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# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

*Period June 1 - September 19, 2021*

*Submitted for September 23, 2021*

*Presented to the Students' Society of McGill University's Legislative Council*

## Introduction

Bonjour! Welcome to the SSMU Legislative Council for 2021-2022! We're very excited for the year ahead and the impact that we can make for the McGill community!

I am Darshan Daryanani. I use he/him/il pronouns. I am excited to be serving as SSMU President. I am pursuing a joint honours degree in Political Science and International Development Studies with double minors in Communication Studies and Social Entrepreneurship.

If you would like to have a look at my electoral platform, feel free to check out the English version [here](#) and the French version [here](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out anytime:

Email: [president@ssmu.ca](mailto:president@ssmu.ca)

Office Phone #: 514-398-6801

Office Hours: Please book a slot [here](#)!

Council [Facebook Group](#): This group will be used for informal announcements and communications (memes).

## Role - [Constitution 10.11](#)

The President shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:

- to be the chief officer and chief spokesperson of the Society;
- to ensure the long- term integrity of the Society;
- to enforce the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the Society and ensure the maintenance of the governance documents;
- to chair and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee;
- to manage the Society's human resources;
- to call meetings of and set the agenda for the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors;
- to manage relations between the Society and the administration of McGill University;
- And, to represent the Members on the University Senate and Board of Governors.



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## Trainings

- 1 month long training from previous Executives
- First Aid Training
- Campus Life and Engagement Workshops
- SSMU Council and General Assembly Training
- Trainings with McGill Administration

## Internal Governance

### Legislative Council/Conseil législatif

- Media and Photography Waiver Form
- Governance Post on Social Media
- Set Governance Meeting dates for the year
- Supported with Council Orientation
  - Councilor Guidebook
- Met with Councilors over the Summer
  - Committee Assignments
  - Alignment of Mission and Values
  - Answering Questions
  - If you would like to meet, please refer to the contact information above!
- First Council Meeting
  - Steering Committee Meetings X 2
  - Motions
    - Motion Regarding Legislative Council Committee Allocations 2021-09-16
    - Motion Regarding Adoption Of An Open Letter In Support Of The National Day For Truth And Reconciliation / Lettre Ouverte Pour La Journée Nationale De La Vérité Et De La Réconciliation 2021-09-23
    - Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules 2021-2022 for Legislative Council 2021-09-16

### Board of Directors

- Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:00pm EST via Zoom
- Thursday, July 22, 2021 6:00pm EST via Zoom
- Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:00pm EST via Zoom
- Some emergency and confidential meetings

### Committees

- Executive Committee (Chair)



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- Met weekly throughout the Summer
- [Report](#)
- Students Society at McGill for Maintaining Operations and Strategic Advancement Committee (SSAMMOSA)(Chair)
- Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM) (Chair)
  - Met on
- Environment Committee (Chair)
- Health and Dental Review Committee (Co-Chair)
- Nominating Committee (Member)
- Finance Committee (Member)

## Projects & Plans

### Communications

- [Handbook](#) - Completed
  - Editing Throughout the Summer
- Photography Contract Renewal

### Governance

- Review Constitution and Internal Regulations

### Operations

- 3501 Peel & University Centre/Centre universitaire
  - Food Tenants
  - Prayer Room
- Lifeline Charging Station
- McGill Tax and Financial Clinic - in progress

### SSMUnion Bargaining

- Ongoing

### Advocacy

- Medical Notes & Global Access to Medicine Policy
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee - in progress
- SSMU Action Plan to support Black, Indigenous and Person of Color Students, and persons with disabilities

### Governance



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- Mandatory Gender and Sexual Violence Training and Equity Training for Staff and Councilor Members
- Upholding confidentiality policy

## Events

### Past Events

- 2Jabs4McGill
- McGill Parents Tent for Incoming Class of 2021
- BNI Orientation

### Future Events

- Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
  - Fundraising Tshirt Sales
  - [Video & Facebook Event](#)
- [Vaccine Confidence Contest](#)
  - [Form](#)

## Leadership & Support

- Presidents' Roundtable
  - Quarterly Meetings
- Executive Committee Meetings
  - Met weekly
- Supporting other executives with initiatives such as Merch,

## Human Resources/Ressources humaines

- Work culture
- COVID 19 Workspace
- Staff Meetings
- Department Head Meetings
- Developed Crisis Management Plan



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## McGill Administration

- Introductory Meeting with Vice-Chancellor and Principal Madame Fortier
- Standing Meetings with the Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning Fabrice Labeau
- Meetings with the Dean of Students

## Constituent Concerns

- COVID 19
  - Vaccine Passport Registration and Administration
  - Accommodations
  - Immigration issues
    - Restrictions to enter Canada
    - Study Permit Delays
- Concerns Regarding Surveillance and Doxxing
  - [Investigation](#)
- [Statement of Support and Solidarity of #OurLondonFamily](#)
  - Statement from the Muslim Students' Association (MSA) and Thaqaayn Muslim Students' Association (TMA) endorsed by The SSMU Executive Committee
- Residential Schools Statement

## Advocacy & Representation/Représentation et plaidoyer

- [McGill Board of Governors/Conseil des gouverneurs de McGill](#)
  - Board Orientation: September 20, 2021
  - Special Meetings
    - September 8, 2021
    - June 17, 2021
  - Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021
- Committee
  - [Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility \(CAMSR\)](#)
    - October 6, 2021
- [McGill University Senate](#)
  - Senate Orientation: September 13, 2021



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- Presented on Panel entitled “How to be an Effective Senator”
- First Senate Meeting [September 22, 2021](#)
  - Presented [Statement](#) to honour the lives of those who died in the Residential School System and the Deaths of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
  - Co-Sponsored [Motion Regarding Academic Planning and Policies in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
    - Thank you to everyone who worked hard and spoke in favor!
- Committees
  - Committee on Student Services
  - Principal Prize Adjudication
- Centraide Campaign
- McGill Advisory Committee on Sustainability

Thank you for taking the time to read all of this! Once again, if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me directly at the contact info provided. I'm beyond excited for the year ahead!

Respectfully submitted,



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**President | Président**

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