



## **Report to Council**

*November 17, 2011*

### **Personal**

I was pretty shocked, overwhelmed and exhausted by what happened last week. Thank you to you all for being there for me and for everyone else. We really are a solid team who has the right priorities in mind.

On a slightly related note, I am completely behind in my academics and will probably be devoting slightly more time to that in the coming weeks. Thanks for your understanding.

### **Clubs, Services & ISGs**

**Activities Night** – I will have met with Andrea Settimi the Activities Night Coordinator by the time of this council meeting. We will be meeting to discuss how to format Winter Activities Night as well as solicit feedback and input from clubs and services to do so. Please let me know if you have any ideas, we will be implementing the process soon.

**Office Hours** – I continue to hold office hours Mondays from 3 PM – 5 PM (except for this past week when I think everyone was attending the November 10 stuff anyway). 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** – Aminata the Advanced Room Bookings coordinator and the Advanced Room Bookings ad-hoc Committee have met 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, and we will be letting the clubs know their bookings by the end of the week (November 18 or 19).

**Website** – 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.

**Room Bookings System Project** – There have been more delays in this project (the developer got sick) so we will be waiting to implement it until next semester. I still really support the project so far and can't wait to see it in action.

**CKUT and Referendum** – I did a bit of tabling for this during the referendum period. Well, you all know the results and where I stand on all of this. I have been meeting with the Board as per usual to talk about next steps and implementation of the question, as well as other normal Radio topics. As a side note, I think CKUT has been really active this year and I encourage Councilors to let their



constituents know about it! If you have questions about getting involved, let me know.

**MOA and Name Changes** – Since the MoA is now signed, I've begun the next stage of the project which is collecting receipts so groups can be reimbursed, as well as confirming the choices with McGill of group's new names. Almost half of the groups have gotten back to me, some have not but I will start the process of second reminder emails this week, as well as a general explanation email which outlines how clubs may/may not use the McGill name, and steps moving forward.

### **Listserv and Handbook**

**Listserv** – Not sure how the translation thing is going to work out, since my list servs tend to me last minute.

**Handbook** – Met with Councilor Paterson to discuss by-law revisions, they will be presented at a council meeting. Mostly they reflect moving the handbook to the president's portfolio as well as making the bylaws reflect more the actual structure of how the handbook is now made – the bylaws are of course outdated.

### **Building**

**Four-Tier Rental System** – Worked on a comprehensive document which outlines how different groups are charged for different pieces of equipment, room rentals, alcohol etc. Still a work in progress but hopefully hammered out before break. More updates when it's finished.

**Lockers** – Status quo. Going to be working on tackling this again this week. "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** – This is still happening and probably will for the rest of our term. Whoopie. Things are getting quieter in the building though; people seem to be studying or something...

**Green Corner** – Status quo. "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 met with Chuck and a very nice man named Paul Guenther who were very apologetic, literally admitted they have no idea what goes on at McGill, and also put in writing that the bike collective could be in the basement... We discussed bikes in general. Also, I will



be creating a small survey on bike usage at McGill in order to better facilitate bike racks, how people cope with the bike-free campus, etc. This is just for SSMU to know – I know other surveys have been done before but still.

**Building Budget** – discussed this with the General Manager last week. Thought a lot about the financial future of the SSMU. Will be contributing to

### Committees

**Committee on Student Services** – There will be a “town hall” on student services next week, so people can ask questions and discuss how services have been affected by the strike. Also, CSS hasn't even met this year. Will be meeting soon I hope!!! Will be following up with Mendelson about this.

**Interest Group Committee** – We lost another member at large and we're looking for one. We've been working on Advanced Room Bookings and other club projects, such as executive transitions and the strategic summit on student space, and possible SSMU policies.

**Funding Committee, Equity Committee** – Been attending these as usual.

**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.

**Building Committee** – I think this committee needs to meet separately from Operations Management as there is too much going on in Operations Management this year and semester! Looking for councilors.

### Other

**AUS GA** - As an Executive we decided to allow AUS to have their GA in the cafeteria (special exception for that time). I think this was pretty successful! I had fun attending.

**Tuition Hike Protest** – I attended this along with many other Councilors and the Executive. Really a nice time despite the weather (and the events which occurred afterwards).

Respectfully Submitted,

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