



*The most radical revolutionary will become a conservative the day after the revolution.
Hannah Arendt (1906 - 1975)*

Report of the President to Council
January 21st, 2010

Men's Basketball: Fourth Year guard Matt Thornhill drains a buzzer beater to drop UQAM's Citadins 60-59. The ball was inbounded with 0.9 seconds left.

Meeting with AVP Jim Nicell + Building Tour: I accompanied VP Olle.

Daycare: Very good things happening in this area. Sent a first draft to Daniel, should have a written response soon. I spoke to him about it briefly, and his only concerns related to the language. It appears that we have an agreement in principal, it only needs to be formalized. He is happy with the price.

Ancillary Fees: As of right now, the University is tentatively proposing to raise all ancillary fees by a total of less than \$15 per year. I don't have the full details yet, but I think this is a very good compromise. This would save us an elaborate referendum process, and would only result in a minimal increase for the average student. This also bodes well for the current regulations in place.

Because of this, me and 1 other lucky SSMU executive will get a sneak peak at the 10-11 budget. I will likely bring VP Dooley.

Cafeteria Sustainability Project: This has already started! If you have been up to the cafeteria you may have noticed the slightly different arrangement. We are still very much in the experimental phase, but I am very happy to have started in there. I have also been in touch with Dennis Fortune from McGill's Office for Sustainability about recycling polystyrene.

Apparently, this can be recuperated and transformed into various plastic furniture items. This can easily be integrated into the CSC's daily responsibilities. We still have a couple of issues to address: Find the ideal location for such a venture, and improve the signage.

Generations Pact Projects: Still waiting for the funding to initiate both the Organic Campus and McGill Food Systems (Phase II) projects. I will look into allocating our already committed funds into starting the projects, but this will not sustain them for very long.

Green Fee: This expires this semester! I have already entered into discussions with the Environment Commissioners and they will be ready to organize a campaign. I will provide the logistical support, but they already have a full volunteer base.

Fees: Speaking of, I got an update from Student Accounts on the fees that will be expiring this semester. They include:



McGill Tribune	\$.50 per term
Environment Fee	\$1.25 per term
University Centre Renovations	\$11.64 per term

We don't need renovations anymore, and the McGill Tribune will have a completely different fee tied to their independence referendum. FYI SACOMSS will be have to go to referendum in the fall as their fee is up next year.

Plate Club: They are still working on a long-term plan. I asked for something by the end of February so I would have time to consider it during my mandate.

Presidential Affairs Committee: Will have met this week already, will update in person. On the agenda, a review of the UA and External committees.

Office of the Deputy Provost: I met with Professor Mendelson last Friday. Here are some of the outcomes:

1. The Cafeteria will likely be considered for IREF funding (score!)
2. Lease (see below)
3. The right to submit written work in either French or English has been omitted from several syllabi this semester. The Deputy Provost will be sending out a reminder email and asking Profs to hand it out, or post it on WebCT.
4. WUSC- World University Service of Canada. This scholarship, that all students pay into, is intended for refugees. The numbers haven't been there the past few years, so they would like to broaden the terms of reference. They have proposals, are there ideas here?

University Centre (aka Shatner) Lease: Submitted a formal proposal to open the lease negotiations and revise the current operating model. He accepted, and will be conferring with Senior Administrators. Namely, the Provost, Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance) Francois Roy, Associate Vice-Principal (University Services) Jim Nicell, and Chuck Adler.

General Assembly: Planning continues, our first call for motions has already gone out, and posters should already be up this week. I have also attached a preliminary timeline of promotion activities. I would like Councillors to give me their comments after my report. Anyone who is interested in the process should contact me or VP Brown. We will likely have an all purpose planning meeting shortly after the motion deadline. We will also be having a motion writing workshop on the 25th at 4PM, I have a board meeting, but the other executives will be helping out.

Athletics Board: There will be a Finance meeting for the Athletics Board very similar to what is happening at CSS, but it will not be as formal. My Senate question provoked an
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immediate response, but apparently they were planning on having this meeting anyway. I'm still happy the question will be going forward, even though I already know the answer.

Succession Planning: VP Olle and I are looking at organizing an information session for students interested in running for Executive and other SSMU positions. The hope is to attract students who wouldn't otherwise have run.

Visiting Dutch Students: Some students from Delft University of Technology will be visiting various Canadian Universities. They will be meeting with various administrators and touring our building. If anyone is interested, come out on Monday or Tuesday of next week to meet them.

Presidential Roundtable: I will be getting this group together, if anyone has a particular topic they would like addressed, let me know. The focus will be promoting the GA, and negotiations with the University.

Past Meetings

11th Meeting with EDSS and PGSS President
13th Building Tour
15th Deputy Provost
16th Leadership Panel
20th MAUT Pre-Senate
20th Senate

Upcoming Meetings

25th MAA Retreat
25th Board of Governors Executive Committee
26th Athletics Finance Meeting
26th Presidential Roundtable
27th Provost Budget Considerations
27th MAA Board of Directors
28th Succession Workshop with the First Year Office

Respectfully Submitted,

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