



Social Work Student Association

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Report of the Social Work Representative to SSMU

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Introduction

- 2nd year BSW student
- Contact socialworkrep@ssmu.ca

SWSA Update

1. Elections

- Voting period was held from October 6th to October 8th
 - Three (3) returning members, seven (8) new ones
 - The new SWSA executive team officially started on October 22nd, 2025 (transition meeting between the old and new members was held)
- Internal Affairs Coordinator (returning)
- External Affairs Coordinator (returning)
- Cohort Representatives (U1; U2; U3 (returning); Advanced Standing)
- Finance Representative
- Equity Coordinator
- SSMU Representative
- Events Coordinator
- Communications Coordinator

details of each position's mandate to be included at the end of the report

2. General Assembly

- To be held at the beginning of Winter 2026 Semester
- Will address the question of a strike for Palestine
 - A student contacted the Instagram regarding other strikes that were occurring, but time was tight to decide what students in the association want

3. Student Survey

- Survey/student census created for new year (Winter 2026), brought into classes so it can be filled out physically instead of digitally. Census can then be used to advocate for students' needs throughout the term/used as data.

4. Events

- a. Board Game Table
 - i. Was launched during the STM strike as a way to bring students together, but still available
- b. Invitation from Physiotherapy department: Representatives will poll within their respective year to see if this event is of interest
- c. SWAPY Hour
 - i. Happy hour for students in the BSW
 - ii. External affairs coordinator will contact Gerts bar
- d. End of Year/Holiday Event
 - i. Faculty in the school would be invited
 - ii. Details of the event not 100% decided yet
- e. Yoga Event (more details to come next semester)

5. Collaboration with other associations

- a. Interest to collaborate with associations of professional degrees, as social workers and other fields often collaborate in multidisciplinary teams
- b. Open call to see who would be interested

6. Workshops

- a. Crisis Intervention Workshop (more details to come next semester)

7. Finances

- a. The SWSA executive team spent a bit more last year, but an emergency fund is also available
- b. New finance representative is trying to get into contact with SSMU regarding a form that she has to fill out

8. Advocacy: Hybrid classes during STM strike

- a. Internal Affairs Coordinator emailed the director of the School of Social Work with a SWSA statement (cc'd each executive) regarding the possibility to make classes hybrid during the strike
- b. Positive response from the director: most professors said they would provide an hybrid teaching method

9. Mandate of each position

Cohort Representatives (U1, U2, U3, Advanced Standing)

- Liaison between students and SWSA
- Represents the interest of their cohort at SWSA meetings.

Internal Affairs Coordinator

- Responsible for relations between the department and Executive Committee

External Affairs Coordinator

- Represent the Society to outside bodies and responsible for matters relating to the interaction of the society with outside groups,

Finance Representative

- Prepare the Society's budget
- Keep proper accounts and records
- Prepare a year-end financial statement
- Filing of tax and insurance papers
- Chair the Finance committee.

Equity Coordinator

- Responsible for consulting and educating the student body on equity-related issues
- Responsible for the organization of social, cultural, and other activities for the members of the Society outside the society

SSMU Representative

- Represent SWSA-McGill on the SSMU Legislative Council
- Responsible for matters relating to the interaction of the society with SSMU and the larger McGill student body

Events Coordinator

- Responsible for planning and coordinating activities for the society

Communications Coordinator

- Responsible for publicity of all Society services and events
- Responsible for the coordination and distribution of all society publications.

Respectfully submitted,

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