MUSA Report

Music Undergraduate Students' Association | September–November 2026

1. Events and Student Engagement

Recent Events

- **MUSA Bar-BQ (September 25)**
  - Hosted at Parc Jeanne-Mance.
  - All-you-can-eat food and drinks.
- **McGill Homecoming (October 24)**
  - MUSA received 50 complimentary tickets to McGill's Homecoming football game.
  - Distributed tickets to students free of charge through MUSA office hours.
- **Halloween MUSA Bar (October 29)**
  - Collaborated with SAPEK to host a Halloween event at Bar St-Laurent Frappé.
  - Free admission, music, dancing, and drink promotions.

Upcoming Events

- First-Year Board Game Social scheduled for November 12, from 6:30–9:00 p.m.
- Planning additional MUSA Bar events around Schulich's performance calendar.
- Beginning preparations for an end-of-year semi-formal.

2. Free Student Resources and Sponsorships

- Received thousands of free Poppi and ZOA beverages, which MUSA has been distributing to students at no cost.
- Using MUSA office hours to distribute beverages and connect with students.
- Exploring additional sponsorships and partnerships to provide student benefits.
- Discussing potential discounts with Long & McQuade and transportation providers for students travelling with instruments.

3. Equity, Wellness, and Student Support

Imposter Syndrome Workshop (October 27)

- Collaborated with the Arts Peer Support Hub and Student Wellness Hub.
- Hosted at the Marvin Duchow Music Library.
- Focused on confidence, self-worth, recognizing achievements, and managing feedback.

- Open to all McGill students
- MUSA executives helped facilitate the workshop.
- Open to all McGill students, small but engaged turnout
- Second consecutive year hosting this initiative.

Artificial Intelligence Survey

- Drafted survey on AI use amongst faculty, to be distributed among Schulich students.
- Meant to help inform SSOM-specific AI policy in the future once larger guidelines from Senate committee are released
- Questions cover students' knowledge and feelings on professors' AI usage as well as their own habits/views on AI
- To be distributed via email and posters

Other Initiatives

- Discussing a midterm wellness raffle.
- Exploring collaborations with other student organizations and community outreach opportunities.

4. Student Representation and Academic Advocacy

Area Representatives

- Completed the 2026–2027 area representative selection process.
- Announced new representatives on September 21.
- Early Music Voice, Brass, Woodwinds, Jazz, Piano, Music Studies

Academic Advocacy

- Participating in discussions surrounding McGill's Strategic Academic Planning (SAP).
- Advocating for student consultation on academic priorities.
- Discussing the use of artificial intelligence in university teaching.
- Reviewing policies concerning double-counting credits for students pursuing minor programs.
- Discussing improvements to course evaluations and student feedback mechanisms.

Faculty Relations

- Maintaining representation at Faculty Council and Senate.
- Engaging faculty leadership on student concerns and academic planning.
- Discussing building cleanliness and improvements to student facilities.

5. Governance and Student Organizations

Schulich Sisters Society

- Voted on October 19 to recognize the Schulich Sisters Society as a MUSA club.

Governance Reforms

- Unanimously adopted a new club by-law on October 26.
- Reviewing MUSA's Constitution and Memorandum of Agreement.
- Working to clarify executive responsibilities and strengthen accountability.
- Developing a formal valedictorian selection process and related by-law.

Executive Administration

- Planning an executive retreat.
- Executive progress reports due December 1.

6. Communications and Outreach

Executive Headshots

- Organized an executive headshot photoshoot for October 3.
- Photos for MUSA's website and communications materials.

Website and Newsletter

- Working on updating MUSA's website and considering alternatives to Wix.
- Developing a refreshed newsletter format.
- Distributed an October and September newsletter.

Social Media

- Using @mcgill_musa to promote events and student opportunities.
- Recent Instagram announcements included:
    - 2026–2027 area representatives.
    - MUSA Bar-BQ.
    - Free Homecoming tickets.
    - Imposter Syndrome Workshop.
    - Halloween MUSA Bar.

7. Financial Administration and Student Funding

- Working through outstanding tax filings and financial reporting requirements.
- Addressing audit requirements and annual declarations to Revenu Québec.
- Strengthening financial record-keeping and receipt requirements.
- Reviewing the Music Student Experience Fund (MSEF) and other student funding mechanisms.
- Discussing the accompanist fund and its administration.

- Considering potential fund reallocations and student consultation.

8. External Relations and Interfaculty Collaboration

- Collaborated with SAPEK on the Halloween MUSA Bar.
- Participating in discussions with other McGill faculty associations.
- Following SSMU governance developments, including:
    - Proposed constitutional amendments.
    - Revisions to the Internal Regulations of Finance.
    - Discussions concerning faculty association representation.
- Exploring alumni engagement and potential funding opportunities.
- Building relationships with external partners to secure additional student benefits.