

## Engineering Report 2

SSMU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL | January 28, 2021

Happy New Year!

Timeline: October 22, 2020- January 24, 2021

### EUS Council

- Had 4 meetings in between reports
- Had a successful election period for the Board of Governors.
  - 2 Members-at-Large were elected by mid-term elections.
  - New chair is selected for the term.
  - New Alumni members are selected by the Selection Committee.
  - 3 Members-at Large were elected from the EUS Council.
- All of our 8 departments had their academic forums as well as Networking events.
- Finalized the Budget Allocations for our Design Teams, Clubs and Committees for the Winter Semester. The budget has been cut significantly due to lack of profit we usually have from OAP yet all of the proposed budgets were approved.
- Had a discussion about exploring sponsorship options with Huawei. It was tabled indefinitely due to the conflicts the company had in the past.
- EUS passed the motion for the new IRP, and the Board ratified it so we continue being the signatories for the All-Faculty specific IRP.
- Had discussions with the McGill Engineering Student Centre (MESC) about publications and communication between MESC and students. MESC and ECC focuses on Career Advising and anything academic related for students.
- Had another Town Hall meeting with Dean Jim Nicell, focusing on the plans for Winter Semesters.
  - Participation was high.
  - A lot of questions were asked about the labs, studios and projects that require certain in-person sessions.

### Internal:

- No Blues Pub because of COVID :( Departmental Councils have budget cuts from Blues Pub as well.
- E-Week is fully online. Coordinators were selected. Instead of the first week of January, it is now happening as a month long competition in February, so departments are still racing (friendly competition)

- As for the EUS Structure, starting next year, Internal Portfolio will be split into VP Events and VP Internal due to the heavy responsibilities of the role, and VP Services, which oversees the 5 services in EUS Mall is eradicated.

#### Academics:

- Engineering Peer Tutoring Service (EPTS) has been fully functioning for the Fall semester. It will be continued remotely for the Winter semester as well.
  - They host different tutoring sessions for mutual Engineering Classes.
  - Also have Python and MatLab crash courses
  - Final sessions.
- TechFair took place online, and Winter one will also be online. Participation was not as high as previous years. It is mainly there as a Fair where students can get engaged with companies and find internships/jobs.
- We allocated the annual Engineering Undergraduate Student Fund. Every department's proposals were accepted but one.

#### Communications:

- One new committee is established, for visual arts.
- One big initiative was the renovations to the EUS Wiki.
  - The drive has been updated.
  - Policies are organized.
  - Wiki Committee is officially created and are now working as curators to update the Wiki continuously.
  - The Wiki has every detail about EUS Culture, governance, student life etc. It is kind of the guidebook for Engineering students.

#### External Relations:

- McGill Engineering Competition happened. Winners applied to Canadian Engineering Competition (CEC). Waiting for their official nominations.
- EUS has been actively going to the CFES (Canadian Federation of Engineering Students) meetings and events to represent McGill on a national level.
- Participated in the Conference on Diversity in Engineering, this year hosted remotely by the University of Calgary. 5 students represented McGill Downtown Campus.

#### Board of Governors:

- Consists of EUS Executives, 2 EUS Alumni Members, Chair, and 7 Members-at-Large and the EUS Senator.
- Every member has a mandate they establish within their term of office.
- Had a Financial Oversight Committee meeting. Thinking about ways to create a sustainable fund, keep an eye on the annual budget to make sure EUS never goes out of money.

- The Space Expansion Committee are still looking for rental storage space for the EUS. Our ever-lasting dream of the EUS House, proposed by Tre, the former SSMU President, may actually be happening. Getting UA and SSMU's help for this.
- EUS budget in general is lower,, due to lack of Services in McConnell and two OAPs. Still looking into ways to sustain our budget, considering the uncertainty of COVID.

Personal:

- I have mostly been involved within the Policy and Governance side of the EUS.
- Preparing an Accessibility Guidebook for EUS Events, for both large and small scale.
- Drafting a Bursary Bylaw to ensure EUS events are financially accessible, and budgeting can be followed accordingly by Departmental societies, clubs and committees.

Final points:

- We still don't have any certainty on OAP 2021 (hopefully will happen in-person)
- EUS has released two statements regarding Sexual Violence and Mental Health Resources, and EUS Equity has been continuously working on providing Resources and handling complaints.
- Next EUS Council is February 10th, at 6 PM.

Stay safe everyone!

Signed,



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