

Report of the Executive Committee

Summer 2026

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President

Governance

- Dates set for SSMU Legislative Council, Executive Committee, and staff meetings for the fall
- Held a dedicated governance meeting reviewing the Constitution changes, and continued governing documents review more broadly
- Reviewed the Senate's standing as a body under SSMU and the regulations with Marc-Richard
- Reworked the framing of governance-level decisions versus day-to-day operations, part of a continued shift of executives away from being embedded in daily operations

Executive Committee

- Chairing weekly Excomm meetings, dealing with day-to-day operations of the Society: hirings, small operational expenses under \$10k, and event declarations
- Meetings held on Tuesdays 1-2:30
- Notable points:
 - Gerts' Bar & Cafe staff plan
 - Service hiring

Management Meeting

- Meetings chaired by the General Manager, where full-time SSMU managers meet and provide updates on their departments.
- Covered building operations items at an ops meeting: UC hours, the lounge TV, and clearing out the fixes in the building
- Topics discussed at management meetings this period included
 - Building
 - Faculties
 - Admin (McGill Administration)
 - Family Care / Daycare
 - HR
 - Committees
 - Student Life Operations
 - Projects looking forward in the year

Leadership & Support

- Engaged the Faculty of Management on the organisation's strategic plan and on potential training support for future SSMU execs
- Worked to bring faculty associations into the Tailgate footprint, and explored sponsorship collaboration with the Faculty of Management and other faculties around bookings
- Coordinated with MUS on their separate yearbook, academic policies, orientation and resource-sharing
- Ongoing meetings with McGill administration and specific departments on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the issue at hand

Advocacy & Representation

- Continued building relationships with McGill senior administration: the Provost, Chancellor Boivin, the Board Chair, the Registrar, and deans through personalised outreach
- Engaged the Chancellor's office on funding conversations with University Advancement, plus communications/photo opportunities, and a potential library-publishing partnership
- Coordinated with Romesh on honorary degree ceremony logistics, including UA and President's office invitations, and separately on office-to-office transfer processes, recruitment, and convocation communications



- Engaged Enrolment Services, Advancement, and the WUSC Local Committee as part of broader institutional relationship-building
- Discussed the McGill–Mac campus shuttle with Owen, President of MCSS

Human Resources

- Reviewed the staff reporting protocol and lines of authority
- Ran the General Manager evaluation process: bottom-up leadership feedback, opportunities for structural support, and overall reflection on the year
- Explored a training partnership with the McGill Executive Institute for a custom "Student Executive Leadership Academy," covering financial literacy, stakeholder negotiation (BATNAs), team leadership, and strategic planning

Family Care

- Reviewed daycare payroll timing
- Chaired Daycare board meetings, and put them on pause for the summer

McGill Committees

- SSAR Committee: continued early outreach to publishers and the WES Gateway Program, mapping admissions pathways for displaced students against peer-institution benchmarks. Developing a fundraising strategy targeting Montreal foundations and corporate donors while collaborating with the Refugee Centre and WUSC for further consultation

Projects

- Old McGill Yearbook reinstatement: proposal and funding model built out, plebiscite question in development; coordinated a photo/memory-gathering strategy with faculty presidents; held a call with Friesens on design/format, a 6–7 week turnaround, cover-proofing, and base pricing; worked through consent, opt-out, pricing, timeline, and photo-permission questions with McGill; got early guidance from Dean Chan (Faculty of Management) on a faculty committee and privacy/publication considerations; Met with a previous yearbook editor on ideas along with tips and tricks of moving forward with the project



- Advanced strategic planning for the organisation: structure (creation/revision process), research and coverage needed, and initial topic areas: advocacy routes, building strategy, and café & bar operations
- Scoped a McGill tour and will be meeting with Service Point in changing the SSMU section, and the William Shatner tour
- Want to run a "chocolate bar" feedback initiative as a low-barrier way to get students to give feedback on SSMU
- Vendor/tooling initiatives: reviewed the Udemy/Coursera platform contracts: usage data, catalogue, SSO provisioning/deprovisioning, and cleanup of inactive licenses (Thanks John at IT!); Worked through FOAPAL/Banner client ID handling and SHHS payment routing; worked through the SHHS situation a possible historical overpayment, a signing-authority reminder, and unpaid invoices that were stalling groups;

Building

- A lot of maintenance in the building from Dishwasher, stovetops, Walk-in refrigerator, Bar counter top, and last minute changes to gerts' cafe
- Looked into office options for SSMU Staff, current system has been divided between UC and 3501 peel
- Explored the McGill tunnels and sang songs

Student Services & Advocacy

- SAO: revamping the work-study "cheat sheet," reviewing phone plans and the student directory, supporting WUSC local committee admissions guidance, coordinating on AFE government-aid meetings, and flagging gaps around dental insurance information and work-study prioritization
- Advanced student financial aid support: a documentation guide with clear deadlines and pairing students with a financial aid counsellor for walkthroughs
- Raised WUSC questions for Natalie on fee allocation, program administration, and student selection; worked to document WUSC's internal process; got context from WUSC National on country-selection and desk assignment
- Looked into a discount directory for students and a broader resource directory
- Supported the Nkabom Collective event: promotion strategy and follow-up outreach to HJI, MASS, and BSN

Vice-President University Affairs

This summer's work in the University Affairs portfolio has been shaped by three main themes:

- Senate Caucus Preparation & Training
- UA Staff Onboarding & Initiative Planning
- ✨ Task Forces, Roundtables, Committees ✨

Senate Caucus Preparation & Training

An important theme for this year's Senate Caucus is the intersection between efficiency and empathy. As a fundamentally collaborative body, Senate Caucus needs to be well prepared and efficient to achieve its mandate. Nonetheless, carrying empathy within our work and with one another will also ensure that Senate Caucus can best serve the student body. This summer's work has been all about preparing the Senators so they feel entirely prepared and comfortable with their role before the school year starts, and setting strong accountability and norms before the hard work begins. The SSMU Senate Caucus will meet every Monday from 6-8pm in 3501 Peel.

Onboarding

Onboarding for the Senators began in June, when they each received an email from me welcoming them to the SSMU and their role. The VP UA also made a Senate Caucus chat using the Senators' SSMU accounts to serve as a space for communication, announcements, etc. Senators were sent reminders in the chat about miscellaneous Senate action items over the summer, and any onboarding items they needed to complete.

Senator Trackers

This year, to encourage organization, accountability, and more structured training, the VP UA developed a Senator Tracker for each Senator. The document contains their mandate, as outlined in the SSMU's governing documents, as well as their three main responsibilities: Caucus, Advocacy Project, and Committees. Senators were expected to fill out the Tracker in accordance with their action items and read any assigned exit reports for their Committees.

Senator Meetings

Each Senator met with the VP UA one on one at least two times over the summer. The first meeting was meant to be encourage strong relations between the Senator and the VP UA, setting expectations with their responsibilities, clarifying their SSMU mandate, and introducing a reflective practice as an action item in their Tracker. In between the first and second meeting, Senators were asked to complete the reflective exercise, with questions asking them to think about communication styles, Caucus norms, their passions and interests, and a need they've observed in the community. In the second meeting, the Senator walked the VP UA through their thoughts and reflections and together they synthesized the ideas into one or two advocacy projects that the Senator would be excited about leading.

Housekeeping

IT

Each of the Senators were sent their log in details early on in the summer and successfully logged in. They have already begun using their @ssmu.ca accounts to schedule meetings, send emails, etc.

Senator Headshots

Senator headshots were scheduled on September 4th and were taken as both a full group and as individuals. They will be posted on the website so students can get to know their Senators!

Proposed Senate Caucus Standing Rules

The VP UA drafted Standing Rules for Senate Caucus using last year's Accountability Structure as a guide. The Standing Rules outline the agenda template, attendance standards, and Senators' main responsibilities. The Standing Rules will also be used as training for the Senators to help them learn how to read, analyze, and amend a policy, encouraging consultation amongst Caucus and also ensuring that as a collective document, the Rules are informed by each Senator's perspective and

contributions. The Standing Rules will be passed at Caucus through a motion and will be printed and signed by each member of Caucus.

Official Trainings

Marc Richard Training

Marc Richard returned to provide a Governance training to the Senators on Motions & Questions at Senate. Senators were encouraged to ask questions afterward. Caucus is appreciative of Senator Richard's time and for generously sharing his expertise.

McGill Senate Orientation

The McGill Secretariat hosts an orientation for all incoming Senators every year, and the SSMU Senators were in attendance. The presentation outlines the purpose of Senate and its mandate.

How To: Read & Review a Policy

As part of their SSMU Senator Training, the VP UA ran a short training teaching the Senators how to read and analyze a policy. Over the course of the year, Senate Caucus will be reviewing monthly Senate packages and approving motions and policies each time, as well as contributing to Policy revisions (ex. The Code of Student Conduct, The Policy on Assessment of Student Learning, the Strategic Academic Plan). As such, it is imperative that Senators be equipped with these necessary skills before much of the work begins.

Mock-Senate

The Senate Caucus before the September McGill Senate was run in the style of the McGill Senate to ensure that the Senators felt prepared for the structure and environment of a McGill Senate meeting. The agenda followed the exact agenda of that month's Senate meeting and Senators were called upon using the style of raising placards.

UA Staff Onboarding & Initiative Planning

Each portfolio was onboarded in alignment with internal processes and has met biweekly with the VP UA throughout the summer.

Black Affairs

The Black Affairs portfolio has completed a lot of work over the summer ensuring strong relations between the Black Affairs related student groups and the Black Impact Office (aka BISSI, Black Inclusion, Success, and Student Initiatives) at McGill. The Commissioner has begun working on a guide for Black students with resources, events, and student groups that they may be interested in joining. The Black Affairs Committee met two times over the summer to approve funding from the Black Equity Fund and successfully approved applications from individual students. The Commissioner is also working on revising the Black Student Advancement and Inclusion Policy so it may better serve students in the form of an actionable plan.

Indigenous Affairs

The Indigenous Affairs portfolio had some reorganization over the summer but has found its Commissioner. The Commissioner will continue to lead the efforts to create the Indigenous Affairs Plan and will also oversee the funding distributed to the Scholarship & Student Aid Office in the form of a scholarship for Indigenous students, thereby eliminating part of the financial barrier to attending McGill. This year, the portfolio hopes to transition from events and initiatives “about” the Indigenous community to events and initiatives “for” the Indigenous community. The Commissioner has also begun working with the First People’s House and the Office for Indigenous Initiatives at McGill.

Gender & Sexuality Affairs

The Gender & Sexuality Affairs portfolio required some hiring early in the summer and successfully met in early August to approve funding for QUIPS and for Gender Affirming Care. Starting September 1st, all Gender Affirming Care will be taken care of through ALUMO. The portfolio will continue working towards supporting the queer community at McGill in the form of events, roundtables, and policies. The Commissioner would like to explore specific support for members of the queer community who are often isolated because of the tension between their cultural/religious identity and gender identity/sexuality.

Menstrual Health Project

The Menstrual Health Project continued to stock bathrooms across campus over the summer, and is looking forward to tabling at a variety of Orientation events in late August/early September. The MHP will also host its monthly pick-ups at the University Centre this fall, distributing free reusable products to SSMU members. The Project is also adding menstrual cups as an additional offering this year. The

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project has also focused on adding information slips on each bin across campus bathrooms to inform the community about the monthly pickups and the Project itself. The MHP would also like to host a semesterly event promoting menstrual education and a fun craft that participants can engage with.

Library Improvement Fund

The Library Improvement Fund has continued its work over the summer by meeting with McGill Libraries to discuss initiatives and ensure that students are able to contribute ideas. A form has been created to allow proposal and idea submissions and is accessible across campus libraries at the information/service desks.

Open Education Resources

Open Education Resources in past has focused on creating the free online textbooks, but now that the portfolio has sufficient offerings, this year's focus will be on promoting the portfolio and encouraging awareness of the OER offerings.

Wellness

The Wellness portfolio this summer has encompassed many different projects– to begin is the Wellness Plan, the Wellness Fee (both of which will be brought to Legislative Council soon), adjusting McGill's policy on medical documentation and leaves of absence, and planning wellness events.

✨ Task Forces, Roundtables, Committees ✨

Much of the University Affairs portfolio is recruiting for task forces, roundtables, and committees across McGill, Senate, and the SSMU. The VP UA also sits on a few ad hoc bodies of which a few had consistent meetings this summer.

Mac Campus Task Force

The University is hoping to expand the MacDonald Campus and has assembled a task force to conceive of how McGill might do so. The Task Force has sub-groups and sub-sub groups (gotta love McGill) to ensure that every factor of the student experience is being discussed. Part of the VP UA's work on this task force is planning for a scale up of Student Services and generally Student Life and Learning. Considerations that are important for this task force will also include transportation.

Hiring Committee for VP People & Culture

In the Winter of 2026, the University Senate approved the creation of a new administrative role: The Vice President People & Culture to take place of the current Associate Vice President (Human Resources). Hiring process for this role has taken place over the summer.

Campus Saves Lives – Mental Health Task Force

The SSMU was invited early on in the summer to be a part of an intercollegiate task force through the World Saves Lives organization. Other participants include Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Oxford, University of Toronto, UCLA, etc. The goal of the task force is to conduct research on mental health across college campuses, organize communication to promote the initiative, and create a policy or document to be adopted by each of the member Universities.

VP Academic Roundtable

A key priority for the University Affairs portfolio this year is to reinvigorate the VP Academic Roundtable by facilitating greater formal consultation with the faculty associations related to academic affairs (e.g. The Provost's Strategic Academic Plan). The Roundtable met over the summer to begin minor consultations and will meet formally on a biweekly basis during the school year.

Vice-President Finance

Completion of Payments of FY 2025-2026

Many promised payments and reimbursements from the previous year were neglected or outright rejected. Collaborated with various Vice-Presidents to rectify these unpaid commitments. Such as FACO bursaries, QUIPS fund transfers, settlements, approved Funding, etc... All the while ensuring that they were paid using the 2025-2026 Operating Fund such that these payments would not impact the 2026-2027 Operating Fund.

Assistance to Accounts Receivable

Provided assistance to Accounts Receivable, recovering over \$11,000 in payments for outstanding invoices.

Reconciliation of FY 2025-2026

Coordinated with the Accounting Department to reconcile the actuals of all Departments. This was to provide the opportunity for Department Directors to analyze and review the financial impact of their operations, as well as prepare the books for the External Audit that are currently underway.

Renegotiation of Annual Contracts

Analyzed and negotiated annual contracts, finding savings totaling over \$30,000, identifying risk factors in agreements, and developing strategies for future contracts.

Developing Internal Processes

Currently many Accounting-Interfacing processes are informal with no proper documentation, and face many inefficiencies. Currently investigating existing workflows and developing and formalizing new workflows to improve internal efficiency.

Financial Oversight of Services

Services financial processes have gradually become dysfunctional, implemented temporary measures that ensure Services may continue their operations without putting the Society at financial risk.

Fiscal Support to other Portfolios

Investigated options and enacted changes such that other Executive Initiatives could be pursued, all the while ensuring financial stability and planning.

General Financial Operations

Continuous due diligence and signings of expenses and contracts being done in the Society, ensuring proper documentation, cost control, and traceability was being maintained. Investigated and analyzed internal operations of the Society, particularly its financial impact and project impacted.

IRS OF FINANCE

Thoroughly analyzing existing company laws, identifying inconsistencies, dysfunctional processes, misrepresentative processes, contractual vulnerabilities, etc... Studied relevant tax laws and company

laws, consulted with the Accounting team and Internal Counsel to identify flaws. Developed the first phase of changes to be proposed to the Legislative Council.

Vice-President Internal

This summer has been focused on restarting and revamping all the things in my portfolio including:

- Event Planning for the Year
- Communication Improvements
- Student Engagement Subsections

Event Planning for the Year

Over the course of the summer, extensive operational planning, logistical coordination, venue booking, and sponsorship outreach were conducted to build a robust events calendar for both semesters.

Fall Semester Events

Fall programming focuses on large-scale campus integration, planning for traditional events, with the intent in mind for community-building initiatives designed to engage new and returning students.

Free Movie Night

Spearheaded the complete planning for an open-air screening on Lower Field, including securing film rights, obtaining campus permits, booking screen/projector tech with Mitch, arranging Security Services coverage, coordinating with Building Operations for electrical power, and securing local sponsorships/giveaways (e.g., Poppi). Authored and submitted the event motion and budget for Legislative Council approval.

Tailgate with A & R

Initiated discussions with Greg Trahan from Athletics & Recreation (A&R) to collaborate on a tailgate event after the homecoming game on Oct.24. Gathered information regarding logistical frameworks, venue permits, and safety protocols for home game tailgates, while researching comparative homecoming and tailgate operations at western Canadian universities.

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4Floors

Developed comprehensive layout and floor plans for Levels 1–3 of the University Centre (1000+ capacity limit across floors), incorporating a haunted house concept in Players' Theatre, coat check protocols, DJ line-ups, and double-bar operations. Coordinated with internal staff, VAS, and Security on safety, ticketing, and decor theme options. The theme this year will be Circus Gone Wrong.

Puppy Yoga

Explored wellness event ideas in collaboration with VP UA, wellness commissioner and Wallace to research certified therapy and service dogs, while evaluating indoor/outdoor space logistics and health regulations.

Potential Career Fair w/ Alumni

Initiated preliminary planning and proposal drafting for a "Human Library" event in collaboration with McGill Alumni Relations, connecting undergraduate students directly with alumni.

Winter Semester Events

Winter events focus on institutional traditions, award recognitions, and cultural showcases across the second half of the mandate.

Arts and Crafts Night

Winter events focus on institutional traditions, award recognitions, and cultural showcases across the second half of the mandate.

Valentine's Day Ball

Managed preliminary timeline planning, venue consideration, and budgeting considerations building upon past tradition execution models.

Cultural Night Market

Met with International Student Services (ISS) and McGill International Student Network (MISN), to merge initiatives for a centralized Cultural Night Market. Worked on budget strategies (\$25k–\$35k range) and funding via bursaries, sponsorships, and collaboration models. Finalized proposal for this event.

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St.Patrick's Day

Began early logistical considerations and safety alignment regarding spring traditions and campus social events.

SSMU Awards + EOY Party

Initiated early conceptualization for year-end student celebrations and collaborative social events across campus

Improving Communications

Overhauled SSMU's digital presence, streamlined website architecture, and collaborated closely with the Communications team to ensure consistent, transparent messaging across channels.

Short-Form Content

Developed short-form video concepts and reels for Instagram and TikTok (including executive introduction videos, trending back-to-school clips, and event teasers). Onboarded the social media coordinator to execute the fall social media calendar.

SSMU Website Revamp

Conducted a full website audit and structural update in coordination with Wendy. Removed outdated sections ("Student Life"), modernized executive portfolio descriptions, updated office hours links, and collected content edits across departmental leads to ensure accurate student resources.

Tabling Initiatives

Organized comprehensive tabling coverage for Welcome Week, Residence Move-In, CAPS Orientation, Parents' Welcome Weekend, and the first week of classes at key locations (Y-Intersection, Roddick Gates, and Residence Dining Halls). Developed tabling FAQ guides, created branded posters/QR codes, and coordinated exec tabling shifts.

Student Engagement Subsections

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Restructured internal committees, advanced equity and anti-violence mandates, and onboarded key commissioners to ensure student representation across all sub-portfolios.

Anti-Violence and IRP Issues

Coordinated directly with Anti-Violence Coordinators (AVCs) to address active Interim Restriction Policy (IRP) cases. Presented to the Board of Directors to recruit non-executive Directors for the Faculty Committee and Appellate framework. Currently working on several active IRP issues.

Equity and Wellness Initiatives

Clarified institutional confusion for Equity Commissioners, worked on combining GSVP and Equity documentation, and participated in student wellness/mental health planning initiatives..

Sustainability and Environment Committee

Hired and onboarded Sustainability Commissioners, established meeting schedules, and initiated plans to revive the Environment Committee and manage the Environment Fee portfolio in consultation with permanent staff.

Francophone Affairs

Hired and onboarded the Francophone Affairs Commissioner and began reviving the Francophone Affairs Committee and upcoming Francofête initiatives.

First Year Council Elections

Updated the First Year Council (FYC) nomination package, scheduled promotion across SSMU and faculty social media channels, booked boardroom info sessions, and arranged consultation with staff to drive first-year leadership engagement.

Alumni Relations

Established contact with McGill Alumni Relations to build permanent communication bridges for career mentoring, the Human Library project, and alumni-led student initiatives.

Vice-President External

The external affair usually split into three departments:

- External affairs and political campaigns
- Government relationships
- Community affairs

This portfolio has undergone significant reform and restructuring. There are 6 part-time staff that is now under this portfolio. The breakdown is as follows:

- External affair commissioner
- Political Campaign Coordinator
- Government Relationship Commissioner
- Community Affairs Commissioner
- Community Engagement Commissioner
- Inter-university and mobilization coordinator

All onboarding and training have been completed over the summer, and this new team is very much looking forward to supporting and advocating for students, so please reach out with any initiatives.

External affairs:

McGill's unique position and student population mean that our interests differ from those of other universities in Canada and Quebec. The big question we keep asking ourselves in the portfolio is: How should we position ourselves in the context of the city, province, and country? With UCRU now dysfunctional and a provincial election coming up, the first thing we did was to understand the context and conduct research.

Interuniversity relationship: During the summertime, we have met and visited quite a lot of universities across Quebec, Canada, and internationally. We hosted visits from many university student executives, including ULaval, UofT, the Quebec Student Union, HEC-Montreal, and Manchester MET. We also visited many universities ourselves (McMaster to learn more about best practices and exploring partnerships between different universities. Lots of initiatives have come out of those meetings. For starters, we are forming a citywide coalition of universities to begin addressing transportation issues. This will also be a coalition addressing issues that are specific to students living in Montreal. Federally, we are forming informal coalitions with other universities, specifically on food

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insecurity. Establishing contacts with other universities now becomes ever more important because, for efficient advocacy, numbers are a strength when negotiating with governments.

Transportation:

The document below presents the research we conducted on transportation costs within the city of Montreal and at other universities. We made several recommendations for all of us to consider.

Project 4: Transportation

Concordia, and we are actively exploring options for a U-PASS model. This would require us to conduct surveys among our students to determine whether this is viable. Bus route accessibility is also something that we will be negotiating with STM soon. More on these soon.

To reduce transportation costs, we are also reaching out to various airlines and bus companies. The negotiations are ongoing, and I will provide updates as the year progresses. (Airline discount TBD)

Affordability survey: To address the lack of data about students' living conditions and methods of transportation. We are now looking into creating the methodology for an affordability survey that will happen this semester. More details yet to come.

Anglophone universities coalitions- Concordia, Bishop, and us are in discussion of starting a tri-university coalition that will focus on creating a series of campaigns and workshops that focus on Anglophone students' rights, tuition hikes, and accessibility.

Housing- Attended the press conference for the celebration of the opening of the Les Méridiens along with the Mayor of Montreal, MP Steven Guilbeault, Bureau Mayors, and UTILE staff to celebrate a historical milestone for SSMU. This student-funded project now houses more than 250 McGill students every year at a reduced price.

This year's external affairs committee will also take up the issue of housing this year and will soon launch a new survey on student housing. We are also brainstorming a potential second project with UTILE.

Housing legal rights: In discussion with LICM, alumo, and residences to planning in tabling, as well as a know your right workshop for first years. We will be regularly tabling around campus to educate students about housing rights and what they can do to combat illegal violations of their rights.

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Government relationship

Municipal government: We will begin attending city council meetings in September and will regularly ask questions on behalf of students to advocate for student interests. Transportation will also be something that we are going to be actively talking with the city officials about.

Provincial government: Provincial debate tonight! This is a culmination of weeks of work and preparation from our team, along with BSN and LSA. A lot of last minute changes happened, but we are hoping for a smooth event. The “Get out to Vote” campaign will run from now until election day on October 5th. We will regularly table with the Election SSMU to engage voters, encourage them to go out to vote on election day, and provide them with all the information they need to vote on campus. Our strategy for dealing with the government will be different depending on the party elected, but we will engage meaningfully with the Quebec Student Union and our local Deputy/MNA.

Federal government: Developing a long-term federal government relationship strategy. We have also been engaging with the youth caucus regularly. With the liberal government now a majority government, our strategies are changing accordingly with how we are advocating. We have also submitted a letter of recommendation regarding Budget 2026. Our goal is to build meaningful long-term coalitions with other universities.

Please take a look at our upcoming project on food insecurity. This will be discussed in the upcoming legislative council meetings.

 **Project- food insecurity**

Community engagement

On the community engagement side, we have been outreaching to lots of community groups around the city. My community engagement commissioner has been hard at work on outreach and looking for ways to collaborate. (If you are curious about the list, ask me!) Community engagement day is under planning and will happen on September 24th! So far, over 50 non-profits have agreed to attend the event, and we have been working closely with CL&E to perfect this long-running tradition.

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Environment Justice Day 2026: In collaboration with CCMP and the Lucia Kuwaluk Foundation, we helped run Environment Justice Day in Milton Park. It was a fantastic event with hundreds of community members coming out to support the event.

Reformed community solidarity fund: We have reformed the community solidarity fund process to increase accountability and make it more accessible for student initiatives to apply for funding. The applications will start the third week of September! Please join this committee!

Our clubs and ISGs: Part of the community groups are also our clubs and ISGs; we will be working a lot with QPIRG-McGill on the upcoming culture shock, and get organized. We will also be outreaching to our clubs to talk about things that may be relevant to them.

This is not everything we are going to do. Our plan in the portfolio is much bigger than the space allows us to talk about here. However, please feel free to ask me or my team anything because we want to hear from you and please join External affair committee / CSF if some of these things feels interesting to you. We will be giving presentations about our upcoming projects in the next few legislative council.

Vice-President Clubs & Services

2026 Summer Report by Acadia Knickerbocker

For the period of 2026-06-01 to 2026-09-24

Activities Night

- Organized the Fall 2026 Activities Night in the University Center from September 16-17
- Hosted ~200 Student Groups; ~10,000 participants; 60 volunteers
- Integrated sponsors and student resource providers on campus into event programming

Workshops

- Updated student group workshop information
- Transitioned workshops to an in person format in response to overwhelming evidence that an online format was insufficient
- Created a new “Wellness” workshop focused on training student group leaders on ways to make events more accessible and safe and proper planning and response strategies

Athletics:

- Established a monthly meeting with McGill Athletics and Recreation to coordinate the transition
- Worked with McGill procurement to transfer the ownership of equipment and materials to the SSMU teams
- Worked with McGill to develop a process through which cut teams could access funds in their varsity accounts
- Conducted internal review of the SSMU Constitution and Internal Regulations of Student Groups, Governance, and Finances to identify clauses that would need to be updated to support Athletics
- Worked with SSMU staff to expand insurance coverage to include athletic events, competitions, and equipment

Showpass

- Navigated the acquisition of Bounce by Showpass and the transfer of resources and capabilities to the new platform
- Prepped the portal for student use

Student Life Portfolio

- Hosted weekly office hours to answer student questions
- Started the creation of a Student Life website to house all student group related resources and information to make student group processes more efficient
- Created and established a new work procedure for the Student Groups committee with designated staff to oversee document processing and follow through so student group applications and requests are appropriately
- Created the Clubs & Services Finance Coordinator position
 - Conducted interviews, hired, and onboarded
- Participated in the Daycare Board of Directors while in session
- Tabled at student engagement events to discuss student questions
- Met with all services to discuss plans for the year and concerns
 - Scheduled draft budget meetings to be conducted in the fall

University Center

- Created an action plan for renovating room SB-17 to accommodate club storage
- Started the process of installing day lockers in the University Center for short term student storage
- Coordinated Student Group space agreements
- Started a revolving office project to offer one semester office space to student groups to be initiated in Winter 2027
- Coordinated between SSMU Student Groups and the SSMU Food Services department to organize

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- Coordinated with McGill and Student Groups to ensure the safe and respectful operation of the McGill HVAC renovation project
- Took inventory of safety and storage concerns within student group offices for assistance and repair