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REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

Submitted for: September 8th, 2020

For the period of 2020-05-11 to 2020-09-08

Hello Councillors! I'm Maheen and I am so excited to serve as the Vice-President (Student Life) of SSMU this year! I'm in my U4 year in the Faculty of Arts, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Psychology. This report broadly covers most of the work that has been going on in my portfolio. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at studentlife@ssmu.ca if you have questions or if there is ever anything I can help you with!

Activities Night

- The first ever virtual Activities Night is being held tomorrow and Thursday (Sept 9 and 10)!
- New this year: short webinars on topics of student journalism, environmental justice, obtaining part-time employment, and many more - filling up quickly!
- Worked with Eventus over the summer to develop platform
- Over 320 groups have registered for booths & 6-8 sponsors also have booths

Clubs

- Club Workshops will take place on September 19th, 20th and 26th via Zoom with make-up sessions available upon request
 - We apologize that we scheduled this for the 19th and 20th, which are Rosh Hashanah! We hope folks can attend on the 26th instead.
- Club Portal: working with cross-functional committee to determine best platform for implementation - in platform-selection phase of project
 - Also requested second demo from Eventus
- Hiring Clubs Researcher soon, aligned with "Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority" plan
- Bi-weekly listserv schedule - every other Friday

Services

- Met with all the SSMU Services in June and helped them adapt to remote programming throughout summer



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- Onboarded Services Administrative Assistant (twice)
- Developing 'Space Agreements' with groups that have space in the University Centre to formalize and institutionalize office allocation processes
- Working with Flat Bike Collective to adapt Service to COVID-19
- Working with Nightline to resolve space issue
- Working with various groups to help them navigate application to become a Service
- Services Summit will take place on September 19th, 20th and 26th alongside Club Workshops
- Bi-weekly listserv schedule - every other Wednesday

Independent Student Groups

- McGill Outdoors Club - ongoing meetings to discuss incorporation (building space, insurance, review of activities, etc.)
- Discussions between various ISGs and General Manager on subject of space in UC

Events

- Weekly 'SSMU Events Committee' meetings to review/revisit operational plan for COVID-19 and approve event declarations
- Current processes are detailed on the [SSMU website](#) and always subject to change
 - No external groups may book in the University Centre
 - No Clubs or Services may book off-campus locations
 - Bookable rooms are limited and capacity reduced to 20-30% of original cap
 - No 'high risk respiratory activities' allowed (i.e. dancing, singing, athletics, etc.)

Mental Health

- Mental Health Commissioner is working towards implementing a wellness portal solution for students ("Wellness World")
- First two meetings have passed - setting up Advocacy and Outreach committees
- Hiring Eating Disorder Campaign Coordinator under the Student Life portfolio in conjunction with EDRSC
- Helped VP UA hire Special Researcher on the Wellness Hub

Communications

In the absence of the VP Internal, the executives split up the portfolio - I took on communications.

- Worked with Comms team to create Summer Communications Plan - year-long plan is in development
- Continued Instagram Takeover with executives - averaged 300 views per story!
- Maintained social media presence for most of August



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- Hired Belle Sullivan as Communications Coordinator and Jessica Hachey as Communications Manager in collaboration with Communications dept. and GM
- Revamped general listserv format
 - For the remainder of the month, listservs will feature other execs

Family Care

- Held a General Assembly to pass new by-laws and integrate PGSS members into the Board
- SSMU Daycare is open at reduced capacity
- First meeting of Joint Board-Senate Committee on Family Care to be scheduled

Student Services

- Took part in webinars with Campus Life and Engagement on topics of “Social Connections for Undergraduates” and “Getting Involved at McGill”
- Sitting on Committee on Student Services -first meeting to be scheduled
- Sitting on Scholarships and Student Aid Office Advisory Board - first meeting to be scheduled
- Worked with Campus Life and Engagement throughout summer to offer brainstorming/team-building workshops for Clubs and Services
- Contributed to Student Services’ Student Engagement Collective to help consult on their operations for the year

Miscellaneous

- Sitting on Fall Reading Break Committee as SSMU representative - two meetings have been held & lots of progress has been made in working toward 2021 implementation

Respectfully submitted,
Maheen