been purchased to build the planter boxes, installation to come shortly (weather dependent)

Sustainability Advocacy

- Met with the Principal and DPSLL on Tuesday March 28th, and brought up the point that the upper admin need to do more to encourage sustainability innovation in departments across campus.



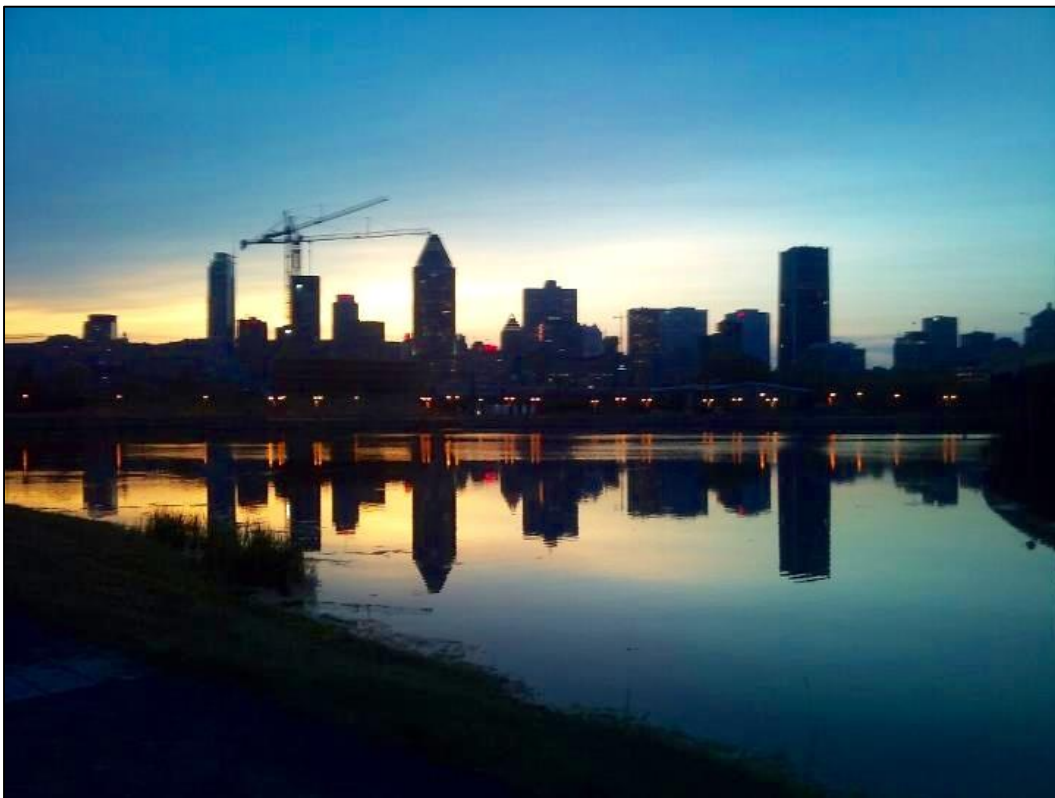
- Major recommendation: take initiatives like the green events guide and the sustainable office checklist and create incentives for departments to follow them
(For those of you returning, take note)

MISCELLANEOUS

- **March 30th** — Employment equity training

SACHA'S CORNER

It's been real, folks....



Respectfully submitted and signing off,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sacha M.'.

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