



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Submitted for: 02-12-2026

Period between 01/16/2026 and 02/12/2026

Constitution Working Group

The working group has been meeting continuously from January 16th to February 12th, with recommendations presented both in this Council session and the next on February 26th. Primarily, the greatest debate has surrounded the Board of Directors and the Legislative Council, including their roles and responsibilities, the competencies required, and their composition. To account for the changes, which shall be discussed later this evening, the Committee recommends two courses of action:

- 1) A Special Plebiscite period runs between February 16th and 19th, where questions can be asked of the student body and insights obtained on:
 - a) What should be the highest governing body of the Society
 - b) What should the quorum be for the society to go on Strike?
 - c) General comments and feedback about the changes.
- 2) A Special Referendum Period is held to vote on revisions to the Constitution, either before or after the scheduled Referendum period, depending on the results of the Special Plebiscites and the time it takes for amendments to be enacted.

Furthermore, while it has been ascertained that the work permit granted by a study permit is ineligible, due to the fact that it remains a study permit, a solution proposed by the First-Year Council Representative, Charley Letham, was that even if an individual who lacks the qualifications is elected by a Faculty that they retain a non-voting seat on the Board and that their original position can be given to an individual that would possess the necessary qualifications.

The remaining sections of the Constitution have progressed smoothly, with no significant proposed amendments to what has already been drafted. One potential addition is that S.S.M.U. Executives may not simultaneously hold executive positions in any Department, Faculty, Club, Service, or Independent Student Group.

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General Manager

Interviews have concluded, and the new General Manager will start during the week of March Break. The Board met on Tuesday to decide on the new General Manager; however, as this report was submitted before Tuesday, I cannot include at this time who was selected or whether they have confirmed their acceptance of the position. Nonetheless, the S.S.M.U. will once again have a “Chief of Staff,” who shall coordinate the day-to-day operations of the full-time staff and serve as both a mentor and advisor to the Council and the Officers, as well as a representative of the full-time staff to the Council and the Board.

Director + Staff Management | GM Duties

- For context, this includes the:
 - Internal Counsel & Corporate Secretary → Governance and Legal;
 - Student Life Operations Director → Bar, Cafe, Bookings and Events;
 - Communications Director → Website, Handbooks, Communications;
 - Building Director → Building Operations, Maintenance, Porters, Security;
 - HR Director → Human Resources, Collective Agreement, Hiring, Discipline;
 - Comptroller → Accounting, coordination with other departments;
 - Food & Hospitality Manager → Daily Lunch Service, 3rd Floor Kitchen.
- Monthly management meetings have continued, including the aforementioned Directors and Manager, as well as the Bar Manager and Cafe Manager. These serve to coordinate the team and inform them of ongoing Executive, Council and Board initiatives, concerns, and areas of development.
- Bi-weekly Operations meetings have continued, which include the Bar Manager, Cafe Manager, Building Director, and the Student Life Operations Director. Discussions surround Security, Gerts Bar and Cafe operations, maintenance and capital infrastructure/needs between departments and across the board.
- The next few weeks (come March) will see greater integration between the new General Manager and me to prep for the impending transfer of all these responsibilities to the General Manager, once they're adequately up to speed and trained.
- Current concerns include:
 - Shortage of porter staff to cover all bookings throughout the week, including on weekends. Presently being dealt with.
 - Minicourses are no longer attracting as much attendance as when they were originally conceived. It will be discontinued next year.

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- Desire from staff not to hold Activities Night in the Fieldhouse in future years due to the additional effort required to host, including transportation, planning, and coordination. In future years, it will be located within the University Centre and, if feasible and weather permitting, *potentially* on Lower Campus.

Management Agreement

For context: the Management Agreement is set to replace the S.S.M.U's lease on the University Centre, which comes with less rights than what a lease provides; however, the S.S.M.U. would still maintain leases over explicit locations, including where the Tribune, Daily, and LICM are presently occupied, as well as over the Bar and Cafe's locations (anywhere revenue generating). McGill wishes to forego the previous lease operations due to perceived tax risks, including the possibility that the S.S.M.U., along with other tenants, may be responsible for paying such charges, which McGill is waived of (as an educational institution).

In turn, over the past two years, we have been going back and forth regarding the terms of the agreement, which have remained roughly the same for 5 years, and we have recently finally heard back from McGill's Counsel regarding some of the changes. There was a meeting earlier this Thursday between our Internal Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Susan, and me, and with McGill's ODPSLL (Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life & Learning)) and McGill's Counsel.

Hopefully, those conversations went well, and the Management Agreement is closer to being completed.

(To further note, the S.S.M.U. would only be expected to pay for the locations which it leases, and in turn, would be paid to manage the building, which would lower the cost of the S.S.M.U. having to pay for the Building.)

McGill Athletics and Recreation

Meetings have been ongoing with the working group established by McGill on the future of A&R, its role at the University, and its financial structure. I'm presently a member of its subgroup surrounding Athletics' transversal integration with McGill's mission, which touches all parts of Athletics, except for its funding sources. Some elements of these meetings include:

- The integration of students in the decision-making of McGill Athletics & Recreation;
- The replacement or revival of the Athletics Council, by either making the Varsity Council the new Athletics Council or a sponsored effort between the S.S.M.U. and A&R in its reestablishment.

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- More advertisement and opportunities for students to participate in/go to games and other A&R events, so it has a greater attachment to Students;
- Opportunities for A&R to expand, including residences, the Sustainability Park, or other ventures, to address the lack of space A&R faces;
- Questions surrounding A&R's structure within the University's framework as a "self-funded" department, that receives no funding from the University (student fees are separate from what is considered "self-funded" and "University-funded").

Senate / Board of Governors

Senate:

Beyond attending the committees of the McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB), Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC), and Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA), I have provided feedback to Provost Angela Campbell on the University's proposed 4-Year plan:

[Rooted and Rising - Proposed Strategic Plan on Undergraduate Student Enrolment and Engagement \(2026-2030\)](#)

To note, the plan is strategic in nature and is not intended to have operational objectives, as those can readily change year to year. However, the feedback I provided was regarding expanding student involvement in the conversations listed in the plan, integrating more parties/stakeholders, increasing initiatives to unite the community, and adding S.S.M.U. representation onto the group, seeing to its enactment.

Working Group on Board-Senate Cohesion

This working group has just begun meeting and is focused on the issues between McGill's Board and Senate, and on the lack of trust and significant discontent on the part of the Senate toward the Board of Governors. For those interested, I recommend looking into the history of the Duff-Berdahl report and the one which McGill created nigh after the fact.

Board of Governors Executive Committee

Not much to report, unfortunately. The meetings themselves are also confidential.

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Student Orientation (S.S.M.U. & Faculty)

For your reference, the University will conduct training for new executive teams on May 7th. This is open to all Executives from each Faculty, plus the S.S.M.U., M.C.S.S., M.A.C.E.S., and P.G.S.S. These will include meetings between those who attend and the DPSLL, Secretariat, Incoming Chair of the Board of Governors, the President, the Provost, the Chief of Security, the Vice-President of Communications, the Executive Registrar, the Executive Director of A&R, the Executive Director of Student Services, and the Dean of Students' Office. It is an all-day event.

Further meetings may be held explicitly with respective groups on a case-by-case basis.