



## **Report to Council**

*January 12, 2012*

### **Personal**

Had a pretty busy and kind of exhausting vacation. Doing alright though. Back in the game. Hope you all had a great time with friends and family and had a bit of time for self-reflection.

### **Clubs, Services & ISGs**

**Activities Night** – I launched the application form shortly before the holiday break. I've gotten about 50 -60 applications since then (writing this on Sunday) and that's a healthy number for Winter Activities Night. By the time of this Council meeting the form will have closed and I hope to have about 100 responses. Friday and onwards I will be working on the master schedule, promoting it and letting people know when their workshop is/where their table will be, as well as having a meeting with staff and fellow Execs, and finally preparing for the big day itself. Hope you all can come by for a little while – there really is something for everyone!

**Office Hours** – I'm planning on having office hours on Monday afternoons again this semester, although that could change. Stay tuned.

**Advanced Room Bookings** – Well, the strike ended! So room bookings are relatively back to normal, despite some glitches over the break having to do with the online form. Let me know if you have any issues or questions about this. Remember that groups can book weekends up to one month in advance this semester, however you may only book weekdays up to two weeks in advance, as per the usual rule. Thanks to our lovely front desk staff who so diligently take care of this for us.

**Room Bookings System Project** – I worked on this project a bit with the developer over the holidays. I'm confident in the progress and will be meeting this week to discuss finalizing it and launching hopefully sometime in January.

**CKUT** – Board meeting this week (before Council but after writing this); can report orally if desired. We are negotiating with McGill since the referendum and also working on overhauling the staff configuration to prevent burn-out and retain staff longer.

**MOA and Name Changes** – I will be sending all related receipts (from clubs and services) to McGill on January 15. Then we will be reimbursed for expenses related to name changes. I sent out my final listserv of the year just before the holiday break, explaining name changes and usages. I also updated the SSMU website "how to start a club" page outlining how clubs can use the McGill name in new club names going forward. Will be working with President Knight and VP Yee Clare on this going forward.



**Club Website Designer** – We found a new Clubs Website designer and we're very satisfied with our choice! Vance will be starting this week.

**Service** – Thanks to VP Patel for a review of the SSMU Services' financials. I will be setting up individual meetings with members of the SSMU services to discuss the first half of the year and how things are going.

### **Listserv and Handbook**

**Listserv** – Sent one out on Sunday with lots of updates. Whoo. Communication is healthy.

**Handbook** – Met with Corina the Communications and Publications Manager to discuss the 2012-2013 Handbook. We discussed a mobile version of the handbook for next year, as well as hiring editors sooner. Did not have as much time as I thought to work on By-law revisions regarding the handbook over the holidays. Still working on that.

### **Building**

**Bulletin Boards in Shatner** – On December 13, Zoom Media came and removed their advertising from our building. This was a decision made over the summer and approved by SSMU council at our first meeting in September. This means there is less corporate advertising in Shatner and also that we now have lots more bulletin board space for student groups! I will be working on a plan and layout for how to use the space we now have for our own usage. Let me know if you have ideas.

**Food Permits** – I've been making sure the various food-service related SSMU services are up to date with their food permits and protocols. Thanks to the General Manager and the Gerts Manager for help with this. We should be avoiding the fiasco from last year so that's good!

**Four-Tier Rental System** – Worked on a comprehensive document which outlines how different groups are charged for different pieces of equipment, room rentals, alcohol etc. Still needs to be finalized.

**Lockers** – Along with some other projects this unfortunately did not get finished before break. Will be sitting down with Wallace in early January to figure out what the situation is so we can put it behind us.

**Green Corner** – Got confirmation from McGill Legal Information Clinic that they are going forward with their renovation and expansion project; hopefully construction will start in February but it's hard to know with McGill. Looking forward to a more permanent and lovely Green Corner.



**Biking on Campus** – I made a biking on campus survey and have gotten a lot of responses! Please fill it out if you bike on campus (even if it's just one day a week in September) – it's on the SSMU website. I will be bringing the results to the Gardens and Grounds committee of McGill Senate.

**Tables and Chairs** – We have a bunch of tables and chairs left over from Caferama (café that used to be where La Prep is now). Does your apartment need some?! Your club?! Contact me! I'll be taking some pictures of this stuff so people know what it all looks like.

### Committees

**Committee on Student Services** – We finally met for the first time (during the whole year!) on December 16. I was selected as the student rep co-chair of the committee so I will be working closing with Professor Mendelson on that. We're meeting more regularly in the Winter semester. We discussed for a while the possibilities of reimbursement for the student services fee. I have notes on the meeting that I will type up. McGill can be quite frustrating at times, and there's always a bureaucratic reason to not do something, especially when money and strikes and the government are involved... But we'll see. Let me know if I need to report more orally.

**Interest Group Committee** – We lost another member at large and we're looking for one. We've been working on Advanced Room Bookings and other club projects, such as executive transitions and the strategic summit on student space, and possible SSMU policies. Good work, folks.

**Funding Committee, Equity Committee** – Status quo.

**Operations Management** - This semester we'll be focusing on Marketplace more, as well as the student run café and food services at SSMU.

**Building Committee** – I'll be organizing a meeting in early January. As always, lots to discuss. It's an open meeting so let me know if you want to come and sit in on it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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