



## Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU AUS Legislative Council- September 14th 2020

### General Business of the Arts Representatives

- Summer Business
  - Attended monthly Excomm meetings
- Legislative Council Training:
  - Legislative Council training took place over Zoom teleconference, last Friday (September 4th), from 10:00 EST-16:00 EST.
    - Thank you to Lauren, Wing, Michal, and Maeve, for taking the time to organise and present to us! We really appreciate all of your dedication and hard work.

### Legislative Council (Students' Society of McGill University)

- For the present time, Legislative Council will be held over Zoom teleconference, on Thursdays at 18:00 EST, every two weeks.
  - If you're interested in participating as a "member of the gallery" in the teleconference, send an email to the Speaker of Council, Lauren Hill ([speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca)), and she will add you to the call.
  - As always, Legislative Council will also be streamed live over YouTube!
    - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiDp4ezJq-S31ARcwwRstXg>
- Legislative Council: September 8th 2020
  - Motions:
    - *Motion Regarding an Interim Provision for Amendments to the McGill Debating Union Constitution*
      - Outlines substantial changes to the Constitution of the McGill Debating Union
        - Amendments were originally submitted to SSMU in 2018, but were submitted to the wrong email! They were passed by the Board of Directors over the summer and had to be ratified by Legislative Council
        - Passed
    - *Motion Regarding the Elections and Referenda Timeline*
      - Outlines the dates for the Fall 2020 "Referendum Period" and the Winter 2021 "Election and Referendum Period"
      - Passed
    - *Motion Regarding an Interim Provision for Elections and Referenda Timeline*

- Outlines the dates for the elections for the Clubs and Services Representatives to Legislative Council, and the First Year Council (FYC)
  - Passed
- *Motion Regarding an Interim Provision for Amendments to the Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference*
  - Outlines a slight change to the membership of the Human Resources Committee
    - Passed
- Notice of Motions (to be debated at the next Council on September 24th):
  - *Notice of Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda*
  - *Notice of Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Human Resources Policy*
- Reports from Executives:
  - President, Jemark Earle, outlined in his report that:
    - The Judicial Board heard a case regarding the validity of the referendum on amendments to the SSMU Constitution. The results were struck-down due to the document not being passed in French
      - Will be coming back before the membership, during the fall referendum
    - Finished the first draft on a new “5-Year Plan” and currently in the middle of consultations
    - Construction at the University Centre and 3501 Peel is FINISHED!!
  - VP-Finance, Gifford Marpole, outlined in his report that:
    - The “fee opt-out period” for this semester begins on September 15th and lasts until September 29th at 23:59 EST
    - Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the SSMU audit will be taking place later this year
    - The club workshop will be taking place on September 19th, 20th, and 26th, and will be taking place over Zoom
  - VP- Student Life, Maheen Atker, outlined in her report that:
    - Space agreements for the University Centre are being negotiated between SSMU and the various services and ISGs
    - The “services summit” will be taking place alongside the club’s workshop
    - Weekly event’s committee meetings are taking place to review Covid-19 operational plans and to approve event declarations
    - In the absence of a VP-Internal, the executives have split the portfolio and she will be handling SSMU’s communications
    - SSMU’s daycare is open but at a reduced capacity

- VP- University Affairs, Brooklyn Frizzle, outlined in their report that:
  - Working on mobilizations against anti-Black racism and police violence, as well as PEQ reforms
  - Advocating for a donation campaign and student aid to support Lebanese students
  - Review process for a “Policy on Harassment and Discrimination” has been ongoing since June 15th. A finalized draft has been submitted for Senate approval
  - Hiring:
    - Currently working with the BSN on the hiring of a Black Affairs Commissioner
    - Working with QM and UGE on the development of a “Queer Affairs” Commissioner position
  - Nomination and submission forms for the naming/renaming of SSMU buildings were released in the September 3rd listserv and the deadline to submit is September 17th
  - Study hubs in Redpath and the Law library opened on September 8th! Plans are being developed to open the Music Library, Birks, Redpath Hall, and Mac Campus
    - Slots MUST be pre-booked and group study is prohibited
- Committee Allocations:
  - Councillors were allocated their committees for the 2020/2021 academic year!
    - Committee Allocations for the Arts Representatives are listed below! For a full list of the allocations, check the SSMU’s website or reach out to one of us!
- Gerts:
  - See below for some of the BEST news you’ll receive in 2020!

**Arts Representative Paige Collins ([artsrep1@ssmu.ca](mailto:artsrep1@ssmu.ca))**

- Committees:
  - Finance Committee
  - Mental Health Committee

**Arts Representative Alex Karasick ([artsrep2@ssmu.ca](mailto:artsrep2@ssmu.ca))**

- Committees:
  - Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM)
  - Comprehensive Governance Review Committee (CGRC)

**Arts Representative Chip Smith ([artsrep3@ssmu.ca](mailto:artsrep3@ssmu.ca))**

- Committees:
  - Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM)

- Steering Committee
- Office Hours:
  - Will be holding “virtual office hours” over Zoom, this semester!
    - Waiting until the end of “add/drop” to fully set into stone, but looking at possibly Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons!
      - Would LOVE feedback on this!

Respectfully Submitted,

Paige Collins, Arts Representative to SSMU  
Alex Karasick, Arts Representative to SSMU  
Chip Smith, Arts Representative to SSMU

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In response to Councilor Daryanani's inquiry (Senate Caucus) inquiry, the VP Finance says that it is a "soft yes" on Gert's reopening in Winter 2021.  
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