



**Winter 2024 Athletics & Recreation Report
SSMU Legislative Council
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Varsity Council (VC)

2024 Varsity Major Awards Gala

- April 4, 2024: planification in collaboration with Varsity Office
- Valentine's Day candy-gram sale to help subsidize ticket price
- VP Comms: working on promotional material

Community Outreach

- Sun Youth equipment drive (December 2023)
- McGill University Relay For Life 2024: March 23, 2024
- McGill University Motionball for special olympics: April 12, 2024

Events and Communications

- Varsity Welcome Back Brunch: 200+ attendance
- WiS nutrition workshop
- Black History Month media programming
- VP Equity and Diversity: working on athlete survival guide/resource pamphlet
- VP Varsity Affairs: brainstorming on how to bring athletes together outside of competition

Review of Hazing Policy Committee

- Ad hoc committee for revisions to the University's policy against hazing, for governance approval at end of year (DPSLL)
- Student representatives from VC: President, VP Comms, Athletics Rep

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)

- Met on January 19, 2024

Women in Sport (WiS) program

- Looking to develop more comprehensive long-term funding model
- October 2024: WiS Super Weekend sporting and leadership event
- Development of WiS Advisory Board

Services, Wellness, Operations

- McConnell Arena 2024-2025 renovations closure:
 - Martlets and Redbirds Hockey relocating to Place Bell
 - Electrical upgrades complete, but project bids to address HVAC and ice production are \$3M over estimated budget. Re-evaluating the scope of work that



can be completed within budget constraints without sacrificing the end goal of better ice quality and participant experience for the McGill community

- Other renovations
 - Grant applications submitted for government funding to address Memorial pool re-tiling and Sports Complex HVAC
- Wellness and Services
 - #McGillMoves: lower campus event January 2024
 - Le Parc Gym: A&R and SHHS open 3000 sq ft New Res fitness center, open to 700+ student residents
 - Fall 2024 Gault Nature Reserve day-trips
 - Implementation of new Currie front desk/services area
- Programming (as of January 2024)
 - 3,309 unique intramural team members
 - 7,729 Fitness Center members

Finance

- Uniques challenges to 2025 operating budget arising from tuitions hikes, relocating hockey teams
- Promising 2024 forecast due to Recreation success

Events and Communications

- McGill Athletics Golf Classic 2024: Beaconsfield Golf Course, June 17, 2024
- 2024-2025 season: plan in the works to promote game attendance now that marketing is back up and running after COVID19

Varsity Highlights!

- McGill hosts 2024 USPORT Swimming Championship, Redbirds win bronze
- Redbirds Hockey win bronze at UCUP Hockey Championship
- Alexandre Gagnon merits Randy Gregg Award, first McGill recipient in 24 years
- McGill Track & Field: Matthew Beudet wins silver, Donna Ntambue wins bronze
- Martlets Artistic Swimming headed to nationals

Respectfully submitted,

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