



Report to Council

November 3, 2011

Personal

I continue to be amazed at the hard work and dedication of my fellow Executives, student staff, SSMU staff, students and friends and family. I feel so inspired even during such dark times in the world – there's a lot of love to go around.

Supporting other Execs - I spent a lot of time two Fridays ago helping with the Book Fair clean up, as well as Oktoberhaus. <3

Clubs, Services & ISGs

Activities Night – Besides running into Andrea Settini (the Activities Night Coordinator) occasionally, I have had little time to invest in Winter Activities Night. I am going to reformat it to be more of a large, collaborative event with many groups showcasing their activities instead of just tabling. The planning for this will start in full next week as I start to solicit groups' participation as well as plan for the coordination of the evening (January 19, by the way).

Meeting with Services – I am happy to say that VP Patel and I have met with almost all of the SSMU services since taking office, and that these meetings have facilitated

Office Hours – I continue to hold office hours 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. Feel free to come drop by then!

Advanced Room Bookings – The application period has officially ended and Aminata has been hard at work at processing the applications. The Advanced Room Bookings ad-hoc Committee will have met by the time of this council meeting to work out any potential conflicting bookings for next semester. We have had to account for the large possibility of the strike continuing next semester, so weekend bookings in general cannot be made. Overall the process has gone pretty smoothly, I hope it continues to do so.

PGSS MoA – This is finally signed! We are locked in for ten years, unless SSMU or PGSS decide otherwise. Now I need to take some more steps, with the help of PGSS, to get some research on graduate students in SSMU clubs and services. If you have any ideas for that let me know please!

Culture Shock – This went really well and I think was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. I hope that some councillors attended at least one event. I remember attending a radical history tour of McGill campus during my first year during Culture Shock (and having no idea what Culture Shock was).



Website – Worked in conjunction with Corina, who had some good ideas about the clubs section and how to make it a lot better. We're collecting more blurbs for the clubs section, to more accurately describe which clubs are here at SSMU. Though it's been a slow process I am overall very happy with the way the website works compared to our old website.

On that note, I finally got a confirmation from Daniel Baresh that the **Room Bookings System Project** will be completed before or by November 5. YES. This means so many good things.

CKUT Referendum – This is happening. The yes committee is now officially formed, and people are putting up posters, making classroom announcements, etc. Let me know if you're interested on being on the Yes Committee. So far no "No Committee" has been formed. Looking forward to the results on November 10.

MOA and Name Changes – This has shifted from taking up a lot of Maggie and Emily's time to taking up a lot of my time. This includes emailing many, many groups individually and compiling their responses.

Listserv and Handbook

Listserv – I'm working on getting this translated into French every week. Amelie Lemieux (one of the SSMU's translators) has graciously accepted to take on this small task for me. Also, I made a lot of Rihanna references last Friday. I hope you enjoyed it.

Handbook – THERE ARE SO MANY LEFT! Please take them! Give them away!

Building

Office Codes/Door Handles – You learn a lot of things from a strike (and deleting a staff position – in this case, the Office Coordinator, who did a lot of this kind of stuff before). There are a lot of office doors on the fourth floor which needed to be repaired in the aftermath of Office Madness 2011.

Lockers – I finally was able to allocate lockers to all the groups who applied. However, because lockers were never really emptied in the past, it is a hot mess and I've had to physically go and evict people from lockers. Even though most people don't even know they have lockers. Whaaaat.

Strike Hours – As fewer events are happening on the weekends in the Shatner building, execs are having healthier work-life balances and things are better.



Green Corner – Sadness. McGill is too slow – the Green Corner is blocked until February/March (maybe, we'll see if Chuck Adler gives us any help) because of the vending machines that can't move until the project starts...

Meeting with Chuck Adler from Facilities – I will be meeting with Chuck Adler to discuss McTavish street projects, as well as recent bicycle incidents that have been occurring there. Hopefully VP Clare will be joining me.

Building Budget – discussed this with the General Manager last week. Thought a lot about the financial future of the SSMU. I'm sure this will be addressed in this week's Council discussion regarding the proposed lease.

Committees

Committee on Student Services – I have not heard anything further about this committee meeting again in the future. It was mentioned that the student services fee would probably be raised this year – I am thinking of starting a petition for students to get back their student services fee this year, since the strike has continued to limit student services severely. Another pressure tactic!

Interest Group Committee – Councilor Paterson had to resign as she became too busy for us because she's a senator now. Boo. We do have two members at large however and have had two pretty successful meetings. We will be working on the Advanced Room bookings (mentioned above) as well as other club projects, such as executive transitions and the strategic summit on student space, and perhaps even the SSMU Policy on clubs and services as well!

Funding Committee – This committee has become much more efficient and respectful. It's pretty great to give student life on campus its monetary needs; people are very grateful. I've also brought some motions to the committee to allocate funding to certain groups who preciously need weekend bookings outside of Shatner, as well as supplying funding for groups to buy checkbooks, which currently through Scotiabank are ridiculously overpriced.

Environment Committee, Equity Committee – I went to Equity committee briefly to contribute my ideas regarding the upcoming Strategic Summit. Again not my priority but I'm happy to be an Equity Officer should issues arise.

Operations Management - we had a great committee meeting two weekends ago. Too bad we had to reschedule the Student Run Café meeting. Very fun times. Thanks to everyone for the laughs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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