



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
 - o End of year meeting, get update on internal Elections
 - o Promotion of this year's Varsity gala
 - Team, Athletes of the Decade
- Low Demand for Virtual events/bonding sessions
 - o traditionally done in person, planning on returning to in person in Fall
 - o Facilitates community engagement by making challenge cup points rewardable by gift cards to local businesses and restaurants
- High uncertainty on status of Fall Sports
 - o Current gym situation has upset many students and student athletes
 - o 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
 - o Result of obvious gender inequities in 2021 NCAA March Madness
 - Must be observed within Canadian University context
 - o 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
 - o 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**

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-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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