



Report of the President to Executive Committee
October 7th, 2011 (for Council on October 13th, 2011)

It's a short report this week, as I've been in England (October 1st-7th) for my grandfather's memorial service. I have been able to monitor my email and respond to the most urgent messages, but of course have had to put family responsibilities first. I should be caught up by the time of our Council meeting!

Please note that our next Council meeting is not until November 3rd. This will be an excellent period of time for Councillors to work on substantive matters with their committees.

Student Constituencies & Democratic Processes

Legislative Council – I am still following up regarding the Architecture Rep and a replacement Athletics Representative. It was great to welcome Raphael, our Inter-Residence Council Rep last week! I was very happy with the turnout at the wine and cheese before our last Council meeting.

SSMU Committees – The VP University Affairs chaired a Steering Committee in my absence. The Secretary General continues to help me coordinate the Ad-Hoc Bylaw Review Committee.

General Assembly – We continue to move forward with GA reform discussions. Before Council you will receive a document outlining the planned framework for the GA reform process—I hope to receive substantial feedback from all Councillors and faculty associations as well as significant input from the student body.

Board of Directors restructuring – Thanks to the General Manager for coordinating the paperwork for our new Board of Directors. I will be calling a meeting of the Board to be held directly in advance of the November 3rd Council meeting.

Athletics – I was unfortunately in England during Run for the Cure, but SSMU was represented by the VP Internal. We'll debrief the event at the next Athletics Roundtable meeting, but from my perspective this was an excellent example of collaboration between SSMU, PGSS, and Varsity Council. The Athletics Roundtable meeting last week was excellent and I thoroughly enjoyed attending Fill the Stadium the evening before I left for England.

Request for SSMU membership list – I continue to be in consultation with the SSMU's legal counsel and various concerned parties on this matter. I may have more to report orally at Council.

Elections McGill – Referendum questions are due October 14th! Don't forget! First Year Council elections are also proceeding.



Human Resources

Student Staff – I continue to enjoy working with all the student staff within my portfolio and should be able to provide more concrete updates on their work in my next report to Council.

Permanent Staff Evaluation – I continue to work on the evaluations of the Communications and Publications Manager with the General Manager, HR Advisor, and other execs. The General Manager, HR Advisor, and I met with the Comptroller regarding his evaluation.

General – Status quo - I have been supporting execs and staff members with various HR issues.

Sustainability

Sustainability Coordinator & Environment Student Staff – This team continues to be extremely active. The Sustainability Ambassador Program is set to grow extensively this year, which I'm very excited about. The Sustainability Coordinator attended (funded from the SSMU's government-mandated training budget).

Interfaculty Case Competition in Sustainability – This project is now soliciting applications (deadline is November 4th). You can read all the details at <http://ssmucasecomp.com/>.

McGill Administration & University Governance

MOA/Lease – Huge thanks to the VP University Affairs for proceeding with negotiations during my absence. I was able to provide my comments in advance on the University's most recent documents.

MUNACA strike – Status quo (largely supporting the VP University Affairs and VP External in their efforts).

Board of Governors – I attended my first full Board of Governors meeting on September 27th. The main topics of conversation in the open session were the MUNACA strike, the approval of the increased MBA tuition by the Quebec government, McGill's recent performance in university rankings, and the university's performance in terms of research funding. The Joint-Senate Board Meeting in November will focus on the undergraduate experience within a research-intensive university.

Other

Personal – It was very good for me to be with my family in England for my grandfather's memorial service and ashes spreading.

Respectfully submitted,

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President