Midyear report for leg council

1. Selecting SSPN

One of the most important components of my job was selecting the SSPN committee. We released the application only 1 day after the end of Frosh and received approximately 45 applicants. Both Sanchi and I were incredibly impressed with all the interviews. We had only 11 spots on our committee and a great deal more than that who we felt were qualified to be on SSPN. In the end we selected our committee based on a rigid interview and experience criteria. Both of us are incredibly pleased with all of the members we selected.

2. The Great Gertsby

Coming off of the disaster that was “Children of the Corn,” we revamped the SSPN Halloween event. We made the event downtown in an attempt to learn from the mistakes that occurred at last year’s event. We set to host the event at Time Supper Club and booked 2 McGill famous DJs, Lowgo Music and HelloElie. We were cautious about a $25 pricepoint for the event but Operations was not interested in compromising the ticket revenue so they didn’t allow us to change it. At the start, ticket sales were very slow,

10 days before the event we only had 139/800 tickets sold. At that point, operations sent us an email recommending we cancel the event to prevent incurring further losses. We decided not to do that because the cost of canceling the event seemed to be around the same as the cost of us putting on a low selling event so we decided to keep the event going.

The week of, ticket sales started to pick up. As word got out and people finally started to settle down on their Halloween plans, tickets started selling like crazy and we ended up selling out the event. Of the 800 total tickets sold, 535 of them were sold in the last 3 days. For future events like this it is important to not panic when ticket sales aren’t going the way we expect early on. The total profits for the event were over $4 thousand, the first time this event has made a profit in 5 years.

3. Smaller events

Last year the third event we did was the superbowl party. It was planned quite late and not in a good place to watch a sports game. Our committee came up with 2 other events for us to put on in order to have a broader range of events for students to enjoy, as per the clubs mission.
SnOAP
This event used to happen as a winter OAP. Last year we were in the preliminary stages of possibly recreating the event but we concluded that the costs of infrastructure and energy use were too high and we weren’t going to pursue this event. This year we are looking to modify that a bit and see if we can outsource it to a local bar and use their terrace in the winter.

This event is still in preliminary stages, we have yet to find a location. As well, we still have yet to ask EUS if we can use the name OAP. Further details about this event will be discussed later.

Theme release Hype Night Power Hour

Fairly self-explanatory in the title, This year we are piloting a theme release power hour similar to what Science games does. It will take place at café campus on January 29th. Just a power hour nothing more as well as our release of the theme and our scavenger hunt.

4. Faculty Olympics

This one is very early in the planning process, still haven’t decided any subcommittees for it but we will be sticking to the same model as from last year. The events we are planning from Monday to Friday respectively are, Time trials at Foufounes Electroniques, Dusted beer Olympics at location tbd, Boat races at café campus, power hour at entrepot dominion, pancake kegger at tbd, and closing ceremony at le cinq.