

September 23rd, 2011 (for Council on September 29th, 2011)

What an intense couple of weeks! The start of the school year continues to be exciting and extremely hectic as always (perhaps somewhat more so this year in light of the MUNACA strike!). A huge thank you to the Executive team, SSMU staff, and all the Councilors who have stepped up to the plate in so many different ways. It's been especially great having the Secretary General in the office to help me out!

- It has been a pleasure to see many Councilors in and out of the SSMU Office for meetings, committees, or just to talk about the issues of the day. We have received generally positive feedback so far on the functioning of Council during our first meeting (sorry about it being so long!) as well as about Council Retreat. The Athletics Rep resigned, so we are in the process of determining a replacement. I have also been in continued communication with EUS regarding the situation with the Architecture Rep.

- I have been chairing and coordinating Steering Committee (meeting weekly) and Nominating Committee (which met September 23rd). The Secretary General has been helping me coordinate the Ad-Hoc Bylaw Review Committee (which has its first meeting on Sept 28th).

- We received five substantive motions for this semester's General Assembly, which have been made available in English and French on the SSMU website. Thanks to the Speakers and Execs for their hard work in preparation and to all the people helping out with publicity. This report will be out of date by the time we have Council, so I will be happy to report orally if desired.

- Emily and I worked on putting this together (with support from the Secretary General, University Affairs Secretary General, and General Manager). At the time of writing I've yet to see how it goes, but I hope this experiment in student consultation will be successful and I will report orally if desired! The next strategic summit, which will address tuition hikes, will be held on September 30th.

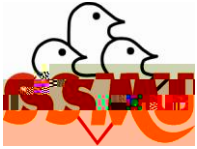
- I worked with SSMU's legal Q M

e

ü

SP

N



- While all the faculty association presidents and I have been very busy, we had productive meetings this week. I posted the signed memo sent by most undergraduate student societies to the Provost regarding the term extension of the Deputy Provost without student consultation on the SSMU website; we received a reply on September 22nd, which will also be posted. The Opt-In Campaign has been well supported, although opt out rates remain a substantial concern.

- We broke an attendance record and ran a very smooth event despite most of our porters are on strike. Congrats to the SSMU team (particularly Carol and Andrea). I enjoyed doing volunteer entrance door duty, which meant I got to meet a lot of people and help them fix their various issues.

- The most recent Athletics Roundtable will be hosted the same week as Council. I have been able to help connect organizers from PGSS, Varsity Council, and the Deputy Provost's Office for McGill participation in the Run for the Cure (October 2nd) and have provided communications support (e.g. the Facebook event, tabling suggestions, etc.). Emily and I also cheered on some of McGill's student athletes at a Martlets soccer game (where we defeated Concordia 3-1).

- I received a request from a SSMU member for SSMU's membership list, as is every member's right under stipulations laid out in the Companies Act (since SSMU is a non-profit corporation and accredited student association). This has required considerable attention, given the legalities and the obvious concern regarding students' privacy. I welcome feedback from Councillors and the student body at large on this issue (and recognize that more details may need to be explained).

- I have been working with CEO Rebecca Tacoma to sort out various technical issues with our online voting system.

- I've met with all the student staff within my portfolio and have been answering their questions as needed. Big thanks to our HR Advisor Marie-Elaine for all her hard work in making sure we are acting as better employers!

- I have been and will be working on the evaluations of the

