



Report to Council *September 23, 2011*

Personal

Thanks to everyone for a productive and fun council meeting last week. I've been doing pretty well, spending some late nights in the office and trying to somehow stay on top of my course load... In any case I'm about to go to a magical place called Lake Anne for the weekend to enjoy the last dregs of summer before the cloud of doom called Montreal winter sets in over us.

Clubs, Services & ISGs

Meeting with Services – VP Patel and I have been meeting with the services steadily all summer and this month. We meet to explain how budgets work, how SSMU finances work, and also to ask them what their goals and projects for the year are. Mostly recently we met with the Mature/Re-Entry Students' Association and SSMU Volunteer Service. I still need to meet with the Black Students' Network, the UGE, Nightline and the Flat, and then I've met with pretty much all the services! These meetings have been really mutually helpful.

Clubs Workshops – These went really well! I'd say representatives from over 75 clubs came and learned about how SSMU can help them with funding and also the kind of information SSMU needs from clubs. We served pizza and gave away prizes. I think we should do this again in the winter, maybe for new clubs only. I definitely think we should re-instate these workshops (they're in the By-laws but don't get done every year...Hold your execs accountable!) and create some institutional memory.

Office Hours – I've set office hours for Mondays from 3 PM – 5 PM. Students come to see me all the time anyway but at least I have some time cordoned off in my schedule.

Clubs and Services Representatives – I had a productive meeting with Adam Winer, Sahil Chaini and Billi Wun last week and we talked about specific events to do for the year, including a wine and cheese which will hopefully happen on October 5th. If you're a member of a club or service please come and tell everyone you know about it! Also working on making "club contacts" business cards. Also the C&S Reps are having weekly office hours in the Shatner building lobby. I'm sure those Councillors will have more to say in their reports.

Advanced Room Bookings Coordinator – The job description for this has been posted on the SSMU website, after reviewing the payscale amount with the Executive. Advanced Room Bookings will happen in mid-October. More information forthcoming.

PGSS MoA – I have sent PGSS the MoA as approved at the last council meeting. Still waiting for them to get back to me so we can sign it.



TVM and SSMU agreement – The President of TVM and I drew up an agreement which outlines which events they'll be covering for the SSMU, which we can then post on our website. Yay!

Plate Club – They're re-using a bunch of mugs that were apparently ordered for a SSMU event last year. This is great news! They will be renting them out for large events like Bar des Arts, OAP, etc.

Culture Shock – Culture Shock is a week of radical anti-racist programming put on by both the SSMU and QPIRG. It's a great week of events that supplements the SSMU's mandate to provide service, leadership and representation to its members. Cera Yiu is the Culture Shock Coordinator! I met with her last week to discuss the upcoming events. Going to be meeting with her and QPIRG again next week.

Playing for Change – Full Status – This is a charity group that really has it together, they have concerts and jam sessions where people can collaborate and then they also raise money for an external foundation which funds “the building of schools with music and arts programs in areas worldwide that are lacking the resources necessary to create educational/musical infrastructure.” They also collaborate with other SSMU clubs (!) to raise money for more than one cause. They were approved to receive full status at the last executive committee meeting. Congratulations to them!

Bangladeshi Students' Association – Some concerned members of this club approached me regarding their elections. I am going to be presiding very closely over their elections, and already had to postpone them once. I am doing so in the name of electoral transparency and fairness to all involved. Ask me if you have more questions.

Listserv and Handbook

Listserv – I'm sending one out right after I write this which will be chock full o' info for the precious clubs and services.

Handbook – They're doing pretty well; having a front desk person sit at the kiosk and answer questions/give out handbooks seems to be a good way to promote them. We still have a lot left though so if you want one...

Building

Bulletin Boards – I've reorganized the bulletin boards in Shatner so that posters are more organized and so we have room for the Opt-in Campaign, “Our Campus Our Community” campaign and information from ASEQ. We'll be trying this out for a little while and then making adjustments and then hopefully by the end of the semester ordering new signs to replace our really nineties-esque ones.



Office Codes – I finally have a new date to change office codes and have people move into and switch offices. This date is October 3rd, from 9 AM to 5 PM Wallace Sealy (SSMU's Security Supervisor) and I will be helping clubs and services

Strike Hours – I've continued to work with the Security Supervisor and the Front Desk to ensure that we are communicating the strike hours. It continues to be a challenge that we have to respond to on a daily basis but as it is my duty to serve students I am more than happy to continue to work this out for folks.

Cleaning!!! – On the Thursday before Thanksgiving the student lounge carpet and furniture will be cleaned!!! Yes. Also on the Friday before Thanksgiving the entire fourth floor will be CLOSED and the carpets and furniture in the club offices will be cleaned. (Please take note). YESSSSS

Green Corner and related projects – Met with the Environment Commissioners who are super. Discussed green corner projects, explained MLIC renovations, they are cool because they are still getting space eventually somewhere (possibly even sharing the "organic campus" corner, I told them to get in touch with OC about that). Also spoke with Pauline who has been very quick on opening projects with McGill, electricians came in and moved stuff around so the coffee machine is getting a new lease on life. Organic campus counter will be moved to the vending machines area really soon!

Respectfully Submitted,

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