



Athletics Councillor Report: The SSMU Legislative Council
James Mulvaney, Athletics Representative to SSMU
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Internal Affairs

Varsity Council (VC)

- Have had weekly meetings since the summer
- Last meeting was October 18th
 - o Next meeting: bringing on Stephanie Malley, senior communications director and marketing manager for Athletics to discuss how to continue to market McGill Athletics in COVID
- Recently hosted Varsity Bonding via Zoom
 - o traditionally done in person, had successful turnout (40-50 athletes)
 - o Success of meeting has led to (spooky) Varsity Trivia being tentatively scheduled for October 29th
 - o Facilitates community engagement by making challenge cup points rewardable by gift cards to local businesses and restaurants
- Currently coordinating community outreach with senior citizens center
 - Want to respond to widespread loneliness/isolation in local senior homes by telephoning in

Students' Athletics Council (SAC)

- Names have been submitted for approval by referendum of SAC
 - o 4 non-SSMU members of Varsity Council
- Goal of facilitating communicative environment between varsity and recreation athletes at McGill
 - o Meeting dates TBD, usually meet 1-2 times per semester
 - o 50/50 split of Varsity/Recreational in membership, facilitated by Director of Athletics Phil Quintal
 - o Send student representatives to MARAB

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)

- Had first meeting of semester on September 22nd
- Brought up large concerns in lost revenue for 2020
 - No Athletics Improvement Fee in referendum
 - Fall Athletics Fee was cut in half

- No CFL season has decreased/eliminated revenue coming from Percival Molson Stadium
- Responding to lost revenue by limiting repairs and renovations
 - No upgrades to Molson stadium, no repairs to current office space, no new Zambonis for McConnell Arena
 - Are still updating sports medicine facility
 - Has NOT been designated as a COVID-19 testing facility
- Still waiting on final recommendation from Name Change committee to Principal for ratification

McGill Athletics

-Offering free online classes/workouts for students in these uncertain times

-www.welivetomove.ca

-Currently offering book-by-reservation opportunities in badminton, track, the pool, and tennis courts, but main gym operations remain closed

- Imperative that students follow online registration directions and mandatory health guidelines when accessing facilities

- Follow @mcgillAthletics for fitness updates, at-home workout recommendations, and connection opportunities within the athletic community

McGill Athletics is here for all SSMU members :)

Team News

- #McGillGives campaign over the summer got many teams involved in donating food, clothing, and supplies to respective communities and was declared a success by Athletics
- U Sports announced the cancellation of all winter championships for the 2021 season
 - Hockey, basketball, swimming, track and field, and volleyball
 - Fall sports continue to struggle with cancellation of seasons and training opportunities

Men's Rugby

- Undertaking RBC "Race for the Kids", members of the team have been running and collecting donations for \$5,000 goal
 - o Money goes to CHU Sainte-Justine Foundation, which directly supports the pediatric needs of mothers and newborn children
 - o As of October 18th, had raised \$5,134
 - <https://t.co/f4ja3vGk2R> if you are interested in supporting the team

Men's Hockey

- Mathieu Darche, a 2000 McGill Grad and hockey star, won the historic NHL Stanley Cup as the director of hockey operations for the Tampa Bay Lightning

Swimming

- Have 3 Martlets working in long term care and residential facilities across Canada fighting the current pandemic



Respectfully submitted,

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