



President's Report to Council

For March 1, 2012.

I hope everyone had a great Reading Week (I was back in BC for my uncle's memorial) and I wish all the candidates in the upcoming SSMU elections the best of luck.

Student Democracy and Constituencies

Bylaw Review Committee – We are getting to the stage with many of the Bylaws where we can start bringing them to you for approval. Over Reading Week I finished the review of the electoral bylaws.

Elections – I have been providing administrative assistance to Elections SSMU CEO Rebecca Tacoma.

Athletics Roundtable – We had a great meeting before the break. The Roundtable decided that it would be beneficial to formalize as a SSMU Committee. VP Plummer has drafted the terms of reference and after consultation with the Roundtable that will be coming through to you.

#6party – I've spent a lot of time listening to different students' thoughts, opinions, and concerns regarding the occupation of the Deputy Provost's offices. This has included responding to concerns in person and via email, attending the Our McGill event, and attending a meeting with the Principal, Provost, and Deputy Provost and student association executives.

McGill Governance & Relations

Senate – Senate Caucus was vocal during the most recent Senate meeting, which went substantially overtime. Issues addressed included #6party, the CKUT/QPIRG referendum questions, and the new provisional security protocols.

Lease – We continue to meet with McGill and with the Lease Committee.

Student Life Associate – I reviewed applications for this new McGill staff position along with Ian Simmie from Student Services. VP Clare, VP Plummer, and I are participating in the interviews for this position.

Meeting with Deputy Provost (Student Life & Learning) – VP Clare and I had our regularly scheduled meeting with the DPSLL, although it was shortened due to recent events. The main issues addressed were the CKUT/QPIRG referendum questions and #6party and the responses it has generated.

Sustainability

Strategic Plan for Sustainability – I have been working with our sustainability staff to write a new strategic plan for sustainability.



Human Resources

Archivist – We have hired an archivist to go through the SSMU's records and to create a better data management system to help improve institutional memory. He will start work in August.

Student Staff for 2012-2013 – As you are aware, job applications for next year's student staff were due on February 26th. This is 3-4 weeks earlier than previous years, as we are hoping to complete hiring with enough time to ensure a proper transition between staff. Executives-elect will be invited to participate in interviews and to participate in decision deliberations. I've worked with the HR Advisor and General Manager to scale forward this process and have been helping with publicity for the various positions.

Cake & Staff Meeting – I attended and presented an update at our most recent monthly staff & cake meeting.

Other

Perspectives on Leadership – I participated in Ryan MacDowell's project to showcase different forms of leadership in a series of videos. (Kudos to Councillor Hernandez for the film work!)

Respectfully submitted,

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President