



Report of the President

Darshan Daryanani

Winter General Assembly 2022

Land Acknowledgement

The Students' Society of McGill University would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the unceded traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka ('Mohawk'), one of the five founding Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, also referred to as the 'Keepers of the Eastern Door.' This island that we call Montreal is known as Tio'tia:ke in the language of the Kanien'kehá:ka, and has historically served as a meeting place for Indigenous nations. The SSMU further recognizes and respects these nations as the true and constant custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today. Further, the SSMU commits to and respects the traditional laws and customs of these territories.

About Me

Pronouns: He/him/il

Degree: Political Science, International Development Studies, Social Entrepreneurship and Communication Studies

Experience

Arts Undergraduate Society Vice External Affairs

Arts Senator

Legislative Council (Since 2019)

Overview

- 1. Role of the President**
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Role of the President

Internal Governance +
Representation & Advocacy + Leadership & Support

Constitution 10.11

- **Chief Officer & Spokesperson**
- **Ensure Long-Term Integrity of the SSMU**

Committee Roles

- **Environment Committee (Chair)**
- **Health and Dental Review Committee (Co-Chair)**
- **Executive Committee (Chair)**
- **Students Society at McGill for Maintaining Operations and Strategic Advancement Committee (SSAMMOSA)(Chair)**

Internal Governance

- **Manage Human Resources**
- **Enforce Constitution & Internal Regulations**
- **Maintain Governance Documents**
- **Chair: Executive Committee and Board of Directors**
- **Coordinate for the Legislative Council and General Assemblies**

Representation & Advocacy

- **McGill Senate**
 - **Committee on Student Services (CSS)**
 - **Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching - Adjudication Committee**
- **McGill Board of Governors**
 - **Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR)**
- **McGill Committees**
 - **Centraide Campaign**
 - **McGill Advisory Committee on Sustainability**
- **Manage SSMU-McGill Administration Relations**
- **Campus and External Media**

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University-level: Senator and 12 University, SSMU & AUS Committees

SSMU: Senate Caucus Representative, Arts Representative to SSMU

AUS: Arts Undergraduate Society's Vice-President External Affairs

Enhancement of the SSMU Member Offerings

- Package Depot and Box Collection Service
- Tax & Financial Advice Clinic
- MySSMU Mobile App
- SSMU Yearbook
- Annual SSMU Events

Revisoning SSMU: Bring back student life

- Grand and Safe (re)opening of two SSMU Buildings
- The Gerts Student Bar

Equity within SSMU and McGill

- Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Trainings and Workshops
- Empowering SSMU Structures
- Revise the composition SSMU Bodies

Advocacy for Marginalized Students

- Revise McGill's Medical Notes Policy
- Hold admin accountable for the plan to address Anti-Black Racism
- Promote Academic Wellbeing and accomodations



Progress on Platform

Since the Beginning of My Term

Priorities: Advocacy

- **Take James Down Campaign**
 - **CBC Interview**
 - **Discussions with Admin/Execs/Advocacy Groups**
- **Indigenizing McGill: Orange Shirt Day**
 - **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**
 - **Planned fundraising initiative with ILADA and LSA (\$10k raised!!!)**
 - **Every Child Matters March**
 - **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**
- **Statement of Support and Solidarity of #OurLondonFamily**
- **Supporting the Centraide Campaign**

Priorities: COVID-19

- **Senate and McGill Admin**
 - **Co-Sponsored Motion Regarding Academic Planning and Policies in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Student Concerns**
 - **Lack of Vaccine Clinic and Registration**
 - **Immigration issues: Restrictions to enter Canada/Study Permit Delays**
- **2Jabs4McGill: Vaccine Confidence Campaign**
 - **Distributed over 200 VaxPacks (which composed juice, masks, bandaids, snacks, and sanitizers) at the various walk-in vaccine clinics for those who register and/or administer vaccines**
 - **Vaccine competition**

Priorities: Human Resources/Ressources humaines

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

Priorities: Leadership and Support

- **Supporting Other Executives and Staff**
- **Met with Councilors over the Summer**
- **Presidents' Roundtable**
- **SSMUnion Bargaining**
- **Communications**
 - **Handbook**
 - **Photography Contract Renewal**
- **SSMU Lifeline Charging**
- **University Center/3501 Peel**

Going Forward

Priority: Governance

- **Creation of a Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee**
 - **SSMU Action Plan to support Black, Indigenous and Person of Color Students, and persons with disabilities**
- **Ensuring ethical governance**
 - **Review of the Constitution and Internal Regulations**

Priority: Equity in the Workplace

- **Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression through Trainings and Workshops**
 - Requirement for all SSMU Staff, including for Senators, Councilors, Clubs' and Services' Executives to have mandatory training.
- **Empowering the Roles of Existing Structures**
 - Equity Commissioners
 - Anti-Violence Coordinators
 - Mental Health Commissioner
 - Indigenous Affairs Commissioner (and other similar roles)

Thank You!

Questions?

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