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2011-2012 SSMU Committee Nominees

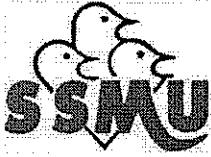
Councillor	Faculty	Choice #1	Choice #2	Choice #3
Isabelle Bi	Arts	Finance Committee	Nomination was not provided	
Jamie Burnett	Arts	External Affairs Committee	Community Engagement Committee	Environment Committee
Dylan Doyle	Arts	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)	Ad-Hoc By-law Review	Awards of Distinction
Micha Stettin	Arts	Environment Committee	External Affairs Committee	Community Engagement Committee
Emilie Leonard	Athletics	Nomination was not provided		
Sahil Chaini	Clubs & Services Representative	Funding Committee	Interest Group Committee	Environment Committee
Adam Winer	Clubs & Services Representative	Funding Committee	Ad-Hoc By-law Review	Interest Group Committee
Billi Wun	Clubs & Services Representative	Funding Committee	Interest Group Committee	Operations Management Committee
Pouya Ardakani	Dentistry	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee	Operations Management Committee	Environment Committee
Kady Paterson	Education	Ad-Hoc By-law Review	Interest Group Committee	Funding Committee
Tariq Khan	Engineering	Operations Management Committee	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)	Nominating Committee
Alexander Kunev	Engineering	Finance Committee	Community Engagement Committee	Environment Committee
Ian Clarke	Law	Ad-Hoc By-law Review	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee	Nominating Committee
Anna Kourilova	Management	Financial Ethics Research Committee (FERC)	Operations Management Committee	Finance Committee
Sam Latham	Management	Funding Committee	Nomination was not provided	
Laurence Bernard	Medicine	External Affairs Committee	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee	Queer McGill Undergraduate Fund Selection Committee



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Tyler Cannon	Music	Operations Management Committee	Financial Ethics Research Committee (FERC)	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee
Angela Herman	Nursing	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)	Environment Committee	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee
Meagan Lepitre	PT/OT	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee	Commission des Affaires Francophones	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)
Fenimore Love	Religious Studies	Nomination was not provided		
Julia Kryluk	Science	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)	SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee	Nominating Committee
Jim Niu	Science	Funding Committee	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)	Library Improvement Fund Committee (LIFC)
Zhizhen Qin	Science	Financial Ethics Research Committee (FERC)	Operations Management	External Affairs
Matt Crawford	Senate Caucus	Nomination was not provided		
Haley Dinel	Senate Caucus	Financial Ethics Research Committee (FERC)	Interest Group Committee	Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)
Usman Bin Shahid	Senate Caucus	Environment Committee	Community Engagement Committee	Nominating Committee
Radney Jean-Claude	Social Work	External Affairs Committee	Student Equity Committee	Ad-Hoc By-law Review



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In this document you will find a list of nominees for each SSMU Committee under each Executive portfolio. As speeches will not be conducted at the first meeting of the SSMU Legislative Council on Thursday September 15, 2011, please read through the short blurbs each councillor has provided as justification for their nomination prior to voting.

President

Steering Committee

There are no nominations for the Steering Committee.

Ad-hoc By-Law Review Committee

Ian Clarke—Choice #1

I sat on the By-law Committee for the University of Alberta Students' Council for two years, so I do have a bit of experience drafting by-laws. I also worked for a non-profit two summers ago where it was my job to rewrite their policy and procedures manual. I have a fairly strong idea of the balance between clarity, specificity and flexibility with bylaws along with their interplay with the constitution and policies.

Kady Paterson—Choice #1

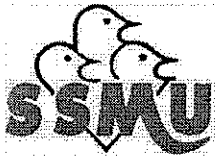
My interest in this committee stems from my previous experience with by-law review, both with SSMU and with EdUS. Throughout the past year, I have worked with former executives on the General Assembly Review committee, as well as the Conflict of Interest Policy. Currently, with EdUS, I am chairing the Constitution and By-Law Review Committee. I enjoy working through tedious bureaucratic language, and feel that my experience working with these documents will help me on this committee.

Dylan Doyle—Choice #2

As a political science and history major, I have a very keen interest in how and why things operate the way they do, and as such, I would love the opportunity to better familiarize myself with the various SSMU legislative documents. Student representation is one of the AUS' primary mandates, and given the chance to work with SSMU to ensure the values set out within the Constitution are being fulfilled is an incredibly important task that I would highly value.

Adam Winer—Choice #2

As I hope to make institutional contributions during my tenure as a councillor, I would make a very enthusiastic member of this committee. I have already begun familiarizing myself with the SSMU's Constitution and By-Laws in substantial depth. Being a philosophy student, I devote much time and



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effort to understand the merits and internal consistency (or lack thereof) of various philosophical and legal systems; my experience in studying these could be of use to me on this committee.

Radney Jean-Claude—Choice #3

Considering my implication in the council last year, I could bring on another perspective as to how to make SSMU legislation more efficient.

Nominating Committee

Usman Bin Shahid—Choice #3

No blurb was provided for this nomination.

Ian Clarke—Choice #3

My cop-out choice. I have a crazy busy schedule, and this committee seemed rather low on the time commitment side.

Tariq Khan—Choice #3

No blurb was provided for this nomination.

Julia Kryluk—Choice #3

I would like to be a member of this committee because I am interested in the hiring process at SSMU. I would like to be able to contribute to the future of SSMU in aiding to select individuals for the positions. I am a very fair and honest person and cannot foresee any conflicts which would arise if I were chosen for this committee.

Environment Committee

Usman Bin Shahid—Choice #1

Working on a few sustainability and green projects of my own I have been pretty involved with sustainable projects in the energy sector. Bringing a keen insight from an engineering aspect I believe that I'd bring a new aspect to this committee with a passionate commitment.

Micha Stettin—Choice #1

I made a campaign promise to help rewrite the SSMUs environmental sustainability policy.

Angela Herman—Choice #2

In addition to the relevant skills and abilities outlined in myself nomination for SSPN, I have an interest in sustainability and would like to help facilitate the sustainability initiatives across campus and aid in the development of new initiatives.

Pouya Ardakani—Choice #3

No blurb was provided for this nomination.



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Jamie Burnett—Choice #3

I am deeply concerned about environmental issues and very interested in how SSMU can work to improve our policies and activities regarding them. A background in economics may help me bring important perspectives and knowledge to the table.

Sahil Chaini—Choice #3

As an Environment student at McGill, environmental initiatives have always been a great interest of mine. I know many of the green groups and initiatives on campus as well as the people who are involved with them. I was an executive member of the McGill Environment Students' Society last year, through which I was really able to connect with many Environment students and green groups on campus.

Alexander Kunev—Choice #3

As a long time supporter of sustainability initiatives, coming with some technical knowledge on how to make buildings more efficient, I would interested in drafting the new Strategic Plan for Sustainability.

Meagan Lepitre—Choice #3

I believe that I am the perfect candidate for SSPN because of my prior experience in event organizing. Throughout high-school and CEGEP, I was constantly organizing benefits, outings and other events. More recently (this summer), I was the POTUS Frosh Director. As director, I worked all summer organizing the events (day activities and pub crawl), ordering t-shirts and contacting companies for sponsorship.

VP Finance and Operations

Funding Committee

Sahil Chaini—Choice #1

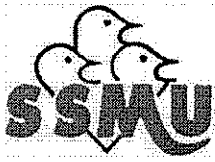
As a Clubs and Services Representative, I would really like to sit on Funding Committee as I will be able to directly impact my constituents and provide them with firsthand information about SSMU funding. I have had experience applying for SSMU funding on behalf of clubs so I know the challenges that clubs face on this issue. Clubs should know what funding is available to them and be able to receive help in writing strong proposals. I have also attended many types of events on campus and will be able to make informed funding decisions.

Samuel Latham—Choice #1

As an accounting major I've always enjoyed reviewing budgets, going over applications for funding, and allocating money accordingly. Believe it or not I sat on this committee as a member at large in 2008-2009. Although the committee has undergone changes since then I'm enthusiastic to be back working on the committee again.

Jim Niu—Choice #1

This committee is probably the most important for providing for the student clubs of McGill, and I've been involved in a few clubs who really benefitted from this committee so I'm familiar with



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budgets. But more importantly I think it would be super fun supporting clubs at McGill to create awesome events.

Adam Winer—Choice #1

My aim in sitting on Funding is twofold. First, I will be an organized and efficient presence on a committee relevant to my portfolio as Clubs and Services representative. I thrive in roles involving quick yet informed decision-making, and my experience on previous club execs has taught me how to make prudent financial choices. Second, I hope to make good on my campaign pledge of empowering and incentivizing environmentally sustainable event planning on the part of clubs and services; the funding committee would be a natural place for me to accomplish this.

Billi Wun—Choice #1

As the SUS VP Finance last year one of my duties was to review funding applications from the 19 SUS departmental societies and allocate funding as necessary. This task required me to review budgets, perform audits and make decisions within the bounds of the SUS Financial By-Laws. In addition, I chaired the SUS Finance Committee and was responsible for setting the SUS annual budget. I believe my prior experience makes me best suited for the Funding Committee.

Kady Paterson—Choice #3

In the last year of sitting on council, I have seen the results of many a Funding Committee. I have already had the opportunity to see what funds clubs are asking for, in addition to the reasons for budgetary changes (e.g.: existing budgets, food and beverage allowances, etc). I also feel like my experience with SSMU allows me to have a more developed sense of impartiality which would be a strength in determining allocations. I believe I would enjoy Funding Committee, as it was always my favourite report of the previous year.

Finance Committee

Isabelle Bi—Choice #1

Experience: Studying Economics and Mathematics - Working as a Wealth Management Intern at National Bank Financial - Previous work experience constructing similarly large (\$1 M+) budgets.

Reason for interest: This year's special project - a strategy to better communicate finances - is a great initiative: limited or skewed understanding of SSMU finances may be a source of misunderstanding and potential conflict among our constituents. By working hard at explaining the finances, this promotes transparencies and gives students the best tools to understand SSMU's actions.

Alexander Kunev—Choice #1

I want to improve the process by which the budget and the finances are presented, making it more accessible to the other Councillors as well as the general public. I have general knowledge and experience with budgets, including taking courses on the subject, organizing small events, etc.

Anna Kourilova—Choice #3

Having participated in the budget planning and approval of the MUS this past summer, my resultant experience could be applied to set the SSMU's operating budget for the following fiscal year, while thinking of ways to better communicate the budget and generate interest in its drafting.



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Financial Ethics Research Committee (FERC)

Haley Dinel—Choice #1

Ethics are a growing part of my studies at McGill. My interests in this committee lie in ensuring that SSMU's integrity remains intact and that we operate in an ethical and legal matter. Although I financials are not my area of study, I have some knowledge in sustainability.

Anna Kourilova—Choice #1

A U1 Management student interested in the financial sector, I'm seeking to gain insight on the link between transactions, ethical standards, and maintaining a level of accountability to our Students' Society. Someone who thrives in a team environment, with budgetary, basic accounting experience and ideas for ensuring sustainable practices, I hope to collaborate with all members of this committee and successfully tackle the issues of research, purchasing policy and developing a sustainable accounting program.

Zhizhen Qin—Choice #1

I am applying to Financial Ethics Research Committee because of my personal interest in finance and investment. As part of this committee, I would strive my best to ensure SSMU's expenses, which are part of every student's tuition, are spent and invested in the proper way. Due to my living environment, I am familiar with financial and investment knowledge, such as securities and their derivatives. Additionally, math and calculations have always been my strength. I am eager to contribute to and learn from this committee and would really appreciate the opportunity to take on this responsibility.

Tyler Cannon—Choice #2

I am very interested in sitting on this committee as I've run a small business for the past 4 years and enjoy managing money and funding.

Operations Management Committee

Tyler Cannon—Choice #1

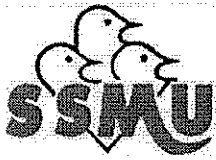
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Tariq Khan—Choice #1

Being an active member of the student-run café working group will aid towards working for this committee. I believe that there is much that needs to be done towards promoting student-run initiatives. With past experience of Design Team Funding committee Chair, I believe I will be able to fulfill my duties diligently

Pouya Ardakani—Choice #2

No blurb was provided for this nomination.



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Anna Kourilova—Choice #2

Discussing and developing strategy has always been of interest to me; overseeing the Society's revenue-generating operations would allow me to further develop my strategic oversight. Someone who aspires to manage global operations of a broadcasting company, I have knowledge of consulting and strategy development, I hope to apply these skills to successfully review the functionality of all of SSMU's operations collaboratively with committee.

Zhizhen Qin—Choice #2

With previous working experience in café and participation in Mini Course, I would like to try my best to make both Mini Course and Gert profitable and generate more revenue for students' benefit. Additionally, student run Café is one of my biggest interests due to personal fondness for Arch Café. Above all, these are my reasons to join Operation Management Committee.

Billi Wun—Choice #3

As part of my duties as the SUS VP Finance last year, I was responsible for administering the finances of all of SUS' events and services. This included ensuring proper financial management of each event and service as well as working with the other executives to improve the operations of the programs under their respective portfolios. Having been exposed to these activities last year, I have developed a keen interest in this field and hope to make a contribution on the Operations Management Committee.

VP University Affairs

Library Improvement Fund Committee (LIFC)

Jim Niu—Choice #3

I'm really interested in helping improve the libraries because they are probably THE most relevant aspect of student academics outside the classroom. After seeing the changes made from this group, this hits close to home as a science student and I'd really like to continue to make the McGill libraries better for everyone.

Student Equity Committee

Radney Jean-Claude—Choice #2

I am interested in advocating and believe I can learn a great deal from being in this committee. Considering my background as well as my experiences I will contribute on making this committee be efficient or simply more critical.

SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee

Pouya Ardakani—Choice #1

I have graduated with distinction, Honours degree in science and managed to receive a few scholarships while being involved in many extra-curricular activities. I truly understand how challenging it is to maintain a balance between these two aspects of undergraduate studies. Moreover, I have experienced firsthand how encouraging and supporting is to be granted



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scholarships that acknowledge your achievements and dedicated hard work. Being a third year dental student and being still involved with extra-curriculars while keeping good academics and patient care, I believe I am the right person to have my opinion on who deserve the most to be granted an SSMU award. Having said that, being impartial is a must as a member of this committee which is one of the characteristics I have attained being a health care professional as dealing with patients on a daily basis.

Meagan Lepitre—Choice #1

This committee is definitely the one which interests me the most. In the past, I have applied for bursaries, scholarships and awards many times. I understand how gruelling and time-demanding the process is for the applicants and think it could be very interesting to see how the process works for selecting the applicants. I am a person who is very dedicated to what I do, organized, punctual, and who overall understands the importance of being impartial and judging all applicants in the same way with no personal biases involved.

Laurence Bernard—Choice #2

Sitting on this committee would give me the opportunity to read many very inspiring candidatures from involved students, and I would enjoy working with the VP Academic Affairs and her team. I will disclose all conflicts of interest.

Ian Clarke—Choice #2

I've won a bunch of awards during my time in undergrad, and this would be a fun way for me to give back to the next round of up-and-comers!

Julia Kryluk—Choice #2

I would like to be a member of this committee because I have a good understanding of what it is like to balance extracurricular activities with academics. Thus I believe I could adequately aid in the decision process. I am an ethical person and uphold high moral standards.

Tyler Cannon—Choice #3

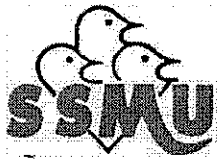
I had to do a lot of award nominating last year on MUSA. I tend to consider myself a fair and honest person.

Dylan Doyle—Choice #3

The opportunity to award students who have exceeded their mandate to attend McGill, and succeed in their academic life is a reward in itself. I would love to sit on their committee if only to have a hand in thanking those students who continue to justify why McGill is one of the top schools in the world. Beyond the cliché of “making someone’s day”, I can pledge impartiality, and transparency with regards to potential conflicts of interest that may arise.

Angela Herman—Choice #3

In addition to the relevant skills and abilities outlined in myself nomination for SSPN, acknowledging individuals who excel both in academia and in extracurricular activities within our school community is, in my opinion, an important mechanism for continuing support to our fellow



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students. With this in mind, I would appreciate the honour to award the students who excel in both these areas.

Queer McGill Undergraduate Fund Selection Committee (ad-hoc)

Laurence Bernard—Choice #3

This fund is a fantastic idea and I would like to be part of the team that is there to help queer or trans students who suffer discrimination. I will disclose all conflicts of interest.

VP External

External Affairs Committee

Laurence Bernard—Choice #1

- 1) Quebec Student Politics rock my socks
- 2) I know the dirty little secrets of ASSÉ (president of Association Étudiante du Cégep de Sherbrooke for 2 years) and CFS (part of the Selkirk College Students' Union), and know a lot about FEUQ, FECQ and TaCEQ.
- 3) I speak French. oui oui.
- 4) Joel is funny.

On a more serious note, I would very much enjoy working on studies' financial accessibility with the other members of the committee.

Jamie Burnett—Choice #1

I have extensive knowledge of student organizations and politics both within Québec and in English Canada. I started organizing students to fight for accessible education when I was in high school, activities I have continued at McGill. I spent one year on the coordinating committee for Free Education Montreal.

Radney Jean-Claude—Choice #1

I was involved in student politics when I was in CEGEP as well as other significant groups within Montreal. I am aware of the dynamic of their politics and believe my knowledges and backgrounds may bring a different perspective in this committee.

Micha Stettin—Choice #2

I have worked a lot on this issue, and made a campaign promise to work against tuition hikes.

Zhizhen Qin—Choice #3

As one of Quebec students as well as a SSMU councillor, I would like to be part of External Affairs Committee to make my own contribution to against tuition hiking. I also have international education background; therefore, I would strive my best to deal with educational policy that not only affects Canadian students but also international students.



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Community Engagement Committee

Usman Bin Shahid—Choice #2

Having been a part of its creation last year, I see a great potential for the committee in the future. I look forward to bringing more input to the committee by engaging it in more events and hoping to bring a few projects I have been working on over the summer to realisation through this committee.

Jamie Burnett—Choice #2

I have extensive experience working with off-campus community organizations in Montréal and elsewhere. I think it is very important for SSMU to actively participate in its (our) community and I would absolutely appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this project.

Alexander Kunev—Choice #2

As an avid supporter of the Charity Fund passed last year, i would be more than excited to be able to help with the allocation of the funds. Also, I want to support local communities needing help and contribution with the organization of related events.

Micha Stettin—Choice #3

No blurb was provided for this nomination.

VP Club & Services

Interest Group Committee

Sahil Chaini—Choice #2

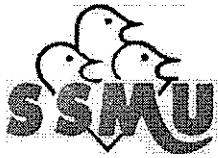
New clubs and services are vital to student life on campus. As my position indicates, it is my responsibility to let people know how they can form new clubs and participate in activities that they're interested in. I will be able to provide my constituents with detailed information as to the process of applying for club status. Many students wish to form clubs that represent their interests but do not know how or are too intimidated to do so. I would really like to help educate students about what they can achieve on campus!

Haley Dinel—Choice #2

Clubs are what make McGill great. I'd like to help make it easier for students to interact with and start clubs. Many clubs have issues with funding and participation, so I would like to give them a voice, but also exercise correct administration. I'd love to contribute to the goal of decreasing bureaucracy so that we can provide better services for students.

Kady Paterson—Choice #2

As the Interest Group Committee deals with the approval of new clubs, I feel my experience as a club founder would be beneficial. I've been through (and am still going through) the process of developing a club from the ground up, and I feel like this knowledge of the system would benefit the IGC. I have an interest in the C&S portfolio and the unique ideals of student groups, and would love an opportunity to interact with students through that process.



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Billi Wun—Choice #2

As one of the Clubs and Services Representatives this year as well as a former President of a service and a current President of a club, I believe I have been active enough in SSMU's clubs and services to be effective on the Interest Group Committee. In order to be fully involved with my constituency, having a voice on this committee is crucial to my mandate. My experience and devotion to SSMU's clubs and services is what compels me to seek membership on the IGC.

Adam Winer—Choice #3

My desire to join the IGC stems from my role as a Clubs and Services representative, and from my own experience as an executive of a club which went through the process of gaining full status last year. I can be an asset on this committee in that I enjoy working with people, will always come prepared, and can bring a level-headed perspective to difficult situations.

VP Internal

Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)

Dylan Doyle—Choice #1

The duality of student representation and event planning was what initially drew me to student government. As one of the lead coordinators for the highly successful Battle for the Charity, hosted in January by the Political Science Students' Association, I'm confident in my ability to assist and implement the proper vision for all events under the VP Internal's portfolio. Aside from this, I'm hoping to further gain expertise/practical event-planning skills from working on SSPN, that can be utilized at the faculty level, as the AUS VP External portfolio includes large-scale events such as Charity Week, the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair, etc.

Angela Herman—Choice #1

Obtaining a position on this committee would be a suitable position for me as I am a huge advocate for promoting school spirit, inter-faculty interaction and enjoy participating in all school events. I am an extremely organized individual who, through my previous experience and current program, has gained the knowledge of successful event planning, of how to work well with groups, and of how to use my leadership skills to take initiative and get things done!

Julia Kryluk—Choice #1

I am very interested in SSPN as I enjoy planning, organizing and executing events. Last year I sat on the Molson Residence Hall Council. On this council we planned many events for the students similar to the events this committee plans. Working as a team and combining our ideas we were able to put on many events for our residence as well as joint residence events. I also was an orientation leader in this past August and have participated in many SSMU run events. As I just came out of first year I feel I have a good perspective into what residence students enjoy and what events they will attend.



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Tariq Khan—Choice #2

As proposed in the SSMU retreat, I will be working hard to bring “McGill Professors Got Talent” to a reality. I have had past experience with organizing the McGill Engineering Competition and the Quebec Engineering Competition.

Jim Niu—Choice #2

I've been involved in clubs that were based around hosting events for students to meet new people and just have a good time, so I believe I have a bit of prior experience. I also really enjoy helping to plan events like this and I get a huge kick out of seeing people having a good time at events that I helped with!

Haley Dinet—Choice #3

I've had experience working with SSPN last year when volunteering for Faculty Olympics. Involvement in event planning is a goal of mine to be achieved while here at McGill. My experience is mainly with high school events like dances, bake sales, and sports days.

Commission des Affaires Francophones

Meagan Lepitre—Choice #2

Being born and raised in Quebec and speaking both fluent English and French, I believe that I am the perfect candidate for the Commission des Affaires Francophones. I strongly believe that bilingualism is a very important trait that is often pushed aside, especially at Anglophone universities such as McGill where many students are from out of province. Being a bilingual Quebecer myself, I would love the opportunity to be on this committee to aid in the celebration of francophone culture on campus.

Nominations missing from:

Emilie Leonard, Athletics Representative
Fenimore Love, Religious Studies Representative
Matt Crawford, Senate Caucus Representative

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