**Report of the Vice-President Social Affairs, October 15th 2014**

**EPIC**

* I’ve had a few drop outs from the committee so I’ll be re-opening applications this week. I must say I’m rather disappointed to see these members go, but I suppose it’s a new opportunity to get more fantastic and enthusiastic people on board!
  + Rather than just dipping into the applicants from before, I’ve decided to fully re-open the application and poster around campus and in residences to get some first years interested. I’d also like to get some people who were frosh leaders this year to be on EPIC, so that if they’re interested in being coordinators at some point, they have event planning experience
    - This ties in to the idea of perpetuation I brought up when giving my frosh report. Having people with solid event planning experience and an understanding of how to make events inclusive and fun for all is vital.
* In spite of these drop outs, EPIC had a very productive meeting last week!
  + We’re hard at work planning our next major event, the Stache-Dash – an apartment crawl with proceeds benefiting the Canadian Cancer Society!
  + We’re also looking at the possibilities of getting a group out to go to La Ronde’s Fright Fest.

**Film Series**

* My focus is on raising the profile of the group. They’re relatively new but they’re so enthusiastic and excited about their events, it’s really infectious!
* Last night was “What Ever Happened to Baby Jane”
* Next Monday at 7pm is “Seven Psychopaths”
* Our showings all take place in a new wonderful space at Peel 3475, Room 101
* We’re also currently working on doing a big Lower Field movie showing for Halloween!
  + The Nightmare Before Christmas and Carrie are our two movies we’re hoping to do!

**Bar des Arts**

* I had a meeting with Rona Hunter yesterday, the FMC member who is present today and is working with me to reduce BdA’s deficit. As of the writing of this report we had not met yet, so I’ll probably just speak about this aloud! She’ll also go over her findings in her report
* I also had a meeting with my equivalents in the other faculties (VP Internal for EUS and EdUS and VP Events for MUS) to discuss different practices in running a student bar.
  + Blue’s Pub seems to be doing the best, but they charge more than double the price of everything BdA sells. They also don’t have their own staff, they let the departments run each separate event every week. They attribute the success of this model to their smaller size and closer-knit community.
  + 4a7 is in a similar state to BdA. They posted a $4,000 loss last year. This doesn’t seem to bother the MUS, however, as they aim to lose with this event. They make money on their other events, however, which offsets this loss. The AUS hasn’t made money off of its school-year events in the past but perhaps this is something we could look into doing. The MUS VP Events, Jony Tabuteau, also expressed similar concerns as myself and Rona, that staff drinking is an issue. We try to combat this by charging $15 for every staff member who wishes to join, but Jony pointed out that this may lead to more consumption than before because staff now want to get their money’s worth.
  + We all agreed that staff drinking is a difficult area to regulate and that most of the money lost can be attributed to this.

**Frosh**

* There was an Orientation Planning Group meeting last week where we discussed the scheduling for next year’s Frosh. Because of where Labour Day falls in 2015, and because of McGill’s requirements for a specific number of hours of instruction per semester, the schedule will be rather wonky. Have a look:

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** | **Sunday** |
| Aug 24 | Aug 25 | Aug 26 | Aug 27 | Aug 28 | Aug 29 | Aug 30 |
|  |  | * **Orientation Centre opens** | * **Mature Students** | * **Parent Tent & Info** * **Mature Students** | * **Parent Tent & Info** * **Rez Move-In** | * **Parent Tent & Info** * **Rez Move-In** |
| Aug 31 | Sep 1 | Sep 2 | Sep 3 | Sep 4 | Sep 5 | Sep 6 |
| * **Parent Tent & Info** * **Rez Fest** * **Training** * **Discover Mac start** | * **Discover McGill** * **Engage McGill** | * **DM:AE** | **Transfer Students?**   * **DM:AE Mac?** * **Frosh?** | **Classes Start** | **Frosh** | **Frosh** |
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| Sep 7 | Sep 8 | Sep 9 | Sep 10 | Sep 11 | Sep 12 | Sep 13 |
| **Labour Day**   * **Frosh?** | **Graduate Orientation?** |  |  | **Orientation Centre closes** |  |  |

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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