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3 Speaker’s Report

4 Announcements

4.1 Consultation Report: McGill University Draft Policy Against Sexual Violence

Focus groups on the university administration’s proposed Policy Against Sexual Violence were held between Sept. 23 and Oct. 3 on downtown and mac campus. A report and recommendations have been compiled based on feedback obtained from students and survivors in our community. They will be presented at Senate next week, October 19 alongside the proposed policy.

Consultation Report: McGill University Draft Policy Against Sexual Violence

4.2 CKUT referendum announcement

CKUT referendum announcement by Tamara Filyavich CKUT Board of Directors Secretary Arts and Culture Coordinator

4.3 Centraide Campaign.

Last year McGill ran a record-breaking campaign in support of Centraide, raising more than $50,000 over and above our goal of $475,000 – for a grand total of $525,607. That’s why this year we believe we can reach even higher, but we can’t do it without you.

Why Support Centraide?

How do you choose between rent and food? How do you stay concentrated in school with an empty stomach? Poverty and social exclusion are daily realities for about one out of six people and about one out of five children in Greater Montreal.

Please join your fellow faculty, students, and staff in making a donation to a vast network of community agencies supported by Centraide. All of these organizations help vulnerable individuals and families on the Island of Montreal, in Laval, and on the South Shore. Many have McGill connections, such as Santropol Roulant, Head and Hands, and the Genesis Legal Clinic. In the weeks to come, we will be introducing you to members of our community who are working with these organizations in the McGill Reporter. Please stay tuned.

Generosity is contagious and so is the good feeling we get from giving, and we invite you to bring others along on this amazing journey. That’s why, until the end of the campaign in early December, we will be asking you to “tag a friend” when you make a gift, attend an on-campus event, or volunteer at a
Centraide-supported organization. We encourage you to find just one person to do the same. Check out the McGill-Centraide Campaign website for more details on how to share your story on social media. On Twitter @McGillCentraide #McGillCentraide.

4.4 Interested in open data, open access and/or open education? Get involved!!

OOOCanada (Open Access, Open Data, Open Education) is a network of students, faculty and alumni dedicated to promoting open initiatives and facilitating knowledge sharing. They’re trying to build a university presence so if you want to be involved in improving the accessibility of scholarly research, availability of data to the public and/or use of open and free educational resources, at McGill, please email me at william.liu@mail.mcgill.ca.

*** more info about OOOCanada here: http://www.ooocanada.ca/

4.5 Draft Smoking Policy DT Public Forum

As most of you are aware, the University is presently exploring options to develop a Smoking Policy. The DRAFT Policy has been developed and we are ready to proceed for community feedback. This policy will be publicized over the coming weeks through a dedicated website, WhatsNew, a Reporter article, and hopefully the student media.

The DT Public Forum has been scheduled from 2:30-4:30PM in the Redpath Museum Auditorium (McDonald campus has yet to be scheduled).

The Forum will consist of a presentation (30m) followed by a question period (1-1.5 hr). There will be a panel to answer questions moderated by Prof. Lindsay Duncan.

4.6 Call for Study Saturday Volunteers

Study Saturday is to provide an opportunity once or twice a month for McGill students with child dependents to complete academic work while their children are cared for in the same building. This year a collaboration between Midnight Kitchen, SSMU and PGSS have finalized a sustainable location and set up. MK will be providing lunch for all volunteers and participants at every Study Saturdays.

For more information, please contact membership.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

4.7 Movember November!

Hi Everyone! Movember is soon upon us!

Movember is a phenomenal charity that raises money and awareness for men's health including: Prostate cancer, Testicular cancer, Mental health and suicide prevention. There will be McGill wide and PGSS wide teams for fundraising and growing amazing facial hair. It’s not just for those who can grow a moustache! You can also pledge to the 'move' challenge, and challenge yourself to be physically active every day in November, and fundraise based on that pledge was well!

I am hoping to get PGSAs involved, and get some healthy fundraising competition going for a potential prize at the end of the month! Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in getting your organization or PGSA involved, please come talk to me, or send me an e-mail at health.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca
4.8 Interested in open initiatives? Get involved!

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4.9 New Energy Management Program at McGill and Implications

Hydro Québec has launched a demand-side management incentive program to which McGill is taking part this coming winter. Jerome Conraud, from McGill’s Utilities & Energy Management, would like to inform the PGSS of the ins and outs of the program and implications for the McGill community.

4.10 Invited Speaker: StudentCare Representative presenting on PGSS Health and Dental Insurance

4.11 Sustainability Projects Fund Working Group Recruitment

Hi everyone -

Amir over here. My 2-year tenure representing the PGSS at the SPF working group is ending this academic term. If you would like to sign up for a 2-year tenure to represent the PGSS after me, please e-mail environment.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca and I will make sure to notify you about the appointment process once I figure it out myself.

It’s a fun job - you essentially work with people from all over campus to figure out how to allocate $1 million a year to really cool sustainability projects on campus. There’s one 2-hour meeting per month, and about 2-3 hours of prep work, so it’s not very onerous!

To learn more about the SPF, go here: https://www.mcgill.ca/sustainability/spf/about-spf/spf-working-group

5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 Equity and Diversity Commissioner Report to October Council

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6.2 Member Support Commissioner Report to October GM

Sorry I can’t be there tonight!

2016-10-12 Member Support Commissioner Report to October GM

6.3 Member Services Officer report to October Council

Attached is the updates of current projects and my work plan for the year. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me: membership.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

2016-10-14 Member Services Officer report to October Council

6.4 Health Commissioner Report

Please see the report of my activities from September - October. Any questions or ideas? Don’t hesitate to come and chat with me, or send me an e-mail at health.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

2016-10-12 Health Commissioner Report

6.5 IAO Report to GM

You can reach me at internal.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca. I am always open to new ideas, suggestions and criticism. I want to ensure that your PGSS experience is enriching your Graduate life at McGill and I want to work with you to make it fulfilling!

2016-10-19 IAO Report to GM

6.6 FAO Report

FAO Report

2016-10-19 FAO Report
6.7 External Affairs Officer GM REPORT

2016-10-18 External Affairs Officer GM REPORT

6.8 Academic Affairs Officer - report to GM

2016-10-15 Academic Affairs Officer - report to GM

6.9 Sec Gen Report to Fall 2016 GM

Please see documents attached.

2016-10-14 Sec Gen Report to Fall 2016 GM ()

7 New Business

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Update of PGSS Obligatory Fees

On the last meeting with the Fees advisory committee, it was mentioned that all obligatory fees that students pay will require and END date. The concern was raised by administration that reasons for certain fees have changed over the years and no longer support the need for it's original cause. That being said, PGSS Society Fees which help members and Thomson House, need to also be reviewed. At this time it is not a matter of why we pay into certain fees OR IF we should continue paying into them.
The administration simply wants all fees to have an accompanying end date. As this is a large task to take on, any thoughts is greatly appreciated.

How would you like to see this happen?

I could provide a list of the obligatory fees grad students pay into → end dates are proposed and we vote on it?