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# **IRC Representative Council Report**

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## **PREAMBLE**

Inaugurated in early October, the 2019-2020 Inter-Residence Council (IRC) meets every Sunday, from 1:30-3:30 PM. It convenes at a different residence every week, rotating among the upper and lower residences. Although the IRC exists to serve as a forum for first year students in residence to voice their concerns and express their ideas<sup>1</sup>, our mandate is, above all, to serve our constituency by facilitating inter-residence relationships<sup>2</sup>. Consequently, we have focused on organizing social events throughout the year in order to bring the first-year residences community together. These have ranged from casual coffee houses and food-give-aways to parties at clubs.

## *EVENTS*

### **BRAIN BREAK: MUZIQUE CLUB EVENT**

- On November 14, the IRC hosted its “Brain Break” event. This was a club event held at Club Muzique on St. Laurent, and it was our largest event. The IRC covered one free drink ticket for the first 300 students, and all entrance/cover fees as well. The turn out exceeded expectations: we not only gave out all 300 free drink tickets, but also counted upwards of 400 students in attendance.

### **FREE FOOD EVENTS**

- The IRC has hosted one free food event. On February 25, we gave out free bagels (vegan and gluten free options were available), lox, and cream cheese to our constituents. This was done in order to make their lives easier during the peak of midterm season, as bagels can serve as a convenient breakfast or lunch.

### **MOVIE NIGHT EVENT**

- On February 16, the IRC partnered with the First Year Council (FYC) to host its “Rewind with IRC” movie event at Cinema du Park. Churros and samosas were served as concession snacks, while we played “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” and “A Star Is Born” for our constituents.

### **COFFEE HOUSE EVENT**

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<sup>1</sup> [SHHS: “Inter-Residence Council”](#)

<sup>2</sup> [IRC: “The Inter-Residence Council of McGill University Constitution”](#), preamble

- On January 22, 2019, the IRC hosted a “coffee house” event in the Douglas Hall ballroom. Constituents were invited to perform, and several sang, while others played musical instruments. I did stand up comedy (I thought it was pretty funny). Various snacks and refreshments were made available to constituents, including coffee, hot chocolate, fruits, and Tim Hortons donuts.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

- Tonight, the IRC is hosting a “Trivia Night” at Biftek (a bar). Constituents will have the opportunity to organize into teams and compete for a \$50 gift card. Questions were written by members of the IRC, and efforts were made to ensure that subject matter pertinent to every undergraduate faculty was represented.
- On March 18, the IRC will be hosting another Coffee House. Rather than the Douglas ballroom, this time, it will be hosted in the Royal Victoria College (RVC) ballroom.
- Although no date has been set in stone, the IRC is planning to close the year with a wine and cheese semiformal event in April. The purpose will be to facilitate a “one last hurrah” for the 2019-2020 Residences community. The details are still in development.

## *OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST*

### **CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- Due to incidents which transpired in previous years, the IRC constitution was placed under review and amended by the RLife administration early in the year. As a result, the 2019-2020 IRC received its constitution from the RLife administration during the middle of the first semester. Various issues arose from the absence of the constitution, and even after it was released, certain provisions remain contentious or inadequate. Consequently, the IRC has organized a Constitutional Review Committee to work with the RLife administration to rework the constitution. Proposed changes will be ratified by the IRC at the end of the semester, but the project may require the efforts of the next generation of the IRC as well.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS THAT I AM WORKING ON**

- SSMU Affordable Housing Committee
- Spearhead of the IRC Constitutional Review Committee
- Subcommittee work on IRC in order to facilitate the IRC Coffee House, Trivia Night, and end-of-year Wine and Cheese Semiformal.

Respectfully submitted,

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