



**Report of the VP University Affairs to Council**  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*Note:* It's so lovely having my sister here.

*Equity*

- Ryan and Cassandra will be working on a five-year equity plan and a research proposal about how to better integrate sustainability and equity.
- More complaints continue rolling in. Due process is being followed.
- I helped finalise a draft of the Equity Policy for MCSS. But reading through the policy made me realize that there are typos and requires a couple more changes.
  - I met with the J-Board Chief Justice, and I will be reviewing the appeals process to ensure that the right folks are involved and that the decision is final.
- Our Equity Award is going to Senate!

*By-Law Review*

- We discussed the Policy Committee with Senate Caucus. I think this will be a good initiative.
- Murt and Max will be meeting to finalise the terms of reference for the Policy Committee under my portfolio. I think this will be a good way to focus the ARC!

*Off Campus Fellows*

- I met with Eli Freedman to discuss the future of the programme in relation to SSMU. Shyam is helping us figure out the budget for this for next year.

*Senate Caucus/Senate*

- We're going to meet as Caucus every other week! More rest time. Thank god.
- There was a review of Code of Student Conduct that came to Senate for information. We will be continuing our work on the topic.
- The principal did not chair this meeting and it really had an impact on the way the meeting was run. While it did seem more disorganised, there was the definite sense that there was a different sort of dialogue on a range of issues.
- I will be meeting with a couple stakeholders to discuss possible Senate questions. We will likely have something on the McGill Writing Centre (Thanks Todd for helping with this) and one on the Equity!

*First Year Courses*

- Met with Annie and Jana to discuss the possibility of a McGill 101 class.

*Joint Senate-Board Executive Meeting*

- We met to discuss the joint-senate meeting for next term. I am really excited about the topic. The decision to go with Universal Design was almost unanimous and it will create space for an issue that is very much underrepresented.



### *Budget*

- Met with Shyam for the Budget Revision! Thanks!

### *Advisory Committee for VP DAR*

- Confidential but interesting meeting.

### *ISI*

- Met with the ISI to discuss on possible implementation plans for recommendation 7.5 regarding external reviews. We will likely have a research project about this! I think this will be a good way to implement student work.

### *SEM Conference*

- This was an interesting experience. There was a lot of commodification of students. I am happy I went. I am working on a research project with the Registrar on how to better support

### *Committee on Student Discipline*

- Another very confidential meeting. I am happy I went. Student representation is so important for this committee. Our perceptions and our analysis are different.

### *Library Improvement Fund*

- We've been revising the Library Improvement Fund applications. There are a lot of great initiatives including fixing the e-exam databank.
- I will be working on ensuring that we remain committed to a donation for DVDs at the Libraries.
- I also came up with a proposal for more Mac computers for students and am working with OSD to get their proposal through.
- Our final LIF meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will present everything we can for next council meeting.

### *Committee Call-outs*

- Janina has worked on the committee call-outs for members at large starting in March rather than September! We got many applications. I think we will have everything done relatively soon!
- We have also been meeting with to discuss Committee appointments and necessary procedures to ensure that we are receiving enough support from the University. The Secretariat has also added some commentary!
  - The idea is to implement recommendations in the Consultation and Communication Working Group.



*Research*

- Michael Shortt has agreed to work on the Vulcan Survey again this year. I am working on finalising his contract this year. Also, since he is graduating next year, we are thinking of creating a second position for the transition and training for the upcoming year.
- The three researchers have been making good progress.
- We also have 5 new research projects:
  - Equity & Sustainability Researcher
  - External Investigations Researcher
  - U1 1<sup>st</sup> Year Support Researcher
  - Mapping McGill Researcher
  - Mapping McGill Programmer

*Awards of Distinction*

- We've gotten multiple applications! I will be calling a meeting after meeting with Pauline after Exec!
- I will be having a couple amendments for the awards of distinction by-laws to ensure that students get a confirmed amount of awards per year.

*Transition*

- Haley has been great! We've been meeting and she has been on task.
- Things will ramp up as the term comes to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

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