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"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
-King James Bible, Matthew 5:44

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The Events of 10 November

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Café Conversations. Because the VP External is extremely preoccupied with the tumultuous political climate at McGill right now, I will be taking over this project. I am collaborating with Anurag Dhir (Community Engagement Coordinator, SEDE) on how we can vamp up this event. Will be meeting with Kallee Lins to discuss how it went last year, best practices, how it can be improved for this year, etc. Expect the first one to be in January sometime.

Social Media. Facebook Profile: 2512 (4%). Facebook Page: 573 (2%). Twitter: 685 (16%).

Listserv. The week of November 7th we sent out not one, not two but three listservs. The first was regularly scheduled. The second was a special listserv advising people to vote in the referendum and mentioning Council's endorsement of a "Yes" vote for the CK UT and QPIRG questions. The third was an emergency listserv send on Friday 11 November informing students about information on the November 10 riots and the extensive support services available to them. I ve held off on this week's listserv so as to give our members a little break.

Website. Working out minor search-engine problems with the CPM and Plank, our web developers. I have asked for a general summary of what work has been done and what work remains to be done and Plank has been reluctant to do this Its been two weeks since Corina asked and we have yet to receive any report, but apparently will get one by the end of the week. In other news, Marketplace has officially launched! I am sure VP Patel will be reporting on this.

Human Resources. Met with Marie Elaine and Corina to discuss the most effective methods for assigning work to student staff.

Creative Marketing Manager. Status quo. He's been busy with school.

Translators. Unfortunately one of our beloved Translators is leaving us! She has chosen to pursue other projects. We are looking for a new Translator and welcome any applications and recommendations. Please have candidates email me or Marie-Elaine Reid, HR Advisor, at hr@ssmu.mcgill.ca.

Old McGill Staff. The Editor-in-Chief was a little stressed with the service from our new publishing company but I have collected her grievances and will be following up with Friesen's Specifically, there are some functions on the website that we were promised would be functional but are not. I have scheduled a conference call with our rep and will be working this out over the phone on Thursday.

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Integrated Orientation Debrief. Had to cancel the second Frosh debrief as I was feeling ill and some of the key players were unable to attend. The first one was a really interesting success and I look forward to disseminating and analyzing the information.

Centraide. I am collaborating with Max Luke and Monika Fabian and the Gerts Bar Manager about how to contribute to Centraide. We are considering setting up a "Celebrity Bartender night every (for instance) Wednesday at 5pm-7pm. At this time, we would hang Centraide banners in the bar, and all gratuities from the Celebrity Bartender would be donated to the charity. Example of potential bartenders: me, Shyam, Faculty Association Presidents, prominent athletes, etc.

Synesthasia. This student-run charity event asked for me to consult and I did. Giving them some guidance through venue woes and navigating their way to becoming a SSMU club.

CASCO. I helped Marie Louise, MUS VP Engagement, order beer for one of her events and work through basic delivery logistics.

MUS Hype Week. I attended most of MUS Carnival Hype Week last week as a way of showing support. Strangely enough, it was an excellent way to communicate with students about what happened on November 10, and these are students that otherwise would not have necessarily known! Congratulations to the MUS for running a successful event, best Power Hour I have ever been to by far.