



## MESS Representative Report to SSMU

*Legislative Council of the Students' Society of McGill University*

*March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020*



### MESS Executive:

- Focus of this year on community engagement and facilitation
  - o More social events
    - Faculty Wine & Cheese in November a MASSIVE hit
    - Upcoming:
      - Social event at Mac Campus – Drinks + Food @ the Ceilidh
      - Social at the Topsy Cow! Drinks, Food, TRIVIA!
        - o Also looking for a department to cohost potentially – contact me!
  - o More Cause-specific events, workshops and initiatives
    - Listserv section on “Rad Resources” with links to causes, activists and political news highlighting marginalized groups’ contributions to social justice, environmentalism.
    - Prof Talks x2, one at Mac campus last term and one held at ECOLE this term. Massive success, wonderful discussions with professors with pan-disciplinary approaches and engagement with student questions and input.
    - Climate Grief Workshop w/ MORSL – facilitation of cathartic release of stress over climate crisis, environmental degradation. A more formalized and constructive avenue for feelings not usually socially expressible.
    - Student-run Honours info session – complement to our Academic advisor’s event to get student perspective.
    - Upcoming:
      - Zine-making workshop with McGill Art Hive, a creative workshop with aim of expressing environmentalist concerns in Art. Rescheduled from earlier in the term.
      - Green Careers week event – small event w/ snacks as part of McGill’s week of programming – still TBC
      - Climate Strike Week event – TBC – LOOKING FORWARD TO STRIKE WEEK!
- MESS clothing order a moderate success
  - o Trouble getting sufficient orders, but extending the form dates solved this problem



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- Going to look great seeing everyone wearing such good Swag!
- Updating MESS constitution – to be ratified by end of year
  - Adding GA clause to better anticipate future political actions / endorsements that require significant input from our constituencies
  - Sorting out Coffee Coop and Campus Crop sections since jurisdiction is currently being rearranged to ECOLE and SSMU, respectively.
  - Adding transparency clauses with access to specific Executives contact info to better troubleshoot and gather input from constituencies
  - Adding campaigning clauses to elections, as well as opening Co-President election to multiple slates of candidates rather than just a confirmation vote of 2 members from the current Exec.

### **Personal Updates:**

- Now a proud member of the SSMU Environment committee!
- Lovely to work w/ all y'all this year
- RIP to the MESS LC seat – gone but never forgotten
- **Gang Gang!**

Enthusiastically Submitted,

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