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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

JUNE 1st 2018 to SEPTEMBER 13th 2018

INTRODUCTION/PERSONAL NOTE

Hey everyone and welcome to the SSMU 2018-2019 SSMU Council! We're very excited for the year ahead and the impact that we can make for the McGill community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out anytime.

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INTERNAL GOVERNANCE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

- Set legislative council and general assembly dates for the year; confirmed rooms for all councils and General Assemblies
- Council retreat was on September 7th to September 9th Amidst all of the fireworks, kitchen issues, and transportation difficulties; I think the council retreat was engaging for everyone involved.
- 80 page councilor guidebook to help councilors understand SSMU and the structure
- Currently reviewing IRs, will propose amendments to IRs at the next council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

- Approved all BoD minutes/agendas from the previous year during the first few meetings, tried to collect as much information as possible
- Approved the current draft of our MOA with McGill with minor modifications after a 2 year delay



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- Reduced the coverage on the SSMU dental plan through Studentcare from \$750 to \$500 -- can discuss in detail
- Appointed BoD member at large Kyle Rubenok, appointing Judicial Board this Saturday, appointing International rep in the near future
- Approved renovations for 3501 Peel to make the whole building commercially zoned
- Approved \$5000 for safety software for Daycare and events
- 3501 Peel rented out to construction group

COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Rewrote terms of references for every SSMU committee, standardized approach
- Added 1 additional committee for this council : Fall Reading Week
 - Desire to add 2 additional committees for next council
 - 1) Governance Reform Committee
 - 2) Service Support Committee

REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

- Worked with Jacob to have our MOA signed with McGill, original expiration date was May 31, 2016
- We have verbally agreed to the terms, still waiting on signing the document

BUILDING PROPERTIES COMMITTEE (BPC)

- Committee of McGill's Board of Governors, approves all building/renovation projects at the university
- Have attended two meetings for the committee

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY WORK GROUP

- Committee meets to discuss how construction impacts those on campus, solutions around construction
- Receives updates from the city on future construction plans



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McGILL SENATE

- Approval from McGill senate to inform the Board of Governors that they wish to divest from fossil fuels
- Currently on the Building property committee at the senate level as well

PROJECTS

WHERE IS MY MONEY GOING?

- Annual document that discusses each fee that students pay, both McGill and SSMU
- Document is available on SSMU website & Minerva when completed

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT OUTREACH

- Scheduled phone calls with over 70+ student government presidents at Canadian and US universities
- Compiled a list of initiatives; current initiatives that are being borrowed from this list include:
 - Fee-waiver for gender transitioning students receiving a new student ID. Information has been updated on school website, communicated to groups on campus, knowledge should be more widespread. Is confirmed and available on the McGill website here:
<https://www.mcgill.ca/student-records/personal-information/id>
 - Costs of textbooks and other equipment for classrooms will be included in the course outline recommendations sent out to all professors for winter semester (probably fall as well), looking to making this mandatory in the future based off of feedback from students+faculty
 - Adding contact information for student services on the back of student ID's, such as Drivesafe/Walksafe/Peer Support Centre/SACOMSS, etc . Very positive feedback, discussions between DPSLL and security on making the change
 - Campus security app to help communicate emergency situations to the student body. This could help for situations like campus theft, dangerous people at night, etc. Talks with McGill security, further discussions throughout the year
 - Food insecurity program being worked on with dining services. Goal of launching this program in January, eagerness from dining services
 - Emergency loan program through SSMU, limited discussion but will pursue this idea



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STUDENT EXECUTIVES AT MCGILL LEARNING, ENGAGING, SHARING, & STRATEGIZING (SEAMLESS) CONFERENCE

- SEAMLESS conference annually hosts all faculty executives for a day of workshops and relationship building
- Working with Elaine Patterson from CLE to brainstorm what workshops would be valuable, what speakers/admin we could have involved, and what new events might be interesting for student leaders
- Event dates picked for October 13th/14th

STUDENT SPACE

- Faculty Associations
 - EUS
 - Common Room from 9-11 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, alternating Wednesdays
 - MUS
 - Booking through their own events system
 - AUS
 - Champagne room access for multiple hour slots
 - SUS
 - Common room for Tuesday/Thursday nights
- McGill Admin (Deputy Provost)
 - Booking classroom space through McGill's software
 - Groups like UGE, Socialist Fightback, and others have been accommodated this way
- Athletics
 - All dance groups that have specific needs should be booked in this space through collaboration with McGill athletics
- Residence Halls
 - Collaboration with residences, large room bookings for new rez ballroom have occurred for 10 groups
- Additional Permanent Space
 - 680 Sherbrooke Thai Express
 - Thai express contract with McGill has expired, after equipment removal, SSMU will have access to this space as bookable space for clubs/services throughout the year



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- 680 Sherbrooke Bookstore office/room complex
 - Main office complex with 8 smaller meeting rooms surrounding
 - Waiting for MOA from McGill
- 688 Sherbrooke 7th floor
 - 2 large rooms, will be used for permanent space

Thank you for taking the time to read all of this! Once again, if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me directly at the contact info provided. I'm beyond excited for the year ahead!



Best, Tre Mansdoerfer
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