



*Capitalism is the astounding belief that the most wickedest of men will do the most wickedest of things for the greatest good of everyone.*

*John Maynard Keynes (1883 - 1946)*

## **Report of the President to Council October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**Council Retreat:** Is coming up this weekend. We are meeting at 6:30PM Friday in the Shatner Lobby, and we are leaving right away. As I have already mentioned, this is the best time for you to learn more about SSMU / McGill and our relationship; we don't have any other time during the year to really discuss these topics outside of Council. Plus, you get the opportunity to know your fellow Councillors a little better. For those of you unable to make it, we will try and find a time to get you caught up on some of the principal issues.

**Controversial Events Town Hall:** This will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Lev Bukhman Council Room (here). Please promote this widely. The Deputy Provost would like to hear from as many different groups as possible. Ultimately, we are trying to find consensus among student groups about what is permissible on campus, and how controversial events should be managed in future.

**General Assembly:** Yes, it is that time again. VP Brown has been very active in this process, and the website should now be up to date. I have put a call out for a 'General Assembly Campaign Coordinator' to help with the promotion, and make sure students know how the process works. Official deadline for motions will be the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, we may accept late submissions, considering the holiday.

On that note, all councillors are expected to be at the General Assembly; it is one of your duties. Also, anyone (not just Executives) can receive a question during Question Period. We will talk more this weekend about how Councillors can help with General Assembly promotion.

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

**Elections McGill:** They are now fully up and running. I will be submitting the referendum dates for approval by Council. Last week, MUS elections were completed. SUS is still on the horizon, but they should be fully equipped to handle the workload. Any questions about the Fall Electoral Period can be directed to the CEO, Michael Vallo. [contact@electionsmcgill.ca](mailto:contact@electionsmcgill.ca)

**Board of Governors:** Not much happening this past week. We met once to approve the Financial statements. McGill is pursuing its plan to reduce its deficit by FY 2012, which was expected. A new chair of the Board of Governors was appointed to replace Robert Rabinovitch. Who it actually is remains confidential until further notice.



**Five Year Plan for Sustainability:** Yes we are moving forward. I am happy to announce the hiring of Angus Robison as Green Building Coordinator, and Claire Paller as Green Events Coordinator. I hope they will introduce themselves to Council soon!

**New Committee on Alcohol Policy:** I have been advised that the office of the Deputy Provost is assembling a workgroup of students on Alcohol Policy at McGill. Details are scarce right now, but it is safe to say that the University will be re-examining everything it does. VP Dooley and myself have been selected to represent SSMU.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Principal & Deputy Provost – Tomorrow (Friday) October 2nd

Deputy Provost – Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,

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