

## Students' Society of McGill University Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

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The most radical revolutionary will become a conservative the day after the revolution. Hannah Arendt (1906 - 1975)

Report of the President to Council January 21st, 2010

Men's Basketball: Fourth Year guard Matt Thornhill drains a buzzer beater to drop UQAM's Citadins 60-59. The ball was inbounded with 0.9 seconds left.

Meeting with AVP Jim Nicell + Building Tour: I accompanied VP Olle.

Daycare: Very good things happening in this area. Sent a first draft to Daniel, should have a written response soon. I spoke to him about it briefly, and his only concerns related to the language. It appears that we have an agreement in principal, it only needs to be formalized. He is happy with the price.

Ancillary Fees: As of right now, the University is tentatively proposing to raise all ancillary fees by a total of less than \$15 per year. I don't have the full details yet, but I think this is a very good compromise. This would save us an elaborate referendum process, and would only result in a minimal increase for the average student. This also bodes well for the current regulations in place.

Because of this, me and 1 other lucky SSMU executive will get a sneak peak at the 10-11 budget. I will likely bring VP Dooley.

Cafeteria Sustainability Project: This has already started! If you have been up to the cafeteria you may have noticed the slightly different arrangement. We are still very much in the experimental phase, but I am very happy to have started in there. I have also been in touch with Dennis Fortune from McGill's Office for Sustainability about recycling polystyrene.

Apparently, this can be recuperated and transformed into various plastic furniture items. This can easily be integrated into the CSC's daily responsibilities. We still have a couple of issues to address: Find the ideal location for such a venture, and improve the signage.

Generations Pact Projects: Still waiting for the funding to initiate both the Organic Campus and McGill Food Systems (Phase II) projects. I will look into allocating our already committed funds into starting the projects, but this will not sustain them for very long.

Green Fee: This expires this semester! I have already entered into discussions with the Environment Commissioners and they will be ready to organize a campaign. I will provide the logistical support, but they already have a full volunteer base.

Fees: Speaking of, I got an update from Student Accounts on the fees that will be expiring this semester. They include:

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