



Hope is a waking dream.

Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC), from Diogenes Laertius, Lives of Eminent Philosophers

**Report of the President to Council
October 15th, 2009**

Council Retreat: Thank you for everyone to come. I think we achieved a lot, and most councillors should have a rudimentary understanding of how SSMU works. I have compiled the goals that were produced. I will present this for information, and I would like a vote of Council to adopt them. Hopefully, this will give Council more of an identity and help clarify decisions that are made.

To those who couldn't make it – I have provided some reading to give you the necessary background. The Executives are in the process of organizing a make-up session for those unable to attend Council Retreat.

Controversial Events Town Hall: The Town Hall was well attended, and I think many students were able to voice their concerns. I have a meeting with Professor Mendelson on Wednesday and I report in person any updates from McGill's side.

General Assembly: The deadline for motions has now passed. We have received several interesting resolutions:

- Motion RE: Space Efficiency in the Shatner Building
- Motion RE: Seafood on Campus
- Motion RE: Styrofoam Ban in Shatner
- Motion RE: Student Employment in the Shatner Building
- Motion RE: Energy Usage in the Shatner Building
- Motion RE: Self-Funding Tuition Model
- Motion RE: Porn!
- Motion RE: William Shatner University Centre

Most of the big picture promotion will be happening this week, contacting different groups and the like. The Facebook event and most of the pictures should be done by now. The heavier promotion will come next week on Monday and Tuesday leading up to the GA on Wednesday.

We will hear a report from the GA Committee on specific strategies, and how Councillors can help with the promotion process.

DON'T FORGET:

The General Assembly itself will be October 21st @ 2:30 PM in the Shatner Cafeteria.



The agenda will have to be reordered slightly as I will be unable to be there right at the beginning. The selection committee for a Provost will be meeting and I cannot miss it. Said the Interim Secretary General Line Thibault: "The GA is twice a year, the Provost is selected once every five years". I will leave as early as possible so that I can give my report and take questions.

Referenda: The deadline for student-initiated referenda questions is Friday October 16. Any Council-initiated questions must be approved at this meeting. The questions will have to be up for approval later in the meeting.

Daycare: I met with the PGSS Family Commissioner (Pamela Lirio). We discussed PGSS upcoming projects and proposals for family care at McGill. She was interested in continued support for our daycare, and will be discussing it with their working group on the subject.

Alcohol Policy Consultant: I have a little more information on what is going on. McGill has hired a specialist in mediation / risk management to re-evaluate procedures concerning alcohol around McGill. Her name is Shelley Timms, and does this for other establishments like Golf Clubs and private resorts. Concerning students, she is scheduled to visit Gerts and Thompson House. Again, I imagine more will be disclosed closer to the date.

Meeting with the Deputy Provost: This happened on Wednesday, and I will update on the most pertinent issues in person.

Upcoming / Past Meetings:

PGSS Family Commissioner – Thursday October 8th
Senate Committee on Physical Development – Tuesday October 13th
GA Committee – Tuesday October 13th
Deputy Provost – Wednesday October 14th
MAUT Pre-Senate Meeting – Wednesday October 14th
Senate – Wednesday October 14th
Leadership Summit – October 15th-16th

Respectfully Submitted,

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