



Report to SSMU Council

February 4, 2010

Clubs, Services, and ISGs

Choose Life – They hosted a tabling display on Thursday, January 28th, to discuss the legal status of abortion. Conservative McGill booked the table. However even Natalie called it a “Choose Life display” – i.e. not Conservative McGill’s event. I have emailed both Natalie and Conservative McGill to clarify that this sidestepping is against the rules and not permitted. I have also informed McGill events bookings of the infraction for their information. No further action will be taken from my end.

Mature and Re-Entry Students Association (MRSA) – After repeated discussions with the Associate Dean of Arts, MRSA was forced to move out of their lounge to make way for a new imaging laboratory. We will be storing their furniture – they will likely have an office come June.

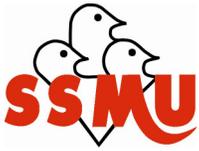
Club insurance – We are embarking on the journey of getting our clubs insurance. Wish us luck.

Publications

Old McGill – We are allowed to table at Roddick Gates during Convocation, so get excited! Sales are already now at what they were total for last year, so we will definitely sell more books than last year. In terms of production, layouts are being done. We are still gathering event photos.

Tribune – I have been working a lot on this. This is roughly the timeline we are looking at:

- February 1 The SSMU presents the suggested Lease Agreement and contract for use of the Communications and Publications Manager.
- February 4 Deadline for Council-initiated referendum questions to be approved at Council
- February 8 The Tribune submits revisions of the Lease and CPM contract to the SSMU.
- February 12 Deadline for student-initiated referendum question to be submitted to the CEO
- February 15 The final version of the Lease Agreement and CPM contract is reviewed and agreed on by both parties.
- March 2 – 11 The Tribune campaigns for independence.
- March 12 Results announced. The question passes.
- March 13 Tribune applies to become incorporated. The lawyer will be paid by the SSMU. Expected cost: \$1,500. Expected turn-around time: 3 weeks.
- April 5 Incorporation should be finalized. *At this point, the Tribune will be independent from the SSMU*



The SSMU loans the Tribune a sum of \$10,000(?) to be paid back in one year's time(?).

The Tribune seeks out publications insurance and liability insurance for their space. The loan will be used to cover this insurance amount.

The SSMU donates the chairs, desks, computers, printer, software, bookcases, and any other equipment to the Tribune.

Negotiations over terms of the MOA between the Tribune and McGill begin.

These negotiations continue until an agreement has been reached. The MOA will be presented at the nearest Board of Governors or Executive Committee meeting, to be approved:

April 12 Board of Governors meeting

May 25 Board of Governors meeting

June 14 Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Governors

July 12 Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Governors

August 15 The Tribune hires a bookkeeper to design the proper financial processes and forms. The bookkeeper invoices companies who placed ads, prepares the contracts for all stipended positions, pays the printing company, etc.

Sept 1 CPM begins working for the Tribune for the 2010-2011 year. His first payment is due, paid out of the loan.

Sept 15 The Tribune receives its first check from McGill for fees collected.

Jan 15 The Tribune receives its second check from McGill for fees collected.

April 5 The Tribune pays back SSMU the loan of \$10,000(??)

June 1 The Tribune begins paying a monthly rent to the SSMU.

June 15 The Tribune receives its adjustment check from McGill.

We have prepared a lease and CPM usage contract that the Tribune is reviewing. We are also going to finalize their budget this week since this will determine the fee amount they will go for. It is difficult to predict advertising revenues from year to year, especially giving the continued decline. Lastly I am doing some cash flow projections. The Tribune will have \$0.00 dollars as of June 1, so it's very important to predict their summer expenses and revenues and figure out how much money they will need to maintain a healthy cash flow.

Building

Banners – How amazing are the banners???? Dallas is designing the key to tell students what each photo is of. Hint: one is of Student Council, in the Ballroom, in the 70s.

Cafeteria Break Out Room – Shockingly, McGill is behind schedule on this renovation project! It should not affect the completion date of April 30th. Also please see the products we are going to use. Very exciting!



Vision for the Shatner University Centre – I have completed this and will discuss it with Council this evening. The Project List A will follow – if you have any ideas for any projects you would like to see in the building, big or small, just let me know!

Other

Student Services – Senator Marshall, in his capacity as a member of the advisory board to Student Health, is setting up a meeting between himself, me, VP Dooley, and some of the managers of Student Health. The purpose is to discuss

How to Be a SSMU Exec – We ran this workshop. It went well. If you have any other ideas for ways we could raise the visibility of these positions, let us know!

100 Years of SSMU – Read this!!!!!!!!!! The Tribune and Daily are refusing to do a piece on the highlights...stupid!!! ☹

Interviews – I have had five interviews with the paper in the past week – Daily reviews, Tribune on opt-outs, Tribune on Students Supporting Wikipedia, Tribune on Israel Clubs, and Daily on Choose Life tabling. Phew!

Policies – I have been revisiting our policy system and brainstorming a better way to form policies. I have drafted a memo to this effect.

Apply for funding – I placed ads in the Tribune and Daily giving the amount of our coffers to encourage students to apply for funding.

Meetings

Happened: Convocations (Old McGill), EDSS Jana Luker (improving Student Health), Tom Quail (Tribune independence), MRSA and the Associate Dean (MRSA lounge), GA Motion Writing Workshop, Daily interview (review), Mastermind Club, Tribune interview (Students Supporting Wikipedia), Club Insurance Coordinator, Old McGill Editor-in-Chief, Tribune interview (Israel clubs), Daily interview (Choose Life tabling), Finance Committee, How to Become a SSMU Executive, Clubs and Services Committee, food service tenants (bottled water), and Executive Committee (x2)

Respectfully submitted,

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