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VP Internal Report (09/05/2026)

Since I only started in October, my mandate has been short but very focused: strengthening students' connection to SSMU, ensuring our flagship events ran smoothly and inclusively, and shoring up internal structures so the VP Internal portfolio is set up for long-term success. Here are updates from the past couple weeks, and then an overall update on my impact on the VP Internal portfolio at the end of this document.

Events

- Faculty Olympics: Successfully ran this year with 6 teams instead of 8, maintaining high energy while tightening logistics; Education took the win again. Based on this year's experience, I recommend shortening the overall schedule next year to reduce burnout for both participants and staff.
- SSMU Awards: The event at Centre Mont-Royal went very well, with strong attendance and positive feedback on the flow and order of events, which helped keep the night engaging and celebratory for student leaders.

Communications

- Handbook: Work is underway on the next edition of the SSMU Handbook, including meetings with Campus Life & Engagement (CL&E) to align on tone, accessibility, and usefulness for incoming students; I'm happy to incorporate any specific feedback councillors may have.
- Mascot: Mascot submissions are currently being reviewed as part of a broader effort to refresh SSMU's visual identity and student-facing presence.
- Social media: I have been drafting a more intentional TikTok and Instagram Reels strategy focused on humanizing SSMU, highlighting student life, and improving engagement, building on earlier work to "introduce" SSMU to the student body.

Other / structural work

- With most major events for the year now completed, I have shifted toward administrative and structural tasks that will outlast my term, including writing my exit report so the next VP Internal can build on the lessons from this year's events.
- SSPN: I am restructuring the SSPN Committee (its roles and operations) to make it more efficient and sustainable, including clearer position descriptions (such as

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SEDI-focused coordinators and logistics coordinators) and expectations around event ownership and follow-through.

- Portfolio fixes: I have been documenting and addressing many of the gaps and ambiguities I encountered in the VP Internal portfolio, with the goal of leaving clearer processes, timelines, and reference documents for my successor.
- Frosh/IOC: I am working with CL&E on Frosh collaboration through the IOC to help ensure next year's orientation is inclusive, safe, and better integrated with SSMU's broader approach to student life.

Overall VP Internal portfolio improvements (some points may be repeated from previous sections):

- Rebuilt relationships with the Communications and Student Life Operations departments, establishing regular meetings and collaboration, clearer expectations, and more coordinated messaging.
- Set up closer collaboration with Gerts bar to improve communication and alignment around events, promotions, and logistics.
- Strengthened interfaculty ties between faculty executives and SSMU, leaving those relationships on a more positive, cooperative footing for future VP Internals.
- Expanded the VP Internal's role in inclusivity and accountability by working with Anti-Violence coordinators, Equity commissioners, and integrating IRP-related feedback into events and internal processes.
- Deepened the relationship with CL&E through frequent meetings and check-ins, laying the groundwork for future orientation collaborations.
- Turned my exit report into a practical guide for future VP Internals on event planning (who to consult, timelines, key contacts, and best practices), including ideas for new events I was unable to implement due to time restrictions, but believe will be effective and popular.
- Updated outdated job descriptions and documentation under the VP Internal portfolio to better reflect current expectations, workflows, and accountability.
- Further solidified SSPN as a committee by clarifying its mandate, roles, and internal workflows so it can function as a more reliable, efficient event-planning body going forward.
- Increased the role in Listserv creation, Instagram posts, and Tiktok reels, to make them feel more student-facing.
- As the francophone affairs commissioner moved under the VP Internal portfolio, have been strengthening collaboration and frequency of long-term francophone

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events and discussing ways to increase francophone's feeling of community through SSMU (and, of course, writing this in my exit report).

- Carried out the most popular events successfully, with high ratings and turnout, tweaking them in necessary ways to ensure they stay popular in the future.

I am confident these changes will set future, competent VP Internals up for success and support a more consistent, trusted VP Internal portfolio.