



## **Report of the VP University Affairs to Council**

January 24, 2012

*Note:* I want to extend a thank you to all the councillors who submitted evaluations. It was an educational check on how to improve communication and articulation of projects with Council. At the beginning of each Council report, I won't immediately stand for questions but take one topic and situate it within the work that I have done throughout the semester. Please let me know if this helps.

This week's topic: Equity

### *Senate Caucus*

- We had a productive meeting with a lot of new ideas generated. We also touched base on individual projects and charted a way to move forward.
- We scheduled individual evaluations. Honestly, our crew this year is pretty awesome and solid. They provided feedback on how they saw their roles and where they saw room for improvement. They all provided constructive reflection into their roles so far.

### *Senate*

- Although Senate was open session, we weren't sure about the effectiveness of the session. Many of our questions were not addressed. Despite this, all of us had a chance to engage in the conversation.
- Next Senate there will likely be questions about Libraries, Mentorship, MCSS-Downtown accessibility.

### *Committee Representative Meetings*

- I've had meetings with a gross majority of Committee Reps. I think I will try and put regular meetings in the By-Law revisions for Book 1: Representation.

### *UA Secretary General*

- Janina unfortunately has a class during Senate Caucus. I don't think this will prove to be too much of an issue. This will open up time to work on different projects including by-law review and a policy on responsible student representation with the McGill Administration.

### *Academic Research Commissioner*

- We've been working on firming up the details about the Forum on Undergraduate Education.
- He will also work on a survey for undergrads which will assess what they want in terms of TA pedagogic training.

### *By-Law Revision*



- I am working with Dylan about Book 1 reform. One of the things that we are talking about is how to integrate parts of the equity policy into By-law book 1.

#### *Equity*

- Ryan and I had an incredibly productive week of Equity Policy development. I think we have found a way to address the core issues of the old policy. This will be coming up next Council meeting.
- I will be commissioning a series of videos which reach out to Students of Colour.
- Lydia White has provided great recommendations for the equity award! Apparently, it will move forward!

#### *Library Improvement Fund Committee*

- I've been meeting with Yonatan to figure out how to improve the productivity of this committee. One of the things that we determined was having more regular meetings. It has work. There are a lot of great projects coming out including working with the McGill Medievalist Society!

#### *MAUT*

- Working with MAUT and Teaching and Learning Services to plan out a Senate Meeting on Teaching and Learning Excellence.

#### *J-Board*

- At Maggie's request, I have taken this under my portfolio. I will address this orally at Council.

#### *Workgroup on Alternative Research Techniques*

- Tom is taking this on. We came up with some great ideas including: Plexiglass Boards for more interactive outreach.
- Corporate Campus: A website which assess the corporate presence on Campus
- SSMU Explains Series (Videos):
  - Board of Governors Council
  - Senate
  - Financial Aid

#### *Mentoring Research*

- We finally hired someone! Progress!

#### *Strategic Summit on Sustainability*

- Dropped by the Summit. Great job y'all! There was a nice integration of equity.

#### *SSMU/DPSLL Meeting*

- This was an interesting meeting. We talking frankly about our relationship and how to move forward. This conversation is to continue.



*Activities Night*

- Great job Carol!

*Lease*

- After meeting with the Lease committee, we decided to draft a summary memo of the memo we sent out before the holidays. Vilma was pleased with concreteness of it. We'll see how things proceed.

*Advisory Committee on the Selection of the Dean of Graduate Studies*

- Strict confidentiality.

*Consultation Fair*

- I sincerely hope more folks show up. I emailed multiple folks individually in a bid to get them to come. Let's hope it works! I can report more on this at council if y'all wish.

*MART*

- We discussed how to make MART meetings more productive. We decided that we needed to have prepared discussion topics.

Respectfully submitted,

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