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SSMU Councillor Reports

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Alexander Kunev – Engineering Representative

Online Ratification at the GA:

- Question sent to referendum after a council vote, a lot of support on it, and it initiated broad discussion in campus on the General Assembly.
- Participation from Councilors from a lot of faculties in both the drafting and idea-generating process. Broad support for more contested motions should be a necessary part of the way Council works in the future, ideology is not always representative.
- Process went through a lot of steps of change and adaptation. It was the ability of the team to compromise (e.g. lowering the quorum) that showed our transparency.

Lease Committee

- Status quo
- Discussion in Council was frank, but the bulk of the work now is on waiting for the Administration.
- Not totally happy that this will go towards next year, but given the “exceptional” year we had.

Community Engagement Committee (CEC)

- Last fund allocation approved was for Social Justice Days
- Will probably meet once more before end of the year to discuss possible modifications of the terms of reference

Discussion with VP External after last Council

- Met with him and we had an open and really helpful conversation. Good to talk about all the issues, and try to improve our cooperation
- I think more Councilors need to meet with the VP External given the situation and the way the vote came out.

Engineering Undergraduate Society

- The EUS now has a Sustainability Coordinator. Woohoo!
- We had reusable plastic cups for the last Blues Pub (Clue's Pub)
- Volunteers Banquet was great in terms of lifting up the spirits of our incredibly devoted volunteers. Lots of dancing.

SSMU Council 2011-12

- Incredible year in terms of social movements, campus events, student participation in SSMU and sometimes “shocking” developments. Never boring! :)
- Long running hours for Council due to the increased participation from Councilor, really happy that everybody was contributing to the debate and nobody was shying from talking.
- Overall, on the opinion that Council accomplished more than anytime in the last few years, kudos to all the people who helped with the bylaws review!



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Justin Fletcher – Arts Representative

- AUS Referendum period postponed because "yes" committee statements not posted on the ovs website. Voting restarts this Monday (April 9). The questions on the table are: 1) online ratification of AUS GAs, 2) ASEF renewal, 3) 2/3 vote to amend the AUS constitution, 4) AUS services (re: safe space and equity), 5) BASiC's ineligibility for Arts Rep positions, and 6) increasing quorum for strike or boycott resolutions at GAs to 500.
- AUS Council April 4
- AUS Council voted yes to support QPIRG.
- We debated a resolution regarding limiting the powers of Departmental GAs. It was tabled
- IGC: final meeting last week; conducted a service review of First Year Council
- I have been doing transition for the position of AUS VP Internal. I'm excited for next year.
- AUS Awards were last Monday. It was a great way to celebrate the year. Congrats to Councillor Bi on winning AUS Councillor of the Year!
- AUS Final Affair was a huge success. The last BDA happened last week.
- AUS Departmental associations have been holding elections, so things are gearing up for next year.
- Thanks to everyone for a great year! It was a lot of fun sitting on SSMU Council this semester. Good luck to everyone on exams and papers, and I'll see some of y'all around next year.

Angela Herman – Nursing Representative

- NUS elections had a great turnout! Lots of candidates for each position and a good representation of all years for voting. Personal Note: I won NUS President for 2012 - 2013 :). NUS crossover meeting was a success and looks like a good group next year.
- Office hours were busy with voting and some increased interest in the student strike.
- Work with the Bookstore has been on hold due to various events they had alongside inventory. Discussions starting up again on working together for Nursing apparel and looks like the proposal will not be until next semester.