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REPORT TO SSMU COUNCIL

March 15th, 2007

1. Voter Turnout

The voter turnout for the Fall Electoral Period was 5911 people, accounting for 31.9% of the total eligible voting body of the Students' Society of McGill University. This represents an increase of almost 320 votes over the same period last year.

2. Fall Elections Results

We would like to submit the official Spring results for the SSMU Executive, Faculty Senate seats, the student Representatives to the CKUT Board of Directors and the numerous referenda questions for your ratification.

Results

SSMU President

Jake Itzkowitz	2824 (47.8)%
Floh Herra-Vega	2770 (46.9)%
Spoiled	317 (5.4)%
TOTAL:	5911

Vice-President (University Affairs)

Adrian Angus	3375 (57.1)%
Malek Yalaoui	2073 (35.1)%
Spoiled	463 (7.8)%
TOTAL:	5911

Vice-President (External)

Max Silverman	3300 (55.8)%
Geoffrey Jason Hall	2022 (34.2)%
Spoiled	589 (10.0)%
TOTAL:	5911

Vice-President (Communications & Events)

Gen Friesen	2262 (38.3)%
Kay Turner	2985 (50.5)%
Spoiled	664 (11.2)%
TOTAL:	5911

Vice-President (Clubs & Services)

Alison Verba	2012 (34.0)%
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Marcelle Kosman	3195 (54.1)%
Spoiled	704 (11.9)%
TOTAL:	5911

Arts Senator
Restriction: Arts

Dan King	1000 (28.2)%
Graeme Lamb	761 (21.5)%
Yahel Carmon	660 (18.6)%
Phil Holdsworth	892 (25.2)%
Spoiled	228 (6.4)%
TOTAL:	3541

Arts Senator
Restriction: Arts & Science

Yahel Carmon	92 (21.6)%
Dan King	112 (26.4)%
Graeme Lamb	82 (19.3)%
Phil Holdsworth	108 (25.4)%
Spoiled	31 (7.3)%
TOTAL:	425

Science Senator
Restriction: Science

Kyle Bailey	606 (29.2)%
Mohit Pramanik	608 (29.3)%
Ryan Luther	760 (36.7)%
Spoiled	99 (4.8)%
TOTAL:	2073

Science Senator
Restriction: Arts & Science

Kyle Bailey	125 (31.4)%
Mohit Pramanik	122 (30.7)%
Ryan Luther	125 (31.4)%
Spoiled	26 (6.5)%
TOTAL:	398

Management Senator
Restriction: Management

Atrisha Lewis	119 (18.7)%
Aneerudha "Buda" Borkotoky	485 (76.4)%
Spoiled	31 (4.9)%
TOTAL:	635

Education Senator

Restriction: Education

Sarah Low	115 (46.0)%
Mylène Boudreau	118 (47.2)%
Spoiled	17 (6.8)%
TOTAL:	250

Law Senator
Restriction: Law

Erica Martin!	151 (65.7)%
Ted Dove	70 (30.4)%
Spoiled	9 (3.9)%
TOTAL:	230

Constitutional Amendment 1 - VP INTERNAL

Yes	4573 (77.4)%
No	560 (9.5)%
Spoiled	778 (13.2)%
TOTAL:	5911

Constitutional Amendment 2 - ELIMINATION OF BoG

Yes	3574 (60.5)%
No	1215 (20.6)%
Spoiled	1122 (19.0)%
TOTAL:	5911

Constitutional Amendment 3 - FEE REFERENDA RESTRICTION

Yes	3613 (61.1)%
No	1273 (21.5)%
Spoiled	1025 (17.3)%
TOTAL:	5911

Constitutional Amendment 4 - AFFILIATIONS STATUS FRAMEWORK

Yes	3370 (57.0)%
No	1036 (17.5)%
Spoiled	1505 (25.5)%
TOTAL:	5911

Blood Drive

SEALED PENDING J - BOARD
HEARING

QPIRG Support

Yes	3308 (56.0)%
No	1782 (30.1)%
Spoiled	821 (13.9)%
TOTAL:	5911

Midnight Kitchen

Yes	3398 (57.5)%
No	1830 (31.0)%
Spoiled	683 (11.6)%
TOTAL:	5911

McGill Tribune

Yes	2876 (48.7)%
No	2343 (39.6)%
Spoiled	692 (11.7)%
TOTAL:	5911

Daily Publication Society

Yes	2229 (37.7)%
No	2958 (50.0)%
Spoiled	724 (12.2)%
TOTAL:	5911

CKUT

Yes	2165 (36.6)%
No	3071 (52.0)%
Spoiled	675 (11.4)%
TOTAL:	5911

SSMU Environment Fee

Yes	3902 (66.0)%
No	1425 (24.1)%
Spoiled	584 (9.9)%
TOTAL:	5911

Acclaimed*:

Imad Barake:	SSMU VP (Finance & Operations)
Jan Hanna:	Dentistry Senator
Jessica van der Vooren:	Engineering Senator
Marine Lagodich:	Medicine Senator
Sean Waugh:	Music Senator

APPENDIX A: FINAL SANCTIONS TALLY 2007 SSMU SPRING ELECTIONS

See legend below

Candidate	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Other	TOTAL
Floh	9		5	1	16	2 pics			\$ 30.00 5 posters
Jake	8	1	4		17	5 pics		inhibiting opponent's campaigning	\$110.00 10 posters
Adrian	16	2	2	1	12		4	unauthorized use of facebook	\$ 45.00 35 posters
Malek	19	4	4	10 + (30+) (near computer Friday)	10	5 pics+5 items+ platform	1	causing deactivation of EM's profile on Facebook	\$140.00 45 posters
Geoff	14	2	5						\$ 5.00 30 posters
Max	7	3	5	1	1		2		\$ 10.00 15 posters
Alison	11				2				\$ 5.00 15 posters
Marcelle	7	2	6		2				\$ 10.00 10 posters
Kay	16	2	4		28	1 pic			\$ 40.00 20 posters
Gen	10		1		2			inhibiting opponent's campaigning	\$ 15.00 5 posters
Buda	1				2				\$ - warning
Atrisha					6				\$ 5.00
Ryan	3					1 pic		inhibiting opponent's campaigning	\$ 10.00 5 posters
Mohit	1		2		10	1 pic	6	handbilling in restricted area, illegal endorsement	\$ 20.00 20 posters
Kyle	2		4		27		5	off campus poster	\$ 40.00
Sara					5				\$ 5.00
Yahel	1								\$ -
Dan	3				7			unauthorized use of facebook	\$ 25.00 5 posters
Graeme	5		1		1		2		\$ - 15 posters
CKUT	2				5	2 pics			\$ 5.00 warning
Envi.	1		1		4	1 pic			\$ 5.00 warning
QPIRG	2	2	6	3	3				\$ 10.00 warning
Daily	5		2		1				\$ - 10 posters
Blood	2				9				\$ 10.00 warning
MK	4		3		11				\$ 10.00 10 posters

- A Overposter
- B Posters w/in 1"
- C Posters near computers
- D Handbills
- E Post-campaigning
- F Facebook Violations
- G No Stickers on posters

Nithya Vijayakumar:
Ben Foldy:

Representative to CKUT Board of Directors
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*Note: The position of Senator for the Faculty of Religious Studies received no nominations and that senate seat was therefore given to the faculty with the largest enrollment after Arts, the Faculty of Science, which thereby acquired a second Senate seat

*Note: The three positions of Financial Ethics Research Commissioners received no nominations and are therefore to be filled at the discretion of SSMU Council by its regular procedure.

3. Withdrawals

The following candidates withdrew from the race after we had accepted their nomination.

Sean Turner SSMU President

4. Campaign Violations

Elections McGill rigorously enforced the electoral by-laws this election period, leading to a number of sanctions on many of the candidates. We sent out two rounds of sanctions, one for early campaigning, one at the end of the election period. The first, sent out on Wednesday, March 7th, consisted entirely of restriction of poster limits. The second consisted entirely of fines to be deducted from the candidate's reimbursement. Our reasoning for this setup was, firstly, that the distributed rounds of sanctions was more orderly and comprehensive, and, secondly, that the restriction of poster limits becomes increasingly irrelevant as the campaign draws to its end, at which point we began imposing fines. For a full breakdown of sanctions, please see the table appended at the end of this report.

In general, the campaigning was relatively fair. An issue arose between the two presidential candidates over the weekend which resulted in calls for Elections McGill to censure Mr. Itzkowitz for his campaigning violations. After considering and reconsidering that decision, we felt that, although violations had certainly been committed, a censure was out of order. Elections McGill fined his campaign heavily, however, and stands by the decision.

5. Poll Stations

This is the first election period in which no poll stations were set up and we believe it to have demonstrated that poll stations contribute little to turnout, as evidenced by the healthy turnout this year, as well as contributing heavily to the expense borne in running an election.

There was initially a concern that we would not be able to procure an updated student list, which would include the Student ID's necessary for the OVS, from the administration. In that case we were prepared to offer polling station equipped with paper ballots for those unable to vote online. It proved unnecessary, but we decided to utilize the poll clerks we had hired for such a situation to poster and promote the elections. We think this certainly helped turnout and relieved the pressure on the regular Elections McGill members, of which see more in section 8.

6. Elections Data

The following charts are elections data provided by the Online Voting System

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: cumulative - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	2,169	38.3%	11.7%
Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	252	52.6%	1.4%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	23	17.8%	0.1%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	250	17.3%	1.4%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	602	26.2%	3.3%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	230	40.2%	1.2%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	635	27.3%	3.4%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	308	22.5%	1.7%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	136	23.7%	0.7%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	7	18.9%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	1,299	35.9%	7.0%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	5,911		31.9%

Participation by Year

Parameters: cumulative - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Year	Percent of Tot.
0 :	143 (0.8%)	16	11.2%	0.1%
1 :	2,045 (11.0%)	749	36.6%	4.0%
2 :	5,276 (28.5%)	1,700	32.2%	9.2%
3 :	4,874 (26.3%)	1,630	33.4%	8.8%
4 :	5,620 (30.4%)	1,743	31.0%	9.4%
5 :	557 (3.0%)	73	13.1%	0.4%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	5,911		31.9%

DAILY TURNOUT BREAKDOWNS:

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: Mar 9, 2007 - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	1,082	19.1%	5.8%

Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	124	25.9%	0.7%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	7	5.4%	0.0%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	86	5.9%	0.5%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	246	10.7%	1.3%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	122	21.3%	0.7%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	292	12.5%	1.6%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	88	6.4%	0.5%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	52	9.1%	0.3%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	3	8.1%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	543	15.0%	2.9%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	2,645		14.3%

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: Mar 10, 2007 - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	239	4.2%	1.3%
Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	28	5.8%	0.2%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	6	4.7%	0.0%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	29	2.0%	0.2%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	81	3.5%	0.4%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	25	4.4%	0.1%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	80	3.4%	0.4%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	79	5.8%	0.4%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	17	3.0%	0.1%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	1	2.7%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	180	5.0%	1.0%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	765		4.1

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: Mar 11, 2007 - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	183	3.2%	1.0%
Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	17	3.5%	0.1%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	5	3.9%	0.0%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	25	1.7%	0.1%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	32	1.4%	0.2%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	9	1.6%	0.0%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	53	2.3%	0.3%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	36	2.6%	0.2%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	11	1.9%	0.1%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	0	0.0%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	128	3.5%	0.7%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	499		2.7%

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: Mar 12, 2007 - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	357	6.3%	1.9%

Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	48	10.0%	0.3%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	4	3.1%	0.0%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	55	3.8%	0.3%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	138	6.0%	0.7%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	47	8.2%	0.3%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	123	5.3%	0.7%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	59	4.3%	0.3%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	26	4.5%	0.1%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	2	5.4%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	227	6.3%	1.2%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	1,086		5.9%

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: Mar 13, 2007 - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	134	2.4%	0.7%
Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	17	3.5%	0.1%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	0	0.0%	0.0%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	31	2.1%	0.2%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	28	1.2%	0.2%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	9	1.6%	0.0%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	22	0.9%	0.1%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	18	1.3%	0.1%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	18	3.1%	0.1%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	0	0.0%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	95	2.6%	0.5%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	372		2.0%

Participation by Faculty

Parameters: Mar 14, 2007 - all polls	Enrollment	Votes	Percent of Fac.	Percent of Tot.
Arts:	5,667 (30.6%)	174	3.1%	0.9%
Arts & Science:	479 (2.6%)	18	3.8%	0.1%
Dentistry:	129 (0.7%)	1	0.8%	0.0%
Education:	1,447 (7.8%)	24	1.7%	0.1%
Engineering:	2,301 (12.4%)	77	3.3%	0.4%
Law:	572 (3.1%)	18	3.1%	0.1%
Management:	2,328 (12.6%)	65	2.8%	0.4%
Medicine:	1,366 (7.4%)	28	2.0%	0.2%
Music:	574 (3.1%)	12	2.1%	0.1%
Religious Studies:	37 (0.2%)	1	2.7%	0.0%
Science:	3,615 (19.5%)	126	3.5%	0.7%
TOTAL:	18,515 (100%)	544		2.9%

7. VOTE! Contest

The winner of the contest, with the prize of travel vouchers totaling \$2000, was Sarah Malki from the Faculty of Arts. She has been contacted and we are awaiting her reply. Congratulations to her.

8. Problems / Recommendations

1. **TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES:** E-mail difficulties at the beginning of the campaign led to communication difficulties with many of the candidates, so we had to switch over to gmail at the very beginning of the campaign, as well as utilizing the CRO's personal e-mail. Obviously this is something that is hard to foresee and, in the circumstances, we felt we dealt with it as quickly and efficiently as possible.
2. **MANPOWER SHORTAGES:** This elections period revealed the difficulty Elections McGill has in functioning with only four members. Due to the variety of responsibilities that Elections McGill has to bear, including organization, promotion, and enforcement, both online and on-campus, we were incredibly stretched throughout the election period, and it was only due to the personal commitment and self-sacrifice of all four of us that we were able to pull it all off. We strongly recommend for next year an expansion of Elections McGill by three or four members. This would allow for more effective completion of our responsibilities.
3. **REFERENDUM QUESTIONS:** Due to the difficulty with "Whereas" clauses in many of the questions this year, not only those going to J-Board, we recommend that SSMU Council and the pertinent bodies therein look into clarifying the relation between whereas clauses and the actual question and consider either doing away with them or, as we personally recommend, divorcing them from the actual question and allowing them to be rewritten up until they are placed on the ballot to ensure the maximum amount of neutrality and clarity.
4. **POSTERS IN REZ:** We have received numerous complaints from Floor Fellows this campaign period about the proliferation of posters in Upper Rez and the aggressive campaigning, including knocking on people's doors. We recommend that by-laws be implemented restricting this practice.

Overall, we feel that this has been an extremely successful election period, both in competition and voter turnout. If there are any questions, please contact us at elections.mcgill@gmail.com or in our office, ext. 6474.

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