

Written Reports, EUS General Council: January 24th 2017

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General Reports

Engineering Senator

Trying to keep it to under 2 Pages.

APC (Academic Policy Committee) *Next meeting February 9th.*

Meeting January 19th

- > Concerns still not answered by Olivier Dynes: The partnership-exchange approval with the School of Architecture (that passed); emailed twice, have not received an answer from Dynes or his office. @Architecture
- > The student and departmental advisor decide what has equivalency, a standard should be set rather than based on the whim of an advisor and student to ensure fairness for everyone involved.
- > Provost at January 19th meeting mentioned to Erin he's moving forward on the side of APC with a new working group that will require student assistance - timeline is still up in the air. Sparked discussion within Senate Caucus about how departments and faculties determine course equivalency.

UTLWG (University Teaching Lab Working Group).

Meeting December 15th Cancelled

Meeting January 24th.

- > The ChemWall proposed and semi-approved in 2016 by EUS Council will be up for revival in FY2019 (meaning next year January). @CHEMICAL @MATERIALS Please talk to me.
- > MacDonald Harrington will be undergoing major renovations starting in January 2018 until December 2019 to renovate the roof, exterior facade, and water damage on 5th and 4th floor. As well there is a move by the Faculty to renovate MacDonald 115.
- > Approved New equipment for the Materials Characterization (Materials Laboratories and Electron Microscopy Laboratories) (\$24,164) and as well as \$31,000 to Engineering Laboratories (Trottier 4th floor)

UHSC (University Health and Safety Committee)

Meeting January 23rd.

- > The Smoking Policy was postponed to the January 23rd meeting due to lack of description surrounding marijuana usage on campus. [A plethora of changes were made as a result of the town halls which is great, and it was passed at the January 23rd meeting.](#)
- > ULSC (University Laboratory Safety Committee) - Annual Biosafety Report – was excellent. Need to get the U15 together to Lobby the Minister of Health because we're not getting through to the CFIA.
- > Daycares were tested for Radon contamination and the SSMU Daycare passed as well as all daycares on the downtown campus. The MacDonald Campus Daycare did reach Radon levels that required action and the university has taken aggressive action and the testing has come

back positive (down from their initial readings)

SLWG (Sustainable Lab Working Group) Next meeting February .

Meeting is January 12th:

- > Sustainable Labs checklist done with laboratory inspections is functioning well so far with only minor hiccups; loopholes to be closed and revisions sent to UHSC for approval.
- > Sustainable Lab Management Project - Sean (Science Senator) and I are working on is getting heavy backing from MOoS through Vision 2020, although had to confront the facts and tell SLWG the project needs the right stakeholders to coalesce. If the execution can't happen, then it's a waste to spend time on the administrative bulk that is SPF projects. Moreover, the pilot project aims to deal directly with the differences between faculties and for some faculties it may not work properly.
- > Engineering is kinda fruitless because there is no problem to solve so it's been shelved indefinitely after coordinating with Kerry (ChESS) and Hillary (MEUS)
 - > Met with Amelia on January 24th and may be examine collaborating with EHS in the future and keeping this project at the fore-front of the McGill 2020 Sustainability Vision.
- > Office of Sustainability is looking for a student for a 6-7 month (paid) position to help draft McGill's future Waste Management policies. Compiling also waste collection suppliers and stakeholders of the project.
- > VISION 2020 UPDATE - Report (to be released shortly, still not approved).
Video Release: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blf9NG9rLNw>

MASEC (McGill Alumni Student Engagement Council) Next meeting TBD

Meeting Wednesday November 30th,

Facebook group for communications has been set up by Kia (VP External AUS). Things looking up for the group. Likely Thursday February 2nd.

SSMU - SSPN (Student Society Programming Network)

1. Faculty Olympics

SQ. Back from break, things are heating up. Interest event is out, if you're interested talk to me and I'll add you!

2. Gerts Committee

Have met and looking forward to bringing together new initiatives with Gerts.

New Business:

Meeting with the Exam Office went super well.

- > McGill's exam programming software schedules 84,000 exams, of which only 261 conflicts
- > Meeting with Kathleen kickstarted brainstorm with Science and Engineering why we think about finals the way we do, and can we change anything about it.
- > Also Meeting with Kathleen spurred Engineering to move off the deferral-year-later "policy"

(they're the only faculty to do this). This is going to be recommended to the Chair of the Engineering Academic Council by MESC and has been moved to Katherine Duff.

UPCOMING EUS ITEMS (Engineering Undergraduate Society)

- > SSF Bylaws Revision
- > BUSS (Bioengineering Undergraduate Student Society) constitution finalized.
- > EUS Constitution Overhaul to Senator to begin.

SSMU Reps

McGill Athletics Let's Talk Video:

Promotion for the Mental Health event. They did a great job, I encourage everyone to check it out

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/mcgillathleticsandrecreation/videos/10154889687254876/>

Mental Health Awareness Week

Starting now and lasts until the end of the week, it's a series of events hosted by SSMU's mental health committee. Yoga, arts & crafts, cupcakes, and conversation based workshops are some of the events included.

Event Page: https://www.facebook.com/events/upcoming?ref=46&action_history=null

SSMU Executive Nomination

SSMU Executive information session is on January 30th. You get to interact with the current executives. Nomination period for exec positions are from January 30th to February 10th. The actual campaigning and polling takes place from March 6th to March 16th.

Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/233680587083607/>

Provost Christopher Manfredi

Was present for questions, he struggled answering questions about McGill's agreement with AMUSE, accessibility concerns concerning prospective students, and diversity in socioeconomic status among McGill's student body. This meeting occurred on January 12th.

Faculty Olympics

Interest facebook group as well as captain group has been made. Fac-O will be during the first week of March after reading week. Theme reveals are being dropped right now, with the first

being EUS's E-Week banner. Final theme reveal will occur in about a week or two. Planning for the event is going well, multiple subcommittees are working on the day events. I'm personally working on the pancake kegger, which will have 3-man and a creative athletic activity. Event should be pretty hype.

Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/238338239946025/>

B-Week

It's the second ever B-Week at gerts. From now until Friday, Gerts is offering \$2 shooters, \$3 Tall Boys, and \$7 pitchers.

Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/280116512405486/>

SSMU Council

Legislative council is this Thursday at 6 p.m. at Lev Buhkman if anyone is interested in being a SSMU rep for EUS. Only one motion will be discussed, which is changing the internal governance (about 7 pages worth, bill will be made public on SSMU website after council on Thursday, if interested, I can send it to you prior to Thursday).

Board of Directors is comprised of: SSMU Pres, VP University Affairs, VP Finance, and several members at large (Members at large are mostly already involved in SSMU as either a councillor or senator)

Some of the more noticeable changes include:

- 1) Enabling the board of directors to overturn the Judicial Board's opinion if they believe it is unreasonable or influenced by prejudice, collusion, bribery, or conflict of interest (Amendment to IG-Judicial 5.3) :
"After reviewing the Judicial Board's opinion and considering any appeals, the Board of Directors may pass a resolution overturning the opinion, in particular if the Board of Directors concludes that the opinion is manifestly unreasonable or was motivated by factors such as prejudice, collusion, bribery, or conflict of interest." Removal of 4/5th requirement

President: Ben Van der Ger

(<https://www.facebook.com/benvanderger> or president@ssmu.mcgill.ca)

- 2) The following regulation was removed from the Policy section: "EXCEPTION. A resolution of the Legislative Council shall not be binding on the Board of Directors, but may call for the Board of Directors to undertake a particular action or adopt a particular Policy. In those cases, the Board of Directors, as the highest governing body of the Society, shall consider the resolution at its next meeting" (Amendment to IG- Policy 7.1.3)
- 3) The board of directors no longer holds the power to adopt policy. It would be only decided by the legislative council or GA (Amendment to IG-Policy 7.6.1)

A new appendix was added to Internal Governance, which gives regulations for the board of directors

Some of the more noticeable additions include:

- 1) The Board of Directors chair will now regularly present to council, should be comparable to an executive report (A.1.7)
- 2) Any SSMU member can attend a Board of Directors meeting, minutes will be made public via the SSMU website.
 - a) SSMU member can be given time to speak if granted by a Board of Director member

UO Rep

Power hour was successful (sold out)

Networking conference on Saturday (Everyone come!!)

Clubs Rep

- Clubs Council meeting on January 31
 - To discuss Clubs Hub, Room Bookings, storage booking
- CFC occurring February 10
- Clubs Hub budget to be approved
- Clubs to be cleaning out space in Clubs Hub
- Club Year End Report templates have been designed and are being completed
 - Reports will allow better connection and continuation with the outgoing club execs, EUS, and the incoming club execs
- Clubs Rep for 2017-2018 will be selected at the end of this year by the outgoing and incoming VP Student Life so as to streamline transition process
 - Applications will be taken at the end of the year with the Year End Reports
- Adjusting By-Laws to differentiate between EUS Clubs and EUS Design Teams TBD
 - After Clubs Hub renovations in theory

Design Team Rep

- Blues pub (baja + MRT)
- B23 move-in + funding request
- EXPLORE McGill on Friday – John Abbott students MEDN visit
- MEDN cleanup (new tape) + photos for CEAB visit follow-up
- DTFC applications due + changes under way (surveying the teams)
- Tech week tabling
- 3 teams (Baja, MRT, and EV) have crowdfunding campaigns up! Please donate!

Departmental Reports

Architecture

- Academic
 - 1 student-lead EUSF proposal, possibly one from faculty depending on deadline extension? Need update.
- Internal
 - First banquet committee meeting tomorrow. Narrowing on location in the next 1-2 weeks.
 - Bagel morning hosted by the U3 studio this Thursday.
- Supply store
 - Received 9 entries to swag design competition and will be putting finalists to a public vote next week.
- President
 - Constitution and by-law updates
 - Council mid-year self-assessment to gauge how we performed in the fall.

Chemical

- Academic
 - \$16,000 on EUSF?
 - What's going on? Mahdi says the fund allocation was updated Sunday
 - But the deadline was the Friday before hand?
- U-Reps
 - Games Night - U1 Rana
 - Party Rager - U3 Azat
 - Taco-Night after Midterms - U2 Ameer
- Prez
 - Ski-Trip
 - Mont Sutton
- Common Room
 - Contact with PSD for design of Common Room
 - But PSD doesn't paint it.
- External
 - Corporate Cocktail Feb 15
 - Industry Tour
- Internal
 - Blues Pub- Fiesta Style Feb 17
 - Wong-Trot developments for St. Patty's

Civil

- Academic
 - EUSF Proposals (~4)
- Admin
 - DRO selected
 - Remove furniture and tables – do other Departments want?
- Communications

- N/A
- Finance
 - N/A
- Internal
 - Bluesheaga this Friday
- Events
 - Wing Night was a great success...they ran out of wings by 8pm!
 - Packaging baby photos for grads at Banquet
- External
 - LinkedIn headshots in the next few weeks with Architecture
 - Partnering with external organizations such as Liberal McGill and Civil Engineering Graduate Society
- President
 - Constitution Update on Tuesday

ECSESS

- VP Academic
 - EUSF proposals (~5/6)
- VP Comm
 - New website ready, technical difficulties going live
- VP External
 - Industry dinner postponed (not enough sponsors)
 - Intern openhouse went really well
 - Mini coding competition (tutorial included) Feb 1, 6-9 PM with Plotly
 - Toronto trip still in the works (Feb 9-11)
- VP Internal
 - Pancake breakfast tomorrow morning!! EVERYONE COME
 - movie/board game night thursday evening
- DRO selected woo

Materials

- Academic
 - EUSF Proposals (5)
 - Co-op forum - next week (Tues or Thurs, currently polling students)
- Communications
 - Updating department website for 1st time in 2 years!
- Internal
 - Assassins 2.0
 - Wong-Trott?
- President
 - Updating Constitution, expect presentation soon!
 - DRO Selected

- Mentorship (Upper years mentor lower years) program starting (in tandem with “intro to co-op presentation)
- Question: when is the Equipment Fund? Lab Techs are asking. February application, March allocation

Mechanical

- General
 - Office / Lounge re-organization finally going down this weekend
 - Starting some new communication projects, involving event calendars and live streams / videos promoting our events
 - E-Week trophy is now back home, in the MAME office
 - DRO chosen
- Academic
 - Lab tours have been ongoing for students such that they have better understanding for SURE projects
 - Started our own Khan Academy style video projects
 - Academic Committee has finally got all their projects going, super exciting!
- Internal
 - Started planning end of year banquet
 - CADIMadness is this weekend! New stickers this year to promote branding
 - Apartment crawl MECH vs. Civil is happening soon! Scheduled for Feb 16!
 - Our E-Week Blues Pub was successful! Thanks for coming out <3
- External
 - Industry Dinner is next week happening at Faculty Club, gonna be awesome!
 - Starting to look into info session coordinator, such that we can host lunch and learns for various industries within the broad field of mechanical engineering
 - Starting to plan speed networking

Mining

- Academic
 - EUSF Proposals (3 proposals)
 - Trip to PDAC Conference
 - Canadian Mining Games
- Finance
 - Swag sale is straight fire
- Internal
 - Another apartment crawl coming up (?)
 - Skating with ECSESS
 - Games Night ft. Arch coming up
- External
 - MinTalk coming up - Looking for speakers
 - Sugar Shack with polytechnique
- President

- CMEUS will be at the POWE conference
 - SME made it to final round, going to Denver
 - Council retreat going axe throwing
- Service
 - Lounge problems with the department have been solved!
- Other
 - Ice fishing trip coming up

Executive Reports

VP Academic

- Note - less available this week and last as I have a medical issue which should be resolved by the end of this week - apologies for being less present during EUSF time
- **EUSF**
 - deadline extension to try and receive a few more, will be allocated next week
 - Meeting with Financial admin about EUSF financial structure within departments
- **Techweek**
 - Happening this week, a few hickups, but overall running smoothly, attendance mixed at events, but share the events that are relevant to your departments
- Academic Committee meeting faculty coming up getting ready to discuss again the FACC 250 issues.
- **EPTS** confirming a stabilization plan after all the growth.

VP Clubs and Administration

- Ad Hoc committee and WSC meetings are set.
- Clubs Council January 31st.
- 3 remaining goals
 - Working on club exit report (links to the wiki a lot!)
 - Clubs Hub proposal tonight.
 - Design Team report meeting was pushed back a week
- small things to rap up
 - Wiki articles to update
 - Design container issue
 - Hema Quebec waxing and floor cleaning. Should we still do blood drive.
 - Dianne replacement. Get info from Dianne and determine the job posting. Post to online resources like indeed. Decide internal criterias and see what type of person we want. Have interviews. Have replacement by mid march?

VP Communications

- Internal Newsletter incoming!
- GradCom is working out logistics for winter Iron Ring sessions & plumber's ball
- I have **not** purchased/quoted infosys furniture

- Ongoing discussion with MESC about their TV Screen
- General webserver things; getting EIG on the server, cube migrated over, Erin's working on bookings and more
- <http://mcgilleus.ca/funds> is alive and well
- Wiki launch under discussion, make it official! Tentatively post reading week.

VP External

- QEC this weekend. Will be gone Thursday-Sunday along with 20 competitors. Great support from departments.
- Had CDE budget meeting; looking great! We ended with about 10K surplus (7K seed fund to be returned + 3K surplus). Will be wrapping up once we receive the rest of sponsorship (15K)
- MEC Chair & EngGames Chief Selcoms today
- Congress SelComs tomorrow
 - Working on setting up foundation for the committee

VP Finance

- Since End of Exams
- Worked on Student Space Fund Bylaws, changing some terms and definition, and mostly reforming the Capital Account application to require signatures from regular members and not a letter from a long term employee
- Rebuild past budgets under our new Master Budget Template. The plan is to make past numbers and budgets available on the wiki
- New Budget templates were made. We now have a more standardized budget template which all the EUS groups should use. This was made because the old template was esthetically unpleasant, but also not well functional.
- New Cash Flow Budget: since the EUS will be investing its money and also simply in terms for better financial overview, we now have a cash flow budget required to be filled out by all EUS Groups. This is mandatory now; this semester is a test semester. But starting from May 1st, with the new fiscal year, this will become part of regular budgeting over time.
- Endowment Fund: The EUS is planning on investing its money and thus creating a long term endowment fund. The bylaws are almost done and they will be presented on next council. There was a lot of background research and work done to make this happen.
- Lot of ground work for the Winter Budget: the budget director, Reza, resigned thus I'll be putting together the budget and presenting it
- Insane amount of cheque requests already giving a lot of work to myself and Isabella
- Deposits are going well, business as usual

VP Internal

- REMINDER: use the EUS calendar for your events
- E-Week was fantastic, except for Kim Foo coat check obviously.

- Ski Trip went very well. We drank a lot of beer... like, 20 each on average.
- 11 MERTWinter applicants, interviews are tomorrow. MERTWinter tentatively set for February 23rd
- 11 Fac-O applicants. Interviews? Maybe
- Volunteer Banquet tentatively set for March 23rd. Let me know if you are interested in helping with logistics.
- Budgets are coming, don't worry Pentcho
- EAC: two applicants for co-chairs, will conduct interviews next week. Will not have a budget for obvious reasons. It will be submitted once co-chairs are chosen and new budget is created
- ESC: events going well. Igloofest this weekend, Jan 27, already half sold out. Power Hour coming up with Nursing "Love Fest" February 3rd.
- Sports: Broomball starting tomorrow.
- Blues Pubs: I will outline at council that Blues Pub Managers deserve the respect of the organizers and fines are in place for this kind of thing.
- I'm looking forward to getting some concrete plans for a potential common room renovation from the AdHoc committee which was formed today. I'm very passionate about this project and truly think that it can make a big difference.

VP Services

- Tech week design comp going great, judging is on Thursday. We had 10 teams sign up in the end.
- AV system is all finished. If anybody wants a demo of how to use everything let me know. It's pretty straightforward though.
- G store is hiring because they had 2 people leave this semester.
- Common Room/Infosys/Committee Room budgets will now be combined into one budget. Doesn't make sense to break them up since they are all under the purview of the space manager.
- Bbq.mcgilleus.ca to book the barbecue. Do it 2 weeks in advance!
- Will be working on the committee room and infosys policies

President

- Mental Health
 - Wellness Report is late, meeting with the work-study student this thursday
 - Presentation at the Equity meeting
 - EUS Council Discussion on Feb 7th
 - Meeting with Dean, Chidinma, Labeau, Jiayi and myself in mid-feb
 - Met with Jiayi to discuss mental health initiatives
- Presidents' Meeting
 - Patch - g-store
 - Elections
 - Council
 - Volunteer Rewards

- Equity
 - Two events coming up: Equity Forum (workshop) as well as an Open Dialogue: Inclusivity in the EUS
 - Great to see fresh blood in equity, increase in participation
- Alumni
 - Collaboration on Alumni Affairs, mostly planning and promotion of events
 - Potential Mentorship program
 - McGill 24, fundraising campaign in March 15th, mostly for projects
- BoG Working Group
 - Meeting went well on tuesday, lots of good input
 - More-detailed oriented than expected but produced good discussions
 - Next meeting will serve to discuss composition and election/selection process
 - Lawyer doing a presentation on the BoG