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4 Announcements

4.1 A welcome from Principal Fortier

Principal Fortier has come to address Council and speak on a few issues of importance to PGSS, as well as to take a few questions afterwards.

4.2 Sexual Violence Policy - Request for Input

Provost Manfredi has recently circulated a draft Policy against Sexual Violence to all members of the University community for consultation. This Policy will be brought to Senate this fall initially for information, then for a vote hopefully before the end of the term. During this time of consultation and active listening, the administration is working to ensure that insights and perspectives from across the McGill community are heard to ensure that we will have a strong Policy that will be effectively implemented.

Please to review the draft Policy and take some time to provide feedback and encourage the membership at your PGSA’s to do the same.

The draft Policy can be found here: https://mcgill.ca/provost/files/provost/svp_draft_for_campus-wide_consultation.pdf

SSMU / PGSS response to the draft policy can be found here.


A list of related FAQs and their responses can be found here: http://mcgill.ca/provost/strategic-initiatives/sexual-violence-policy/faq

The online form for providing feedback (can be anonymous) on the draft Policy can found here: http://mcgill.ca/provost/strategic-initiatives/sexual-violence-policy/form

4.3 First Aid - Healthcare Professionals Course (CPR level C+) with the Emergency First Aid

Registration is NOW OPEN!!!

Common emergency topics covered: Emergency scene management, Fainting/unconsciousness, Bleeding & Wound care, Diabetic emergencies, seizures, Bone & Joint injuries, Asthma & Allergies, & environmental emergencies. A certification card is provided by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Length: 8 hours (STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE FULL 8 HOURS)

Dates: Sunday November 1st from 12:00-4:30pm and November 8th 12h00 - 4:30pm
Most importantly, students will acquire the confidence to react in an emergency situation.

More information, please see the courses tab on the PGSS website!

4.4 Focus Groups on Sexual Violence Policy

SSMU and PGSS members will be able to sign up for focus group slots online, identifying if they wish to participate in a general group or a survivor-only group. Input will also be made available with an online form with prompt questions that will be used in the focus group sessions, to accommodate members who wish to provide more in-depth feedback but are not comfortable doing so in a small group setting. Furthermore, representatives of SSMU and PGSS can meet with McGill policy makers for one-on-one meetings if students wish to communicate their comments directly.

4.5 Consent Week at McGill (+ Symposium at Thomson House)

Consent McGill invites you to take part in our 3rd Consent Week Campaign taking place from September 26th-30th, 2016. Please join us in participating in a variety of interactive and educational events to learn more about consent, sexual violence prevention, and the importance of providing effective support.

We would also like to highlight the Symposium on Improving Survivor Care and Supporting Disclosures of Sexual Violence in a University to McGill faculty and staff members. The Symposium will take place on Tuesday September 27th from 6 p.m. -9 p.m (at Thomson House Ballroom) and will feature a list of speakers from the McGill community to discuss improving survivor care, information on how to respond to disclosures, the multiple barriers sexual assault survivors can face in regards to support and the disclosure process, what McGill does in terms of support and reporting options. To reserve a seat please register through myinvolvement.

Everyone plays a role in making McGill a safer space, and we hope that this symposium will help not only help to spread awareness of the importance of supporting disclosures, but to also educate members of the McGill community on how to effectively support someone disclosing sexual violence.

We invite you to get involved and learn more about how you can make a difference by attending one of our events

- Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students’ Society (SACOMSS) Open House
- Candlelight Vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Symposium - Improving Survivor Care: Supporting Disclosures of Sexual Violence in a University Setting.
- How to Respond to and Support Disclosures of Sexual Violence Workshop
- Panel - Addressing Sexual Violence and Power Dynamics
- Know Your Rights Information Session
- Closed Workshop for Survivors of Sexual Assault
- Becoming an Active Bystander: A Sexual Violence Prevention Workshop
- Self-Care Corner: Wellness Through Potting
- #ConsentMcGill Booths (with prize wheels, consent colouring books and much more!)

We hope to see you during #ConsentMcGill week
Consent Week at McGill (+ Symposium at Thomson House)

4.6 Open Forums on Sustainability

McGill’s administration is looking for input from students, faculty and staff as they prepare a climate action plan that aims to 1) reduce McGill’s carbon footprint 2) expand initiatives on sustainability research and teaching and 3) develop concrete measures to ensure that McGill’s investments comply with Environmental, Social and Governance principles. Please share your thoughts!

Friday, September 23rd (3pm-5pm) - Downtown Campus - Chancellor Day Hall Moot Court
Wednesday, September 28th (2pm-4pm), - Downtown Campus - Thomson House Ballroom
Friday, September 30th, 2016 (10:30am - 12:30pm) - MacDonald Campus - MacDonald Stewart Building, Faculty Lounge

4.7 Fossil Free Week: September

Divest McGill and McGill Faculty and Librarians for Divestment are organizing Fossil Free Week, a week for climate justice at McGill. Includes trainings for Open Forum on Sustainability *Located in Thomson House Ballroom (3650 McTavish), 2:00pm September 28th.

For more information, please visit
http://www.fossilfreeweek.com/fossil-free-week-schedule
https://www.facebook.com/DivestMcGill/
Fossil Free Week: September

4.8 Request for input: Review of federal funding for fundamental science

Canada’s Minister of Science, Honourable Kirsty Duncan, launched an independent review of federal funding for fundamental science. The review will assess the program machinery that is currently in place to support science and scientists in Canada. Findings will help maintain and strengthen Canada’s international standing in fundamental science and ensure that scientists have the tools, training and support needed to excel globally.

PGSS members are encouraged to share their ideas, whether as an expert in their field or simply as a citizen who is interested in the role of science in society.

Click on the following link (before September 30th) to contribute!
http://www.scincereview.ca/eic/site/059.nsf/eng/h_00021.html
And here for more information
http://www.scincereview.ca/eic/site/059.nsf/eng/home
4.9 Meditation @ Thomson House - Sponsored by StudentCare

GREAT NEWS!!! MSO has confirmed sponsorship from StudentCare!

This service is free for PGSS Members: grad students and postdocs. Any non-members are able to participate at a cost of $5 drop-in. Please check out the events’ section on the pgss website for the dates. First session is October 3rd!

Registration is encouraged to anticipate numbers.

Any questions email: membership.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

Mondays from 12:30-1:30pm, Thomson House, Room 404

Join us for a break in your day to cultivate focus and inner peace. No previous meditation experience necessary; each session is designed to be accessible to anyone interested. Mats are provided, though you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer.

4.10 PGSS seat on McGill Daily Board of Directors

The Daily Publications Society, the publisher of The McGill Daily and Le Délit, is looking for a PGSS member to fill a seat on its 2016-2017 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets monthly and exercises legal and financial oversight over the DPS, to which most graduate students contribute a fee. It is recommended that candidates be familiar with the DPS newspapers, but previous involvement is not required.

Please send an email to chair@dailypublications.org to obtain a candidate form. The application deadline is October 16.

4.11 Self-Defense Course

These workshops are accessible to all—each person trains at their own pace and capacity and can, at any time, take a break as they see fit. We hope you will join us and see what difference it will make in your everyday life!

This 2 part introduction course will focus on the following topics:

Sunday, November 20, 2016 12 to 3pm: Preventive, Tactical, and Combative Measures

Sunday, November 27, 2016 – 12 to 3pm: Escape from Holds

Check out the Courses tab on the PGSS website for more information and to register!
5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 Sec Gen Report and Work-plan to Council

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6.2 FAO Report to Council

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2016-09-21 FAO Report to Council

6.3 Health Commissioner - September Report and Work plan

Here are both my report for end of August to September and my work plan for the year. If you have any questions about either don’t hesitate to contact me at health.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca.

2016-09-12 Health Commissioner - September Report and Work plan ()

2016-09-12 Health Commissioner - September Report and Work plan ()

6.4 Executive and Commissioner Work Plans 2016 - 2017

Concatenated Work Plans are available.

2016-09-16 Executive and Commissioner Work Plans 2016 - 2017

6.5 IAO Report to Council

The IAO expresses their most sincere apologies for the brief report. The IAO was fulfilling her academic requirements in completing a grant application due today, September 21st, and was unable to submit her workplan on time for the September 21st council. A brief report is attached. The detailed IAO workplan will be included in the upcoming council agenda.
2016-09-21 IAO Report to Council

6.6 EAO Report to Council

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6.7 Academic Affairs - Report to September Council

2016-09-14 Academic Affairs - Report to September Council

6.8 Member Services Officer Report to September Council

2016-09-14 Member Services Officer Report to September Council

6.9 Member Support Commissioner report to September Council

Hi everyone, hope your semesters have been off to a great start! Below is my report to council for September, along with a general workplan for the year.

2016-09-14 Member Support Commissioner report to September Council ()
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6.10 Equity and Diversity Commissioner Report for September Council

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6.11 Environment Commissioner Report/Work Plan

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7 Question Period

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9.1 Applications sent from the Appointments Board Committee for Approval

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9.2 "Motion to Approve a Referendum Question on a Midnight Kitchen Student Levy

Whereas the Midnight Kitchen (MK) is a non-profit, volunteer and worker-run organization that since 2002 provides a free, balanced and complete vegan lunch to around 300 students every Monday through Thursday at 12:30 (Shatner building, 3480 McTavish);

Whereas the Midnight Kitchen is open to everybody, and is regularly attended by graduate students;

Whereas SSMU-members (undergraduate students) currently support MK on the basis of a $3.35/semester fully opt-outable levy on their student bills;

Whereas additional funds would enable the Midnight Kitchen to add more paid staff positions, thereby providing student jobs, consolidating and diversifying its operations, and expanding its services to reach more people, including hungry graduate students;

Whereas Midnight Kitchen is collaborating with PGSS and SSMU to cater a study program for student parents in the coming year;

BIRT the following question be placed on the annual, upcoming PGSS referendum:

“Do you support a student levy of $0.75/semester to support the Midnight Kitchen, payable and fully opt-outable on Minerva by members of PGSS? The levy would run from the winter semester of 2017 until the fall semester of 2018 (inclusive), at which point it would be brought back to the membership for renewal” (yes/no).”

9.3 Motion to create a Committee for Member Services

Whereas every PGSS Executive has a committee, except for the Member Services Officer;

Whereas some internal committees are structured to allow for the committee to choose who the PGSS representatives to external committees would be, in order to streamline the process of filling external committees;

Whereas the creation of a Committee for Member Services would ensure better PGSS representation on student services advisory boards, and could also help to revive both the Family Care Caucus and the International Students Caucus;

BIRT Council conditionally approve the changes included in the attached document, thereby recommending a review by the Governance Committee.

Motion to create a Committee for Member Services

9.4 Amendment to Budget for MCGSS funding

Whereas the Macdonald Graduate Students’ Society (MCGSS) acts as a campus wide organization for representation, advocacy and student life for graduate students of the Macdonald Campus acting as a Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS) equivalent for the Macdonald campus,
Whereas restructuring of the budget beginning in 2016 - 2017 will allow for future funding for MCGSS to be reinstated at $5 per student per semester,

BIRT that PGSS take the equivalent of 5$ per Graduate Student at Mac Campus (approximately $2,500) from the PGSS Grants budget line for winter 2017 to allocate to MCGSS.

BIRT that PGSS includes in their annual budget the equivalent of 5$ per Graduate Student per semester at Mac Campus to allocate to MCGSS each semester.

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9.5 Motion to amend SAM to allow MCGSS to access PGSLF

Dear fellow PGSS Councillors,

We at MCGSS, the recognised PGSA for graduate students at the Macdonald campus, have a difficult year ahead of us. Our revenue stream has been reduced to $0. We host regular events for graduate students that we will be unable to host this year. We are bringing a motion to PGSS, and hopefully the General Assembly, to be able to access a new source of funding. We will use the funding to continue to build a social atmosphere at MAC and provide avenues for graduate students to communicate with their students’ society. We have attached our previous budgets and financial reports for the past 2 years so you can know what we spend our funds on. We have also attached our proposed budget for this year if we were to acquire our new sources of funding. We hope you consider our appeal and let us explain to you the need for this funding.

Our motion is as follows, the full motion can be found in the attached documents.

Whereas the Macdonald Graduate Students’ Society (hereafter referred to as MCGSS) acts as a campus wide organisation for representation, advocacy and student life for graduate students of the Macdonald Campus.

Whereas MCGSS acts as a Post-Graduate Students’ Society (hereafter referred to as PGSS) equivalent for the Macdonald campus

Whereas MCGSS hosts monthly events to provide a more social campus environment for graduate students

Whereas providing food, at events discussing issues facing graduate students, increases turnout

Whereas MCGSS is unable to acquire its own membership fees

Whereas PGSS has historically returned $16 per MCGSS member from the PGSS Membership fee to aid MCGSS in its activities, programming and advocacy

Whereas PGSS in the 2016 Winter Budget reduced its payments to MCGSS to $0 as a result of paying the Macdonald Campus Students’ Society (undergraduate society) $11 per MCGSS member

Whereas without any source of revenue, MCGSS will be unable to reach out and speak to its membership, unable to learn what its membership wants of MCGSS, unable to build a campus community and cease to be of any use or importance to the Macdonald campus.

BIRT MCGSS be allowed to collect 30% of the Post-Graduate Student Life Fund it administers from the graduate student departments located at the Macdonald Campus.
BIFRT article “3.4.4 For graduate student departments located at the Macdonald Campus, MCGSS will collect 30% of the graduate student departments’ allocated PGSLF amount for partial funding of MCGSS activities and programs” be added to the PGSS Society Activities Manual under Section 2: Post-Graduate Student Life Fund

BIFRT phrases in the PGSS Society Activities Manual that departments located at the Macdonald campus be prefixed with “graduate student” to not allow non-PGSS members (such as professors, administration staff) to access the PGSLF

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