



Report of the VP (Operations and Sustainability)

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General Overview

Hello!

My name is Meg and I am the current VP Operations and Sustainability. This is a relatively new role - with this as its second year as part of the executive team. Previously, an operations executive existed but SSMU has realized over the years that adding a sustainability component was essential. My portfolio includes all things building related! This includes sustainability initiatives, space usage, vendors, and event bookings. Another key aspect of my role is representing students on committees related to physical space and sustainability. I look forward to continuing to define and reshape this executive role to best serve the McGill student community.

Portfolio Categories

GERTS

- Current closure
- Separation of Gerts Bar and Gerts Café to provide Gerts Café space for expansion
 - Also will allow those under 18 to purchase at the Café
- Physical space maintenance in the works
- Improving operational efficiency on the backend
- Establishment of existing and new supplier contracts
- Hiring for management team
 - Part time positions will be open shortly

BUILDING

- Manage space agreements with existing club and service tenants
- Assist with establishing revenue generating services
- Manage day to day building needs
- Working on expanding team to improve speed of services

STUDENT LIFE OPERATIONS

- Oversee all internal and external event bookings
 - Contracts, forms, communication
 - Over 2000 in the last fiscal year!
- Help support one off and recurring bookings
- Department restructure to increase response time and ease of processing
- Ongoing website maintenance and form updates

SUSTAINABILITY

- Work with Sustainability Commissioners to implement sustainable initiatives and ideas
 - Looking to increase engage through boosted instagram presence
 - Increasing tabling efforts
 - First Environment Committee meeting scheduled October 8th...mission to create actionable plans with widespread club collaboration
- Provide access to the Green Fund
- Working with MOOS to integrate SSMU resources into the sustainable events checklist
- Looking at expanding SPF project for 4 stream waste bins in the UC

SUSTAINABILITY

- Manage campus crops with Campus Crops Coordinators
 - Maintain current gardens
 - Host learning workshops
 - Dyacare Specialist hosts educational workshops for SSMU Daycare
- Maintaining grocery program services as a new part of my portfolio
 - Work with Grocery Program Coordinator to find partners, establish parameters for applying, and coordinating distribution

Committees

SSMU Committees...

- The Environment Committee
- The Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM)



McGill Committees...

- The Fairtrade Committee
- Senate Committee on Physical Development



Projects

Ongoing Projects

- Establishing BOMCOM
 - Vending machines in the building
 - Long term tenants
 - Space improvements
- Alcohol Policy
- Updating job descriptions
- Hiring for manager and part time roles
- Building listserv
- Lease negotiations with McGill

Contacts*

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Additional Questions?

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