



## Report to Council

January 26, 2012

### Personal

Things have gotten really personal lately. Everything is so complicated.

### Clubs, Services & ISGs

**Activities Night** – To be frank, Activities Night was kind of a mixed bag. Due to a number of reasons, attendance was low: poor advertising strategy on SSMU's part, a very successful Fall Activities Night (people were already so involved), and the cold weather, of course. At the same time, the new format was exciting and engaging, and I think should be done again in future years. I will have some serious recommendations for my successor. Thanks to everyone who came and tabled or volunteered, and please bring back your passes if you have any left! We spent student money on them :)

**Office Hours** – I haven't really been able to hold my normal office hours this semester so far. I keep having commitments on Monday afternoons, and committees are moving around. I'll post soon what my new office hours are.

**Advanced Room Bookings** – 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'm really happy with the progress of this project. The SSMU IT Manager and I have been meeting weekly with the developer. We want the program to be essentially perfect when we launch it, so it takes a lot of nitpicking. It will also be SUCH a labour-saver when it's implemented, which will mean our front desk staff will be less burdened.



**CKUT** – I will disclose that being on the board lately has been a bit rough for a lot of personal reasons. Besides that, there is the difficult situation of the referendum - both the J Board case and Mendelson's refusal to implement the results of the question has meant a lot of tough decision making. At the time of writing CKUT has yet to come to its decision as to its next steps. Obviously it depends a lot on the events of the next couple of weeks.

**MOA and Name Changes** – I sent all related receipts (from clubs and services) to McGill on January 17. Soon we will be reimbursed for expenses related to name changes. We are still waiting for name confirmations from McGill. We've been a bit distracted, to say the least.

**Services** – 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 out a bunch re: Activities Night, sent out another one before this council meeting with general friendly updates.

**Handbook** – I will be getting a report on different mobile handbook versions by February 1 from our Communications and Publications Manager. We have also signed our advertising contracts for next year so the process has begun.

### **Building**

**Lighting Cafeteria project** - This project has been delayed and delayed due to new committees at McGill who rejected the project (after basically approving it



during Anushay Khan's term). Biagio D'Onofrio (Project Manager at McGill) confirmed again this week that we will get an answer for the project Mid-February. Construction will be in May 2012. This sucks, by the way. Sorry for not reporting on it before.

**Greening McTavish meeting** - I had a really productive meeting with Paul Guenther from Campus Space and Planning, joined by his research assistant, a representative from McGill Farmer's Market and Wallace Sealy (SSMU's Security Supervisor). The city is very likely ripping up McTavish street in the summer of 2012 and it's an opportunity to drastically improve the street life on McGill's campus. Some possible improvements would be more electrical outlets and things like that on the street, as well as much better landscaping (hopefully)....

**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. The General Manager, the Communications and Publications Manager, any interested councilors/execs and I will have met before this council meeting to discuss what to do with the space and create a plan. Let me know if you have any ideas. I can report orally.

**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. Awaiting documentation from the Security Supervisor.

**Lockers** - Ugh. I wish had time for this. Something that keeps slipping away.

**Green Corner** – Status quo for the moment, except for Organic Campus' new sign! And the possibility of an art contest going on there in the spring. Stay tuned.



**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. The next meeting date is TBD so for now I am letting the survey remain on the website.

**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. (One of these days...)

## Committees

**Committee on Student Services** – We will have met by the time of this council meeting. I can report orally. Topics include: reimbursement of the student services fee. I am also now the co-chair of the committee and working with Morton Mendelson on organizing the meetings.

**Interest Group Committee** – Really productive meetings lately; we're in a groove. Keep it up folks.

**Funding Committee, Equity Committee** – I got confused with scheduling and somehow missed Funding last week. Sorry about that.

**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** – The building committee will have met by the time of this writing. I can report orally.



## **Student Staff**

**Interest Group Coordinator** - The IGC has been putting in a lot of really solid work, digitizing club archives and keeping an updated and very organized club listing, as well as diligently chairing the Interest Group Committee.

**Activities Night Coordinator** - Incredible work, she is done now but I'm so happy with how things went!

**Intern** - We have an intern from Dawson college working at SSMU now! Flint Deita will be with us until April 30, 2012. We have a lot of project for him. His program is Community Recreation and Engagement, so he will be working with all of the executives' portfolios, although I will be his direct supervisor.

**Clubs Website Designer** - Just started last week; very communicative and is going to hold office hours in the SSMU office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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