



President's Report to Council

For April 12th, 2012.

Congratulations on making it through to our last Council meeting. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work for SSMU this year, particularly given many difficult circumstances beyond our control. At this point in the semester, my portfolio is focused on hiring, transition, wrapping up legislative and policy projects, and reporting.

Student Democracy and Constituencies

Elections – I have been providing administrative assistance to Elections SSMU in regards to the exceptional referendum period. In conjunction with the VP University Affairs, I have also provided advice and information upon request to Chief Electoral Officer. Please help to get the vote out!

Judicial Board – I provided feedback to the Chief Justice regarding the proposed internal procedures. The final version is presented for ratification at today's Council meeting.

Strategic Summits – I haven't yet had time to finalize the summary document, but it should be on the SSMU website by the end of the month.

Handbook – I continue to work with VP Fraser, the Communications and Publications Manager, and the President-elect to move forward with next year's handbook.

Long-Term Financial Plan – I provided further feedback to the VP Finance & Operations.

End-of-Year Report – The SSMU Executive will be producing a summary report of achievements and challenges of the 2011-2012 year by the end of the month. This will be made available on the SSMU website.

Nominating Committee – This committee met to evaluate the nominations for SSMU Awards. Nominating Committee will also meet later this week to advise the VP University Affairs regarding appointments to McGill committees for 2012-2013.

Policy Manual – I reviewed the current policy manual with the General Manager and have begun the process of updating and reformatting it. This should be completed by the end of the month.

Communications Plan – I met with the Communications and Publications Manager to provide feedback on her draft Communications Plan.

First Year Council – I provided thorough feedback to the FYC President regarding a proposal for a new SSMU Service.

McGill Governance & Relations



Board of Governors – I attended the most recent Nominating, Governance, & Ethics Committee.

Lease – This has been a priority over the past two weeks and will continue to be for the remainder of my term (or until we reach an agreement). We have met several times with various stakeholders and are attempting to provide a financially feasible offer despite a lack of relevant information from McGill.

Student Life Associate – Status quo.

Sustainability

Catalyst Awards – I participated in the selection committee for the Office of Sustainability's Catalyst Awards.

Human Resources

Student Staff for 2012-2013 – Hiring is under way and taking up lots of my time. In collaboration with the President-Elect and/or SSMU staff, I've conducted interviews for Environment Commissioner, Green Events Coordinator, Secretary General, Recording Secretary, and Handbook Content Editor. Interviews will continue over the next couple of weeks. Overall, we are on track to complete hirings earlier and improve the quality of transition.

Student Staff Transition – The exit report template has been distributed and copies of all reports will be filed with the HR Advisor to improve institutional memory.

Services – I met with the VP Clubs & Services and General Manager to discuss how best to complete the integration of SSMU's Services into SSMU's payscale.

Executive Transition – After discussions with the President-elect, HR Advisor, and General Manager, I prepared a master schedule for transition (during May). I am also in the progress of completing the training plan for my portfolio so that it can be used as a template for other executives.

HR Policy and Bylaws – Status quo.

Sushi Day – SSMU Intern Flint Deita hosted a sushi-making session for the SSMU office, which was great – thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

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President