Medicine Representative to SSMU Councillor Report—
October 8, 2020

Councillor Wan
General:
- Frosh - Aug 18-21
  o Was successful
  o Events were socially distanced (park picnics, ice cream crawls)
  o Mix of in-person and virtual activities
    ▪ Trivia night, talent show, escape rooms were examples of the virtual activities
- Elections took place for our Med 1 council + VP Global Health Junior late Aug-early Sept
- One GC meeting thus far on September 17th
  o Topics discussed included:
    ▪ Clubs budgeting
    ▪ Approval of finances
    ▪ IRP
    ▪ Gatineau Governance
    ▪ Halloween Party
- MSS Council Retreat took place on September 26th at La Halte 24/7
  o 16 GC members attended and were split into two rooms (socially distanced), remaining 20 GC members dialed in from home
  o Workshops topics included:
    ▪ Sustainability
    ▪ SSMU Health and Dental
    ▪ Social activity brainstorm
    ▪ Gatineau representation
    ▪ Inclusivity
    ▪ Anti-racism review
    ▪ Wellness
    ▪ Strategic Plan
- Collaboration with the BMSAC (Black Medical Students Association of Canada)
  o Advocacy for BSAP (Black student application pathway)
  o Curricular review
  o Ways for MSS to be an anti-racist organization instead of being passive
- MSS is looking to sign onto the IRP
- Clothing Sale will be organized in the coming weeks – orders will be delivered to students directly
- In-person learning activities:
  o Med 1s (class of 2024):
    ▪ Anatomy labs (1 per block)
    ▪ Ultrasound sessions (1 per block)
  o Med 2s (class of 2022)
    ▪ Anatomy lab
  o Med 3s (class of 2021)
    ▪ About to begin their clerkship – extreme delay in starting clerkship (all other students at other Canadian schools have already started clerkship rotations)
  o Med 4s (class of 2020)
    ▪ Continuing clerkship after 2 month hiatus over the summer
- Halloween Party – CANCELLED
- MSS Fall GA will be taking place on December 2nd
Gatineau Campus
- New cohort of Med 1s started their semester, program is delivered in French
  o Issues so far:
    ▪ Translation issues
    ▪ Attendance dropping – students are attending Montreal lectures instead
    ▪ Lecture recording issues
- Med 3s are about to begin clerkship
- Governance goals:
  o Local
    ▪ Set up local governance structure similar to other medical schools with satellite campuses (Sherbrooke, UdeM, Laval)
  o Within SSMU
    ▪ Aim is to improve representation within SSMU, either with a councilor position or through a Senate position

Francophone Affairs committee:
- Attended one committee meeting

Health and Dental Review Committee:
- No meetings attended to date

Respectfully submitted,

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