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## SSMU Councillor Reports

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### **Justin Fletcher – Arts Representative**

- AUS Elections
  - AUS President: Devon LaBuik
  - VP Academic: Tom Zheng
  - VP External: Brian Farnan
  - VP Events: Josh Greenberg
  - VP Communications: Yasmeeen Gholmieh
  - VP Internal: Justin Fletcher (I'm going to miss you, SSMU!)
  - VP Finance: Saad Qazi
  - Arts Reps: Nicole Georges, Colleen Morawetz, Sean Phipps
  
- In the News: Departmental General Assemblies/Meetings
  - It's a complicated issue. I can report orally if people have additional questions or concerns. Basically, several departments have been holding their own General Assemblies with strike votes, including DESA, MUGS, and upcoming this week are AHCSSA, ASA, etc.
  - There have been issues with the tactics used for departments on strike/boycott... including issues with classes picketed that are mostly composed of first-year students who are not part of an AUS departmental association.
  - Also: issues with students unaffiliated with departmental association planning ad hoc general assemblies
  
- AUS Referendum Period – Upcoming
  - ASEF Fee Levy Renewal
  - Online Ratification of GA Decisions
  - 2/3 to Amend AUS Constitution (versus plurality) – I am the sponsor
  - AUS Services (safer space & equity)
  - Increasing GA Quorum for Strike Resolutions to 500 – I am a cosponsor
  - BASiC Ineligibility for Arts Representative Position – I am a cosponsor
  
- AUS Events & Activities: Upcoming
  - Tuesday 27 March – AUS Department Fair
  - Tuesday 27th March = De-Stress AUS
  - Saturday 31st March is the Final Affair Graduation Ball
  - Monday April 2 – AUS Awards
  - Tuesday 3rd April = Cabane AUSucre
  - April 5 – AUS Teaching Awards



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- Interest Group Committee
  - Met last week; service review of SSMU FYC upcoming.

### **Angela Herman – Nursing Representative**

- Nursing Elections are happening! I have been campaigning for NUS President of 2012-2013. Elections are this Thursday March 29th.
- My office hours were canceled due to the strike on Tuesday and being blocked from entering the building.
- I have had some discussion with fellow students outside office hours about the strike. Whether for or against all were very impressed with the turnout and with the maintenance of the peace!
- Restarted collaboration initiatives with the Bookstore. Had a bit of a lull post-break but things seem to be picking up again. Hopefully going to have a proposal for the end of this semester!

### **Meagan Lepitre – PT/OT Representative**

#### Meetings Attended

POTUS GA on Tuition Hikes, Weds March 14th  
Legislative Council, Thurs March 15th (was unfortunately not able to attend)  
POTUS meeting, Tuesday March 20th

#### Past POTUS Events

Potus Fashion show was a real success! over 1500\$ was raised for the U3 graduation  
The GA on tuition hikes for POTUS was held on march 14th. After 2 hours of debate, the strike was put to a vote. The outcome was: 57 for a strike of all PTOT students on March 22nd, 23 against and 4 with no vote.  
The POTUS fundraising committee was able to raise over 2000\$ for leucan during the school year\*

#### Upcoming POTUS Events

The annual sugar shack is happening this Friday, March 30th with over 100 POTUS students attending!

### **Ian Clarke – Law Representative**

- We just completed our LSA Executive Elections. We had 64% voter turnout! Hurrah!
- The LSA will have their Bill C-10 article published this week in Montreal media. Double hurrah!
- Will be meeting with Carol on Thursday to discuss a new LSA-SSMU MoA
- My constituents concerns regarding SSMU's FAQ on 'strikes' have not been addressed, so Ill be bring that up
- Several constituents are concerned with SSMU's involvement in the student strike, so Ill be asking some clarifying questions
- Submitted my bylaw revisions for notice of motions



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- A bit sad that a very large chunk of Bylaw Book II weren't ready for amendments, however Shyam and I will still be working on the financial bylaws to make sure that they are ready for approval next year
- While reviewing our bylaws I have come to the conclusion that even after all these bylaw amendments, they will still be very inconsistent, confusing, illogical, poorly defined, not prescriptive, etc.
- My recommendation is that you pay someone a \$500 honorarium to amend all the bylaws in the summer. These would not be substantive changes, but the goal would be to create user-friendly documents that SSMU members could read and understand. A large part of accessibility is having rules and regulations that easily explain how the SSMU functions

### **Julia Kryluk – Science Representative**

- The endeavor of meeting with all councils within Science is coming to an end. It seems as if it is too late in the year to meet with Anatomy Council or Chemistry Council; instead I have emailed both councils with a few pertinent questions and I am looking forward to hearing their feedback.
- Held office hours
- Went to SUS GC meeting
- Met with Physiology council, and BASiC