



**Report of the VP University Affairs to Executive Committee**  
February 7, 2012

*Senate Caucus/Senate*

- Last meeting, we had a relatively intense discussion about the presence of students dressed up like pirates during the Board of Governors meeting.
- I finished off my Senator Evaluations. Everyone was very open. I think it was a productive move that should be institutionalised every year. Senate Caucus this year has been absolutely incredible and I appreciate working with every one of them
- We have also worked on a couple questions to put forward at the next Senate meeting: One about inter-campus accessibility for Mac Campus and another about the QPIRG referenda questions.
- We will also be drafting an open letter to the McGill community in regards to recent events. We are still formulating ideas.
- [ssmu.mcgill.ca/senators](http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/senators)
- Senate will be striking a committee to review whether or not it will stream Senate meetings or not.

*By-Law Review Committee*

- I am working with Dylan and Janina about Book 1 reform. I finished the first draft. Janina will work on revising my work but it lo



- I sent a contract to QPIRG for a possible automatic renewal for the next 5 years. I will ideally bring this to exec in the next week or so!
- They have planned out a great array of events. Drop by the office for one of their flyers.  
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#### *Teaching & Learning Services*

- We had a great meeting with them last Friday to discuss future plans. One of the things we will do is start writing in the Teacher newsletter. It will be a good way to convey thoughts and ideas to professors.
- We are working on an interactive Senate meeting to discuss Teaching and Excellence.
- Murt is working on a survey on TA pedagogy with them!

#### *Research*

- By the end of the week, I will have 3 finalised research hires: Mentorship, Advising and Bilingualism. Although I may not be able to do much with this research, perhaps my



- Upon recommendation from the By-Law Review committee/Board of Directors, we have put forward different resolutions for reform. The process has been well planned out and I think the legal issues with the J-Board were dealt with efficiently. Great job team!

#### *General Assembly*

- The beast that is the General Assembly needs to be tamed or fed or something. Maggie has done a lot of work with outreach but the question still lingers, how do we make students feel like they have a stake in the issues and that particular form of direct governance?
- In any case, this Council should be fun with all the motions that passed after we lost Quorum.

#### *Community Engagement Day*

- Dropped by this initiative by SEDE for a bit. It seemed dynamic. Unfortunately, there

#### *Workgroup on Alternative Research Techniques*

- WART is going well. Tom has been on the ball and I think we will have job descriptions posted in the next week or so. Corporate Campus will be a good initiative that will be able to grow after I leave. Further, the films should be a good way to reach out to students. I am optimistic about these initiatives.

#### *Strategic Summit on Student Space*

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#### *Lease*

- We received an offer from McGill. There has been some movement on their end. We did meet with the Lease committee and there was a lot of contemplation and discussion. We will discuss more in confidential session.

#### *Consultation Fair*

- Overall, I do think that the Consultation Fair was a success. The format is effective and the outreach was a lot stronger this time. We saw a lot of new faces. However, more still could be done. There was also the issue of tension between some of the upper administration with some students. Since the fair has ended, I have met with the other organisers to debrief. I think once things are contextualised in terms of long term
- I am working with Janina to make a detailed exit report on this.

Respectfully submitted,

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