Athletics Councillor Report: The SSMU Legislative Council
James Mulvaney, Athletics Representative to SSMU
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Varsity Council (VC)
- Have had weekly meetings since the summer
- Last meeting was April 4th
  - End of year meeting, get update on internal Elections
  - Promotion of this year’s Varsity gala
    ▪ Team, Athletes of the Decade
- Low Demand for Virtual events/bonding sessions
  - traditionally done in person, planning on returning to in person in Fall
  - Facilitates community engagement by making challenge cup points rewardable by gift cards to local businesses and restaurants
- High uncertainty on status of Fall Sports
  - Current gym situation has upset many students and student athletes
  - Financial situation of Athletics may point to limited capability to field teams
- Current discussions on how to get female sports to have as much demand as male sports
  - Result of obvious gender inequities in 2021 NCAA March Madness
    ▪ Must be observed within Canadian University context
  - Staggering playing times, promoting female games as main event
- @McGillVarsity has done a great job of gaining a following and taking the load off of Communications in Athletics
- Varsity Athletes expected vaccine date: August/Early September
- E Sports leagues have been viable way to keep McGill community together
  - NHL, PGA 2k, FIFA

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)
- Have end of year meeting scheduled for April 22nd
- New Executive Director of McGill Athletics: Geoff Phillips
- Implementation of new online Anti-Hazing platform for all athletes
  - Similar to existing sexual violence and harassment courses at McGill
  - 98% of current athletes have completed course
- Continued concerns of lost revenue for 2020, now 2021
  - No Athletics Improvement Fee in referendum
  - Athletics Fee increased by 3% for fiscal year 2022
    - Attempt to offset projected $1.9M deficit
- Official name of Men’s Varsity teams: **McGill Redbirds**

**McGill Athletics**
- Offering free online classes/workouts for students in these uncertain times
  - www.welivetomove.ca
- New podcast “Alma Matters” is up and running, featuring some premiere Athletics Alumni
- Currently offering book-by-reservation opportunities in badminton, track, the pool, and tennis courts, and now *fitness centre*
  - Imperative that students follow online registration directions and mandatory health guidelines when accessing facilities
  - In-person booking of fitness centre is borderline impossible—set those timers and hope that gyms remain open
- Follow @mcgillAthletics for fitness updates, at-home workout recommendations, and connection opportunities within the athletic community
- McGill 24 results will be announced in the coming weeks
  - Should help those teams that have been most negatively affected by the financial situation of Athletics

**McGill Athletics is here for all SSMU members :)**

Respectfully submitted,

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