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# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

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*For the period of 2021-06-01 to 2021-09-22*

Hello Councillors! I'm really excited to serve as the Vice-President (Student Life) of SSMU this year! I'm in my U3 year in the Faculty of Arts, majoring in Psychology and double minoring in Behavioral Science and Science. This report broadly covers most of the work that has been going on in my portfolio. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [studentlife@ssmu.ca](mailto:studentlife@ssmu.ca) if you have questions or if there is ever anything I can help you with!

## Student Groups- General

- Updated and restructured the Student Group Masterlist for the 2021-22 academic year (banking information, group status, ssmu emails, personal emails, executive personal emails, social media handles, sanctions, archive sanctions, group descriptions)- **ONGOING**
- Worked alongside the Building director to collect Space Agreements for student group tenants in the University Center (consultations with groups and negotiation of clauses occurred before final document approval)- SOLVED
- Have been discussing with the governance manager and the Policy advocacy coordinator the amendment of the Student Group internal regulations - **ONGOING**
- Organized with the collaboration of the Clubs and Service coordinator the clubs workshops and service summit for Fall 2021- SOLVED

## Clubs

- Applied Sanctions to groups who did not submit the Winter 2021 Audits with the assistance of the VP Finance and the Accounting team - SOLVED
- Prepared an MOU for the McGill Outdoors Club as per requested by the group- **ONGOING**
- Began to review the club processes and discussed with pertinent parties possible amendments- **ONGOING**
- Met with several club executives to clarify questions on events, banking, constitutions, and full time status applications- SOLVED
- With the consultation of the VP Finance we have allowed the McGill e-sports association to collect payment of tournament gains for their club funding- SOLVED
- Assisted the Indian Students Association with their elections- SOLVED



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## Services

- A service member disclosed an equity related conflict hoping I was going to be able to mediate the conversations. Given the nature of the complaint, I recommended the parties involved to reach out to the equity commissioners. I continued to follow this case throughout its entirety while it was being reviewed by the equity commissioners- SOLVED
- Had several consultations with Midnight Kitchen on how to repair their relationship and clarify misunderstandings with SSMU's staff. I re-reviewed the requests they have been denied in the past year and provided solutions to some of the request- **ONGOING**
- Had several meetings with the Muslim Student Association to discuss the recurrent booking of the ballroom for prayer services. In collaboration with the events coordinator and the building director we have been ensuring the space is safe and complying with COVID-19 regulations in order to proceed with the booking- SOLVED
- Some services wanted to provide payment to their executives therefore with the collaboration of the VP Finance, and HR, we explored the possibilities and decided this is not possible, unless the services hire their staff via SSMU's HR process- SOLVED
- Helped the Arab Student Network with the hire of a website coordinator for their project "Arabs Students of McGill" - SOLVED

## Mental Health

- We had two new hires for the position of Mental Health Outreach Coordinator and Mental Health advocacy coordinator- SOLVED
- The Mental Health Outreach coordinator had to step down from their position, therefore we are currently hiring a replacement - **ONGOING**
- So far we had three meetings with the Mental Health Commissioner, and the Mental Health advocacy coordinator to discuss projects for the year. The tentative projects for this year are: suicide prevention framework, academic wellness proposal, health living annex, mindfulness project, cost benefit assessments of resources, Mental Health first aid training, Dorm MH support, round table, and mental illness awareness week.

## Family Care

- Have been discussing with the governance manager and the Policy advocacy coordinator the renewal of the Family Care policy- **ONGOING**

## Projects

- In collaboration with TVM we have been working on the video 73 questions with SSMU- **ONGOING**



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- In collaboration with the Systems administrator we are working on building a team and making the proper consultations for the Student Group platform “Your SSMU portal”-  
**ONGOING**

## Activities Night

- Planning for Activities Night occurred early June, at this time a hybrid format was decided upon (Virtual tabling- given no venues would accept 300+ people and an In person component of a networking party with max capacity of 278 students)
- Gather.town was the platform purchased by SSMU to hold the virtual event. On the night of the event the platform experienced major technical difficulties and was unable to hold all registrants. At this time we have received a full refund for the platform.
- In collaboration with CL&E we are now planning Activities Night 2.0 for mid October-  
**ONGOING**

## Accessibility

- Have been meeting with the accessibility commissioner on a biweekly basis to discuss projects for the year. Current projects are: SSMUin2, SSMU researcher guide, and MORSL interfaith calendar.

## Trainings

- GSVP workshop
- Level Up leadership Summit
- Motion Writing workshop
- Hybrid Events workshop
- First Aid
- Attended several modules for student leaders created by the Student Life and learning office at McGill

## COVID-19 and Student Life

- We have been updating our regulations according to Quebec’s and McGill’s decisions on COVID-19. I am currently in the process of legal consultation on vaccine passport given there are many gray areas in current policies and we need to ensure our mandates are not violating any federal or provincial laws- **ONGOING**
- In collaboration with the VP Internal we have been tabling at the University Center giving away free SSMU merch to students



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## McGill Student Services and Miscellaneous

- The VP Finance and I Communicated to Nimbus Learning that we are unable to further negotiations in regards to their platform- SOLVED
- Met with several students representing different organizations to discuss their application to become a SSMU club- SOLVED
- The VP Finance and I Met with CourseLnk to discuss a potential partnership. We decided after presenting this to ExComm that we would not pursue negotiations- SOLVED
- In collaboration with Campus Life and Engagement CL&E, the VP Internal and I gave three presentations to first and second year students on “How to get Involved @ McGill”. We also gave two presentations to students on the “Social Connections Webinar”- SOLVED
- The president and I met with the BNI program coordinator to discuss our participation on their orientation- SOLVED
- The president, the systems administrator and I have been working alongside McGill’s Career planning service to allow all club executives to receive automatic recognition of their involvement on their co curricular record- SOLVED