



Never lose sight of this important truth, that no one can be truly great until he has gained a knowledge of himself, a knowledge which can only be acquired by occasional retirement.

Johann Georg von Zimmermann

Report of the President to Council
March 4th, 2010

Athletics: "Zuke got tie on"

Mike Babcock
Detroit Red Wings
From my Blackberry

The Tribune sports coverage this week was excellent. They provide such a valuable service by covering both McGill and Professional sports. What a great newspaper, I simply can't say enough!

Presidential Affairs Committee: Did not meet this week, but likely will in the next month to review the comments presented by councillors. This will potentially come to the next meeting of Council, or failing that, the last (anticipated) Council of the year

University Centre (aka Shatner) Lease: Nothing yet, waiting on the Deputy Provost and the (outgoing) Vice-Principal (Administration & Finance) Francois Roy. In terms of our negotiations, this may in fact be a good thing that he is leaving.

Advisory Committee for the selection of a Vice-Principal (Administration & Finance): This is currently in the process of being formed. Depending on the timeframe I will serve on this committee. If it extends significantly beyond my mandate, I will consult with the new executives. I have until March 22nd to nominate our representative.

Meeting with the Principal: This will have actually happened this week, I will report on it in person. Here are the agenda topics that were to be considered. We will see how many of these are responded to directly.

- 1.0 NSSE Survey Results
- 2.0 Recent Maclean's rankings
- 3.0 Services provided by McGill University
- 4.0 Relations with the Quebec government
- 5.0 Alternative Solutions to University Underfunding

Provost Meeting: I also had a meeting on Tuesday with the Provost. The primary topic of discussion was the University budget, and the priorities for the coming year. Hopefully, we will have an updated look at the projected deficit.



General Assembly: I am preparing a thorough exit report to leave to my successor. Depending on the outcome of the referendum question and the resolution on Policy formation, some will have to be adjusted. This has not existed in the past years, so I think it will be good for institutional memory.

Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law: I have been asked by the Provost's office to review the appointments of new assessors as required by McGill's recently adopted policy. This will

Green Fee Renewal: The 'YES' Committee is quickly forming under the supervision of EC Toby Davine. I forwarded an email to Council for anyone who is interested.

Past Meetings

- 20th – 27th Reading Week (AWWW YEAH)
- 2nd (March) Provost Meeting
- 2nd Senate Caucus
- 3rd Meeting with the Principal (for real this time)
- 3rd Referendum Debates
- 4th Executive Debates

Future Meetings

- 8th Energy Meeting
- 10th Campus Community Committee
- 16th Building and Properties Committee
- 16th CARE Community Consultation

Respectfully Submitted,

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