



Report to Council *September 23, 2011*

Personal

First of all I'm extremely sorry for the late nature of my report. I regret that this happened – I could blame it on others but I'm going to take full responsibility for dropping the ball on this one, and I won't let it happen again. In other news, I had an extremely wonderful Thanksgiving break in Toronto (don't let anyone hear that I like that place or anything...) and school is stressing me out. Word to the peeps around me who keep it supremely real however (you know who you are).

Clubs, Services & ISGs

Meeting with Services – VP Patel and I have been meeting with the services steadily all summer and during the month of September and now in October. We meet to explain how budgets work, how SSMU finances work, and also to ask them what their goals and projects for the year are. Mostly recently we met with the Players' Theatre and Nightline. I still need to meet with the Black Students' Network, the UGE, and the Flat, and then I've met with pretty much all the services! These meetings have been really mutually helpful.

Clubs Workshop for New SSMU Employees – I gave an introductory workshop to the C&S portfolio to the new employees who have started working at SSMU since last May and thus have never seen a school year in action here. This included Corina the Communications and Publications Manager, Simon the Political Researcher and Attache, Marie-Elaine the HR Advisor, and David the Sustainability Coordinator. This was really helpful to them and I think will facilitate a better way of working together throughout the year.

Office Hours – I continue to hold office hours Mondays from 3 PM – 5 PM. Students come to see me all the time anyway but at least I have some time cordoned off in my schedule. Feel free to come drop by then!

Clubs and Services Representatives – I had to cancel the wine and cheese as there was just too much going on and not enough publicity for it (I didn't let everyone know on time though, sorry about that...!) Also the C&S Reps are having weekly office hours in the Shatner building lobby on Tuesdays. I'm sure those Councillors will have more to say in their reports.

Advanced Room Bookings Coordinator – I've hired Aminata who was one of the receptionists at the front desk this past fall. I think she will be great! We'll be meeting Friday to discuss the online form and the whole process. Then the form will go online and bookings will be allocated after that. Thanks for your patience and understanding about all this,



PGSS MoA – PGSS came by yesterday to pick up the MoA and sign it! We're almost there guys!

Culture Shock – Culture Shock is a week of radical anti-racist programming put on by both the SSMU and QPIRG. It's a great week of events that supplements the SSMU's mandate to provide service, leadership and representation to its members. Things are going well – there's a lot of tabling, poster, facebook and advertising that's been going on! Can't wait to go to the keynote next Monday!

Bangladeshi Students' Association – These elections are happening tomorrow. I have compiled the membership lists and the candidate write-ups and will be distributing as soon as possible.

Nightline – VP Clare and I were finally able to meet with the VP External of Nightline and talk about the McGill name issue. I also met with Jana Luker to discuss how Nightline and McGill Student Services already work together. Was a productive meeting and more will come out of these discussions. Stay tuned.

CKUT Annual General Meeting and Referendum – As a member of the CKUT Board of Directors I attended their Annual General Meeting which took place at Alternatives on Parc Ave on Tuesday night. It was fun and my first AGM! Shout outs to everyone at CKUT; everyone who works there is incredibly good looking. I've also been meeting with CKUT members to discuss the upcoming referendum question.

Listserv and Handbook

Listserv – I continue to send out semi-regular listservs with information about bureaucratic details and how lonely I am in the office.

Handbook – THERE ARE SO MANY LEFT! Please take them! Give them away!

Building

Bulletin Boards – I've reorganized the bulletin boards in Shatner so that posters are more organized and so we have room for the Opt-in Campaign, "Our Campus Our Community" campaign and information from ASEQ. We'll be trying this out for a little while and then making adjustments and then hopefully by the end of the semester ordering new signs to replace our really nineties-esque ones.

Office Codes – Wallace the Security Supervisor has been a godsend and really harassed McGill into helping us change the office codes. YAY. They are pretty



much done, I know a few offices had issues but we are working them out. Please thank Wallace next time you see him.

Lockers – I am in the process of reviewing the applications and will hopefully have them all done by the end of the weekend. Thanks for your patience here.

Strike Hours – The strike hours have begun to take a toll on the executives who must close up the building on weeknights and also come in on weekends for special bookings. This is a constant communication and re-evaluation process but the executive has been extremely supportive of SSMU's clubs and services for which I'm eternally grateful. I've continued to work with the Security Supervisor and the Front Desk to ensure that we are communicating the strike hours. It continues to be a challenge that we have to respond to on a daily basis but as it is my duty to serve students I am more than happy to continue to work this out for folks.

Cleaning!!! – This happened and as far as I know was minimally disruptive – let me know of any concerns!

Green Corner and related projects – Will be meeting with the Green Corner group again soon to discuss how the space can be utilized since it is being moved; If you haven't noticed a lot of changes are occurring in that space, as the Organic Campus counter has moved downstairs and will be a more permanent home for Organic Campus this winter; The coffee machine has moved and the other vending machines will as well, as there will be a wall built to accommodate the McGill Legal Information Clinic.

Other

Activities Night Debrief – I had a brief debrief (haha) with SSMU staff and the Activities Night coordinator regarding Activities Night, how things went, how things can go better in the future, and threw around some ideas for Winter Activities Night which is happening oh so much sooner than you can even imagine!

Committee on Student Services – I attended an introductory session for the new student members of the CSS (a committee of Senate). This is the committee which decides if the student services fee will be raised, although apparently doesn't have that much oversight (it's the Board of Governors of McGill that has that authority, apparently), making me question the utility of CSS in the first place. It's a parity committee which means there are as many student voices as non-student ones, so McGill probably doesn't like that. Anyway it will be an interesting committee to sit on and advocate for the best services possible. (I wonder what this will look like as the strike progresses).



Interest Group Committee – This committee meets to approve new clubs and to evaluate how SSMU can better serve the clubs it already has. We've met twice already and had some really productive meetings. We are looking for another councilor to take Councilor Paderson's place however. Let me know if you're interested.

Funding Committee – This committee meets to allocate money from the various SSMU funds. It's been an interesting and insightful experience. We meet Wednesdays at 4:30 in the boardroom.

Environment Committee, Equity Committee – I sit on these but have been too busy lately to fully commit to them. I hope that changes in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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