

Chief Returning Officer's Report to Council Spring 2000

Preface

This report is supplemental to the report submitted to Council regarding the Cold Beverage Agreement [CBA]. This report shall not readdress issues already addressed in last week's report.

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Part I: Elections & Referenda

The Chief Returning Officer would like to inform Council of the following winners of the Spring 2000 elections and referenda.¹

Executive

President:	Wojtek Baraniak
Vice President, University Affairs:	Clara Peron
Vice President, Operations:	Kevin McPhee
Vice President, Community and Government:	Jeremy Farrell
Vice President, Communication and Events:	Mark Chodos
Vice President, Clubs and Services:	Chris Gratto

Board of Governors

Undergraduate Representative:	Matt Wyndowe
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Senators

Arts Representative:	Fred Sagel
Arts Representative:	Michael Hershfield
Science Representative:	Amit Grover
Science Representative:	Faiz Ahmad
Engineering Representative:	William Bond
Engineering Representative:	Kate Wolf
Management Representative:	A.J. Silber
Law Representative:	Francois Tanguay-Renaud
Education Representative:	Sabrina Jafralie

¹ An asterisk next to a name denotes an acclamation. For a more detailed breakdown of results see Schedule A.

Religious Studies Representative:
Dentistry Representative:

Karen L. Chalk
Khaled Abdul Sharaf

Financial Ethics Research Committee

Advisor:
Advisor:

Blake McGreevy
Joshua Kotin

Cold Beverage Agreement Referendum

No

First Year Councilor Voting Rights Referendum

Yes

Elections McGill welcomes all of our new and returning representatives and wishes them a successful mandate. May they fulfil all their election promises. Elections McGill congratulates all those who ran for office and looks forward to their continuing involvement in student life.

Unfilled Positions

The following positions remain unfilled: FERC advisors, and a representative to the CKUT-Radio McGill Board of Governors. Elections McGill refers this problem to the SSMU Council and its nominating committees for redress.

Campaigns

In general, electoral campaigns were run very well and cleanly. Most candidates were found to have committed one or two infractions. Most sins were venial. For those infractions that were more serious, candidates were contacted and without fail, ameliorated their behaviour.

The FYCC campaign, to the extent that it existed, went without rebuke. For a detailed discussion of CBA campaign violations, see last week's CRO's Report to Council.

The major problem with the campaign was the amount of posters allowed by Elections McGill to the candidates. Each candidate was allowed 1,000 posters. This is a ridiculous number. It is far too large, but it is fixed in SSMU Interim By-law I – Electoral and Referenda Regulations. Candidates were warned at the Candidate's Meeting prior to the commencement of the Campaign Period that they must in addition to the by-law adhere to McGill University building codes. Candidates and committees ignored the latter and quite literally wallpapered some buildings – particularly Leacock – with their colourful posters. The CRO received complaints on a daily basis from building directors and faculty associations – some of which were attempting to run their own elections. This is

unfair to the University and to the faculty associations. Elections McGill will propose amending this part of the by-law.

Poll Clerks

The Poll Clerks did an amazing job this semester. Polls were opened on time and closed on schedule. In all there were less than a half-dozen ballots that were spoilt due to the fact that clerks neglected to initial ballots. (Unsigned ballots allegedly numbered in the hundreds last year and were factors in deciding some races.) Clerks worked hard and deserve their bonus. The high voter-turnout is due in large part to their hard work.

Computers

Renting computers for elections and referenda cost the Society approximately seven hundred dollars. The McGill Computer Store and University Bytes both lent us one computer free of charge. Our thanks goes out to both those establishments. In the future, instead of renting, perhaps Elections McGill might gain access to the SSMU computers for a three-day period. Perhaps, those students running for re-election would consider offering their computers to Elections McGill during the three-day voting period. This gesture will save the Society a decent sum of cash.

Recount

Due to the close outcome (30 votes out of nearly five thousand), there was a demand for a recount in the Communications and Events race. The CRO is happy to report that despite the fact that the original count took over twelve hours and that over fifty thousand votes were counted – almost double from the previous year – the result of the recount differed from the original count by less than a quarter of one percent. This is another coup for Elections McGill.

Part II: Recounts and Appeals

The period for recounts has lapsed. The period for Judicial Board Appeals is also prescribed. No appeals have as of this time been filed against Elections McGill, the Office of the CRO or the CRO.

Part III: Senate Races

It is the opinion of the CRO that SSMU should remove itself from the administration of Senate races. Elections McGill does not have the budget necessary to advertise adequately these positions in the several faculty associations. Most faculties did not submit candidates by the end of the regular nomination period. Two faculties did not submit candidates by the end of the extended nomination period. Their seats were awarded to other faculties according to the formula set out in By-law VII. This is unfair to faculty associations for three reasons: (1) they depend on their senators to represent

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IMPORTANT! PLEASE ANSWER BOTH QUESTIONS

1) Do you authorize the Student Society of McGill University (SSMU) to enter into a campus wide, exclusive cold beverage agreement?

1) Autorisez-vous l'association étudiante de l'université McGill (AEUM) un contract d'exclusivité pour les breuvages froids a la grandeur du campus?

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Yes/Oui

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No/Non

2) Do you agree that the constitution of the Student's Society of McGill University be amended to include as a full voting member of the Students' Society of McGill University council a First Year Councilor who shall be elected according to the procedures set out by the Bylaws of the Students' Society of McGill University? [This will mean adding to Article 4.1 of the SSMU Constitution, approved through referendum in 1999, the following words: the First Year Councilor]

2) Êtes-vous d'accord pour que la constitution de l'Association étudiante de l'Université McGill soit ammentée pour inclure comme membre votant, un(e) conseiller(ère) de première année qui sera élu(e) suivant les procédures établies par les règlements de l'Association des étudiants de l'Université McGill? [Ceci ajouterait a l'article 4.1 de la Contitution de L'AEUM approuvée par un referendum en 1999, les mots suivants: un(e) Conseiller(ère) de Premiere Année]

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Yes/Oui

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No/Non

Poll Clerks Initials

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Chief Returning Officer's Report to Council

Document No. 1 Fall Election Report

Submitted to the Acting President
For Presentation to Council on 3 December 1999

FALL 1999

Chief Returning Officer's Fall Report to Council

I Results

Elections McGill congratulates Ms Sarah Bector for winning the First Year Committee of Council's presidency with 197 votes and the other FYCC candidates who stood for the office, Andre Legaspi (190 votes), Mona Nesrallah (137 votes) and Matylda Gawor (18 votes). Mr Legaspi has yet officially to request a recount. The following vice presidencies were acclaimed: External (Nili Isaacs); Communications (Naseem Awl); Academic (Paula Tchen); Internal (Zobair Anam); and Finance (Andres Friedman). We wish all incumbents a successful year.

A letter confirming the results of the FYCC Election was delivered to the General Manager of the Society on Friday, November 19 and a second one notifying him of the acclaimed positions was sent on Monday, November 22.

II Candidates

Elections McGill found no evidence of any campaign violations by any of the candidates. There were no violations reported by candidates or by third parties. All forms were filed in a timely manner. The candidates ran clean elections.

III Administration of Election

FYCC's elections were held at eleven poll locations across campus on November 16-17-18, 1999, with advanced polls being held on the previous Friday (November 12) at Shatner. No equipment was lost or stolen or damaged while in the care of Elections McGill.

Elections McGill had some difficulty filling all the poll clerk shifts; however, at no time did a polling station have to close due to lack of clerks. Out of the ninety clerks working 233 shifts for Elections McGill, there was only one report of inappropriate behaviour by a clerk (where she interrupted a class to solicit votes). This situation was immediately addressed by the DRO.

On Wednesday night, the CRO and DRO decided to keep the polling stations at Bishop Mountain Hall open until 7.00pm during its dinner rush and Redpath Library open till 6.00pm. The Library attracted few additional votes, but the extended hours at BMH proved popular.

The presence of the poll clerks is crucial in promoting election awareness at McGill. Some poll clerks were much more able to attract voters than others. Motivation is definitively a factor as Kerry Benzakin was able to demonstrate at Stewart Biology North and Scott Gracie at Education. Both buildings were relatively sleepy, except when these clerks were serving their shifts. Elections McGill will introduce incentive plans next semester to motivate more active vote solicitation at the polling stations.

The pay roll forms for almost all clerks were completed on Friday, November 19, 1999 and submitted to the SSMU office staff so that they may be paid out by December 2. Elections McGill thanks all those who acted as poll clerks, computer operators and ballot counters.

IV Computers

i. The voters list

The list of students sent to us by Ms Lynn Chalmers at the Registrar's Office never made it to Elections McGill. It was finally delivered to us on Friday, November 19, one day after elections ended. The list was sent in September and when the staff of Elections McGill requested the package, it could not be found. We are expecting a second list to be sent in late January and hope that it can be handed to Elections McGill before the end of next semester's elections. A current list was obtained by the CRO from Ms Chalmers on the Thursday afternoon prior to the opening of advanced polls. We are extremely fortunate that Ms Chalmers kept a copy of the file she sent us as it would have taken three days to obtain another copy from the McGill mainframe.

ii. Unexpected fees

Openface shocked Elections McGill by presenting us on the day of advanced polls a bill for approximately \$1,000 for programming the computers. This was not an expense that was charged by Openface to last year's elections. The Vice President, Operations is contesting the bill. If he is unsuccessful in having the charge waved, then Council must allocate an additional \$2,000 to the CRO's budget (\$1,000 per semester). If this is not done then Elections McGill will have no choice but to dispense with using computers to ensure the security of the voting system. As this may result in voter fraud, the CRO and DRO consider it crucial to remain computerised.

iii. Problems and solutions

As of the beginning of the Advanced Polls on Friday, November 12, 1999, Elections McGill was facing a computer crisis. None of the computers functioned properly. One had a programming problem and one had a networking problem and the other was suspected to work, but did not function as it was dependent on the other two computers in the network. By early morning the DRO fixed one computer. Since voting at Shatner was light, having only one computer did not present a hurdle. The programme did not, however, recognise first-year students. This was obviously a problem as we were administering a first-year election.

On Monday (an off day for elections), we installed two new network cards and had the entire system up and running for the Tuesday morning kick-off of the general polls. We also re-entered all the first-year students onto the Network who had been rejected on Friday. There is a four percent difference between the computer reports and the voter registration sign in sheets. This is to be expected as some students forget to sign the sheets.

We were assured by Openface that the computer problems that we encountered this election period were insignificant when compared to those faced by last year's crew. This did little to comfort the CRO.

V Students with Disabilities

Elections McGill is unsatisfied by the low participation rate of disabled students in the electoral process. Although we followed the rules and regulations regarding access for the disabled and offered Braille ballots at all stations, the turn out of disabled students can at best be described as desultory. The Office of Students with Disabilities serves over three hundred students at McGill. None of our Braille ballots were used. There is recollection of only one student in a wheelchair who voted. In order to improve on this situation, Elections McGill will seek the co-operation of the Office of Students with Disabilities. Working with that Office, we intend to inform students who do not have access to the *Daily* or the *Tribune* of impending elections and referenda. In addition, we shall create an extra-ordinary poll station at Burnside, where students who make use of the Office will be able to vote by appointment. It is expected that this will lead to a large increase in voter participation among disabled students in the Spring election period.

VI Withdrawals

Matylda Gawor attempted unsuccessfully to withdraw from the FYCC presidential election. The first provision in the FYCC Electoral Rules (which were provided to all candidates – see Appendix A) was how to withdraw from the race. It provides that she contact the EC at the very latest twenty-four hours before the opening of the polls. (The rules clearly provide both phone numbers and an email address of the ECs.) She did not do so. She sent an unclear email to the CRO and did not call anyone on Elections McGill to confirm her withdrawal, despite being provided all of our phone numbers and being specifically told by the CRO that she (or any of the candidates) could phone him at any hour on that line. Elections McGill only discovered after they had printed the ballots on Thursday night that Ms Gawor had indeed attempted to withdraw from the race (from Ms Catherine Weiler). At that point it was too late to remove her name from the ballot and therefore Ms Gawor has been run as a candidate.

Two candidates were able to withdraw successfully from the external race.

VII Council Documents

The CRO had great difficulty receiving copies of Council motions. The CRO is not a member of Council. In order for him to retain the appearance of independence and impartiality, it is not even advisable that he attend Council on a regular basis. He must, however, remain informed of all motions passed by Council that are relevant to his position or office. The CRO has repeatedly requested to be placed on the Council document distribution list and continues to check his box daily, but has yet to receive a copy of Council documents. This has hampered elections in a variety of ways. Just as a brief example, Elections McGill was unable to distribute with the nomination packages descriptions of the positions of the newly created FYCC executives as the CRO never received a copy of the new by-law (although numerous requests had been made). This situation must be rectified. It is hoped that in the new year the CRO will receive a copy of all Council minutes and that he will receive a signed copy from the Recording Secretary of all motions passed by Council that are pertinent to his position or office.

VIII Changes to Electoral Regulations

Under the authority of "By-Law III," the following changes were made from the SSMU election by-law to the FYCC Election process:

- Art. 2.1 the nomination period was condensed and moved closer to polls' opening;
- Art. 2.2 extended nominations were reduced to three days;
- Art. 7.2 candidates were limited to one large poster at Shatner;
- Art. 7.2.1 candidates were limited to 300 posters;
- Art. 7.8 the word "printed" was added;
- Art. 7.10 the campaign period was reduced to seven days; and
- Art. 7.17 no pen sketches were distributed to the *McGill Tribune*.

The above changes were made in consultation with the Vice President, Communications and Events and with Ms Weiler, the then President of FYSA (now FYCC). For a copy of the rules see Appendix A.

IX The Future

Elections McGill envisions many exciting changes in the way elections are administered at McGill. First, we plan to offer internet voting for the first time in McGill history. Second, we aim to increase voter turn-out by fifty percent over last year's polls. Third, we propose to introduce a series of revisions to Council to amend the electoral by-law to allow for these innovations.

X Final Notes

In general, the fall Elections ran very smoothly. Apart from some minor computer glitches on the first day, the team encountered no significant complications. Running the fall Elections was a great learning experience for Elections McGill. With a seasoned team in place, Spring Elections should run free of any difficulties.

The staff of Elections McGill wishes to thank Ms Olga Patrizi for the incredible support that she provided our team. She aided us in every aspect of our mandate. Thanks also go to Ashley, Connie and Linda in the SSMU front office for their patience and great assistance. Thanks to the Vice President, Communication and Events for acting as a liaison between Elections McGill and the SSMU Executive and for his friendly and helpful advice. Our appreciation to Catherine Weiler should also be noted for her role in the planning of the FYCC election and her attendance at all our meetings with the candidates. We should like to express our gratitude to the McGill Computer Store, who although they provided us with broken computers, was kind enough to give us the parts needed to fix them (without charge) and to the MGM computer lab at Burnside which lent us three screens.

The CRO and DRO would like to single out the great work of our Elections Coordinator, Mr Ben Davies. Elections at McGill would not have run nearly as smoothly or as efficiently as they did without him. Our success has in great part resulted from Ben's dedication and hard work.

XI Submission

All of which is respectfully submitted for the approval of Council by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Flicker', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul B. Flicker, M.Phil. (Oxon.)
Chief Returning Officer

Brian Lack, B.Sc.
Deputy Returning Officer



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Fall 1999 Plebiscite Questions:

Whereas funding for universities has steadily decreased, while enrolment has steadily increased

Whereas the loss of funding will ultimately affect our education at McGill

Whereas there is a substantial requirement for funds in the physical infrastructure at McGill

Whereas there is an increasing need for faculty renewal on campus

Whereas the media has considered increasing fees as an option

1. Should tuition fees remain at current levels?
2. Should tuition fees increase at the rate of inflation?
3. Should tuition fees be deregulated?
4. Should tuition fees decrease?

Minutes MOS
Thursday, November 1999

creation of a new club "le Reseau" which has organized a "Boite a Chansons" at the Alley on November 18.

8.4 International Students' Commissioner

The ISC said she will act as a liaison between SSMU and McGill international students. Her e-mail is njessa@po-box.mcgill.ca, and she can be reached at 398-MISN.

9. New Business

9.1 Deputy Returning Officer

Paul Flicker, the CRO, said that he would speak instead of the DRO. He announced that he will have to reject the referendum question to amend the constitution as the constitution was never passed in the first place. He presented document D-71.

C. Jennings asked if this means that SSMU has not had a valid constitution since the previous spring. P. Flicker said that it is not for him to answer, but that he suspects that the old constitution remains in effect.

A. Tischler refuted the CRO's arguments, saying that ruling on 40.3 is not the jurisdiction of the CRO. He said that the misnumbered article is only a clerical error, and that there is an article in the constitution provides for this circumstance. He encouraged council to reject the CRO's ruling. P. Flicker said that it is in fact the CRO's mandate to judge on the clarity of questions. He said it is also his job to make sure there is a copy of the constitution and the by-laws at every polling station, and that in this case he would not know which to provide. He said that if the issue is brought to the Judicial Board, he will run the referendum anyway, pending its decision.

F. Tanguay-Renaud invited council to take this issue to the J. Board, saying it is the best forum for this matter. P. Flicker said that the J. Board is one possible solution, the other being to correct the mistakes that were made.

The Chair closed discussion on this section of CRO's report.

Motion to approve appointment of DRO Brian Lack: A. Tischler, seconded by C. Jennings.

Motion carries (W. Baraniak abstained)

P. Flicker said that he does not believe plebiscite questions are provided for in the November Referendum period, but he said he does not object to running one.

9.2 Referendum Plebiscite Question

Fall 1999 Plebiscite Questions

A. Tischler presented document D-73.

Motion to include plebiscite question in the November Referendum period: A. Tischler, seconded by R. Retyi.

M. Karanofsky proposed that the students will have different opinions on whether fees should be decreased depending on where they come from. A. Tischler said it was friendly to remove the question about the decrease.

C. Jennings suggested to include a preamble to explain that the plebiscite's purpose is to strengthen SSMU's hand in dealing with the government. He replied that this is not allowed for plebiscite questions.

P. Gohier warned that the answers might not be in the Society's best interest, for example by calling for deregulation. A. Tischler said that his main interest is in ensuring that the student leaders represents their constituents.

R. Retyi asked if it would not be possible to include an explanation of deregulation. A. Tischler reiterated that it is not possible to have a preamble.

Paul Flicker stated that it is acceptable if 2000 copies of the plebiscite questions are provided to the CRO on day of plebiscite.

Motion to table put forth by P. Gohier, seconded by W. Baraniak.

Motion carries.

9.3 SSMU Student Survey

M. Wyndowe presented document D-74

9.4 Pinochet Letter

Motion to raise document D-70 from the table: C. Jennings, seconded by D. Okazaki.

Motion carries.

Motion to mandate SSMU to send D-70: C. Jennings, seconded by C. Peron.

A. Tischler asked council to be very careful in considering the precedent which would be set. He noted that there are many human rights issues that could be very divisive, such as those related to China or Hong Kong. He said that council is not mandated to speak on this matter, and that these interests are served by other organizations within the society, such as Amnesty International.

P. Gohier spoke to the motion. He said that the decision to send the letters would always remain in council's power. He also said that there is a precedent to this initiative, in the Financial Ethics committee, funded specifically with the plight of the Burmese people in mind.

F. Tanguay-Renaud also spoke in favour of the motion. He said the LSA supports the motion, and recommended that if council is uncertain of its mandate, it send the question to plebiscite.

R. Retyi applauded the idea of a plebiscite question. He said he respects the idea behind the letter, but recommended that councilors realize the limitations of SSMU's international clout.

W. Baraniak acknowledged that Pinochet is accused of horrible things, but warned that sending the letter might have unwanted consequences, including one day taking position on the sovereignty issue. He also quoted By-Law 4.1.0 which states that council will not take a stand on divisive issues relative to external affairs.

D. Okazaki applauded the gesture of the letter, but said that even Spain has agreed that this is a matter of British Justice. He said that SSMU should focus its attention to our own governments.

Motion to call question: S. Abdou, seconded by A.J. Silber

Motion fails.

C. Jennings pointed out that if everyone thought that that was not their mandate then no one would ever have any effect on the international scene. She said that if SSMU makes it known that it is monitoring the situation, it helps prevent future abuses. She added that she has gotten only positive feedback on this issue, rather than any indication of controversy.

M. Karanofsky asked if it would be possible to add a question to the plebiscite as to whether SSMU should endorse such letters.

A. Tischler disagreed with R. Retyi, saying that SSMU does carry a lot of clout, which is why it must choose where to invest its resources. He disagreed that the situation of the Burmese people constitutes a precedent, saying that it was the case of a company versus a group. He said that while there seems to be a consensus on the issue, this is not the right forum for it.

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15 December 1999

Re: Payments for by-laws.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Mr McPhee,

This letter is a letter in reply to your letter of 7 December 1999, which I received today. The terms of the letter are totally unacceptable to me. I in no way, shape, manner or form accept the condition that the by-laws must be accepted by Council before I shall receive payment. I do not accept that as a term. I have never accepted that as a term. I shall never accept that as a term.

As your letter noted, I provided to the Executive a completed copy of the by-laws. (I never worked on the constitution per se). This was completed in September. A month later we came to a settlement as to the fee. During that period, you have had opportunity to show my work to a lawyer and have done so to his approval. You have further had ample time to examine the work and make any complaints. I have received none. You have enacted by-laws that I have drafted or re-drafted.

It is over three months since you accepted my work. It is over two since we agreed to an amount of payment. Yet, as of this point, I have received less than half of the agreed sum. A crucial condition of my acceptance of \$2,500 is the fact that it is actually paid. I never agreed that payment would be contingent upon the successful adoption by Council of the by-laws. No one may predict what a legislative body may or may not enact. I simply drafted and edited what was requested of me by the various members of the Executive Committee. The President and Vice Presidents are signing officers of the corporation.

I expect to be paid in full by 31 January 2000. If at that time, I am not fully compensated for the by-laws, I shall withdraw my acceptance of the deal for \$2,500 and pursue the Society for the full amount of my claim.

Please act quickly to rectify the situation.

Yours sincerely,



Paul B. Flicker



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

December 7, 1999

Paul Flicker
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Mr. Flicker,

This letter serves to confirm that you have both completed and submitted your work on the Students' Society of McGill University's by-laws and constitution. As previously agreed to the total payment for this work will be \$2500, part of which you have already received. The Students' Society will pay the completion of this payment in accordance with terms to be negotiated in January 2000 and contingent on the successful adoption of the new by-laws. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 398-6802.

Respectfully,

Kevin McPhee
Vice President Operations

KM:lj

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

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Kevin McPhee

From: Andrew Tischler [pres@scare.ssmu.mcgill.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 1999 5:51 PM
To: Kevin McPhee
Subject: Flicker letter.doc - Please review and confirm terms of payment, thanks.

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

Mr. Flicker,

This letter is to confirm the terms of the work which you have done for the Students' Society of McGill University on its by-laws and constitution. I look forward to seeing a final version of any revisions on these for scrutiny by the constitutional review committee and affecting any final changes should this scrutiny find any necessary. This letter is also to confirm the remuneration for this work through a stipend totalling \$2,500. It is understood that there has been an advance on a portion of this money on . Thank you once again.

26 Aug-18, 1999

Payment will be
withheld until this
is achieved.

Sincerely,

Andrew Tischler
President
Students' Society of McGill University

Received:

Mr. Paul Flicker



Students' Society of McGill University
CHEQUE REQUISITION
(Payments over \$25 only)

Ref. #:

Payable to: Mr. Paul Fliche
Address: _____

Date: Nov 03, 1999

Organization: _____

Office Tel: _____

THIS PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ACCT. #	DEPT. #
<u>By-laws stipend</u>	<u>\$ 2300.00</u>	<u>63600</u>	<u>4082</u>
Sub-total		Remarks: _____ _____ _____ _____	
G.S.T.			
Q.S.T.			
Total	<u>\$2300.00</u>		

Signing Officer: [Signature]

Home Tel: 6801

Signing Officer: [Signature]

Home Tel: 6802

N.B. For expenses over \$50, the signatures of BOTH signing officers are required.

For office use only

Budget Approval: _____

Cheq. No.: _____

V.P. Finance: _____

Date: _____

Comptroller: _____



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EDUCATION

McGill University, National Programme in common and civil law (1996-2000)
University of Oxford, Master of Philosophy, 18th-Century English Literature (1994-96)
McGill University, Bachelor of Arts, Honours English Literature (1991-94)
Dawson College, Diplome d'etudes collegiales, with Honours (1990-91)
College de Trois-Rivieres, French Language Programme (Summer 1989)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR (MCGILL LAW SCHOOL)

Vice-President, Finance, CFO of the Law Students Association (1999-2000)
Chief Justice, Judicial Board of the Law Students Association (1998-99)
Member, LSA Council Constitutional Restructuring Committee (1998-99)
Constitutional Advisor, Arts Undergraduate Students Society (1998-99)
Senator, law students' representative on McGill Senate (1997-98)
Ex officio Member, Law Students' Council (1997-98)
Member, McGill Senate Appeals Committee (1997-)
Member, McGill Senate Committee on Student Discipline (1996-97)
Member, McGill Senate Committee on Student Record Priorities (1997-98)
Volunteer, McGill Legal Information Clinic (Summer 1997)
Co-Captain, Law School Intramural Hockey Team (1996-)
Member, Green Valley Golf & Country Club (1984-)

EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant, Professor S.A. Scott, McGill Faculty of Law (Summer 1999)
Chief Returning Officer, Students Society of McGill University (1999-2000)
Private Tutor, to both university and high school students (1993-)
Researcher, RRF Human Development Consultants Inc. (1992-)
General Clerk, Crew Management Accounting, CP Rail (summer 1996)
English Master, Abingdon School, Abingdon, England (summer 1995)
General Clerk, Quebec Division, CP Rail (Summer 1994)
Secretary, Adult Services, Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (1990-93)
Food Porter, Banff Springs Hotel, Canadian Pacific Hotels (summer 1990)
Intercity Umpire, City of Cote St-Luc/ City of Montreal West (1989-90)

Relevant Experience:

- ▶ Co-wrote Faculty of Arts work study programme (ASEF) by-laws with Arts Undergraduate Society President Heather Bradfield (Winter 1999)
- ▶ Served on Law Students Association Constitutional Restructuring Committee:
 Redrafted LSA Constitution
 Drafted new set of by-laws to correspond to new executive
 (Winter 1999)
- ▶ Wrote undergraduate honours thesis on editorial scholarship (1993-94 academic year)
- ▶ Served as editor on the first board of *The McGill Review of the Interdisciplinary Arts* (1993-94 academic year)
- ▶ Edited in-house course textbook of "The World of Chemistry" for Professor Harpp (Summer 1992).

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¹
12 September 1999

Re: Completion of By-laws

Dear Sir:

My involvement in the massive task of overhauling the SSMU By-laws is now complete. The SSMU By-laws you receive today are very different from the by-laws and policies that you handed me at the start of the summer. There have been literally thousands of changes. For a start, there are no more policies (in the old sense of the word). The new SSMU Constitution does not provide for them. Passing a by-law and passing a policy has become virtually the same procedure. Since the effect of breaching a by-law or a policy is the same, there is really no use for two separate instruments. Policies, under the new set of SSMU By-laws have become policy papers. These policies shall be used by Council to express ideas or opinions on situations that are normally outside the competence of Council.

There are entirely new by-laws, such as those constituting the MSF and establishing a new ARO position. There has been the rediscovery of lost by-laws, such as the terms of reference of the Presidents Council. There has also been the complete redrafting of old by laws, such as what formerly called "University Senators" and is now called "University Representation," which has been largely expanded and nearly completely redrafted.

In every by-law, the numeration has been changed and the spelling and language have been standardised (to British [Cambridge] English). In almost every by-law, the order of presentation has been changed in so that the by-laws are accessible in a more logical format. There are more articles and the articles are better defined, which itself provides an easy map of the document. All by-laws have been checked to ensure that they conform to the Constitution of 1999. In addition, references to the Constitution of 1991, positions that existed only under the old constitution and references to by-law or policies

that no longer exist have been deleted or modified as was appropriate in the circumstances.

The by-laws relating to Finance have been the least affected. They were prepared by last year's Vice President, Finance in consultation with the Society's legal counsel. The alterations made to those pages are mostly related to form. A new by-law regarding conflict of interests is required. Although not included in the Interim By-laws or in the Policy Manual, my research into the matter discovered that at one point the Society did have such a by-law – which was almost word for word copied from the Canada Business Corporations Act. This is probably an inappropriate model, as the Society is incorporated (I believe) under the Quebec Corporations Act. A better model might be that of the conflict of interest policy adopted by the University Board of Governors.

The ball is now in your court. To have effect, the SSMU By-laws must be introduced and be passed by Council. After having the appropriate Executives review by-laws relevant to their positions, I suggest the following procedure:

- (1) put forward a motion to repeal all interim and regular (in case any still exist and are in force) by-laws and policies of the SSMU;
- (2) attempt to adopt the entire set of new By-laws in one vote as one piece of omnibus legislation; or
- (3) if this fails, then introduce each by-law as a separate motion that shall take effect as of October 1st (there are only one or two controversial pieces, which the Society can temporarily run without).

Note that under Article 39.3 of the SSMU Constitution of 1999, the quorum for such votes in Council is "two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting members of Council."

The task is not complete at this point. Under Article 39.6 of the SSMU Constitution, the Society has ten working days under the supervision of the General Manager to translate an amendment to a by-law into the language in which it was not adopted. The amendment shall only take effect once it has been made available to the public in both official languages. In this case, the SSMU By-laws must be translated into French.

Although there exists a former copy of the old by-laws and policies in French, in my opinion, it should not be used. As stated above, there have been thousands of changes to the documents. Almost all of these have been accounted for in previous drafts of the document; however, to go about and forensically alter the French version to fit the new English version would be impossible – some errors would inevitably occur. Since both texts are equally authoritative, this would cause extreme complications for any member of the Society who might rely on one version of the text and be challenged on the other. First, I suggest that the Society translate the document afresh from the new SSMU By-laws. Second, that the Society not wait until they are formally passed in Council, but commence translation immediately so that the By-laws may take effect as soon as possible.

Once the By-laws are passed and issued in both of the Society's languages, according to your Memorandum of Agreement with the University, a copy of the new Statutes must be sent to the University Administration.

Finally, I suggest sending a copy of your new SSMU By-laws to your lawyer's office. It is a good document to have on record. You may request that your lawyer verify whether the By-laws conform to your Letters Patent (both of them) and to Part III of the Quebec Companies Act.

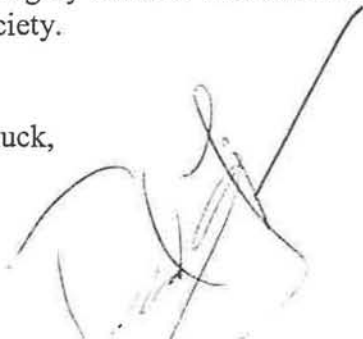
To reiterate, for the By-laws to have effect the following procedure should be followed:

- (1) repeal old by-laws and policies;
- (2) adopt new by-laws;
- (3) translate new by-laws into French and make them available to the public;
- (4) send copy of new by-laws to the administration of McGill University; and
- (5) consult with lawyer (optional).

If I may be of any further assistance, do not hesitate to reach me at the above address or by email at flicker@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca or by phone at 484-1881 (h) or 398-6966 (w). I shall, of course, be available to assist you in the process of enacting and giving force to these by-laws.

Finally, I encourage a review by Council and the Executive of my work. I suspect that several of the by-laws are outdated or are no longer relevant. For example, the media by-laws appears to be totally ignored. Apart from myself, I only know of two others sufficiently familiar with the legislation of the Society to complete this task: Chris Muldoon and Jason Antao. I believe Chris has graduated. I encourage you to seek the assistance of Jason in the coordination of the final implementation of these by-laws. He is thoroughly familiar with the Interim By-laws and with the procedures and practices of the Society.

Good luck,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Paul B. Flicker', written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Paul B. Flicker, M.Phil. (Oxon.)

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Chief Returning Officer's Report to Council

Document No. 1 Fall Election Report

Submitted to the Acting President
For Presentation to Council on 3 December 1999

FALL 1999

Chief Returning Officer's Fall Report to Council

I Results

Elections McGill congratulates Ms Sarah Bector for winning the First Year Committee of Council's presidency with 197 votes and the other FYCC candidates who stood for the office, Andre Legaspi (190 votes), Mona Nesrallah (137 votes) and Matylda Gawor (18 votes). Mr Legaspi has yet officially to request a recount. The following vice presidencies were acclaimed: External (Nili Isaacs); Communications (Naseem Awl); Academic (Paula Tchen); Internal (Zobair Anam); and Finance (Andres Friedman). We wish all incumbents a successful year.

A letter confirming the results of the FYCC Election was delivered to the General Manager of the Society on Friday, November 19 and a second one notifying him of the acclaimed positions was sent on Monday, November 22.

II Candidates

Elections McGill found no evidence of any campaign violations by any of the candidates. There were no violations reported by candidates or by third parties. All forms were filed in a timely manner. The candidates ran clean elections.

III Administration of Election

FYCC's elections were held at eleven poll locations across campus on November 16-17-18, 1999, with advanced polls being held on the previous Friday (November 12) at Shatner. No equipment was lost or stolen or damaged while in the care of Elections McGill.

Elections McGill had some difficulty filling all the poll clerk shifts; however, at no time did a polling station have to close due to lack of clerks. Out of the ninety clerks working 233 shifts for Elections McGill, there was only one report of inappropriate behaviour by a clerk (where she interrupted a class to solicit votes). This situation was immediately addressed by the DRO.

On Wednesday night, the CRO and DRO decided to keep the polling stations at Bishop Mountain Hall open until 7.00pm during its dinner rush and Redpath Library open till 6.00pm. The Library attracted few additional votes, but the extended hours at BMH proved popular.

The presence of the poll clerks is crucial in promoting election awareness at McGill. Some poll clerks were much more able to attract voters than others. Motivation is definitively a factor as Kerry Benzakin was able to demonstrate at Stewart Biology North and Scott Gracie at Education. Both buildings were relatively sleepy, except when these clerks were serving their shifts. Elections McGill will introduce incentive plans next semester to motivate more active vote solicitation at the polling stations.

The pay roll forms for almost all clerks were completed on Friday, November 19, 1999 and submitted to the SSMU office staff so that they may be paid out by December 2. Elections McGill thanks all those who acted as poll clerks, computer operators and ballot counters.

IV Computers

i. The voters list

The list of students sent to us by Ms Lynn Chalmers at the Registrar's Office never made it to Elections McGill. It was finally delivered to us on Friday, November 19, one day after elections ended. The list was sent in September and when the staff of Elections McGill requested the package, it could not be found. We are expecting a second list to be sent in late January and hope that it can be handed to Elections McGill before the end of next semester's elections. A current list was obtained by the CRO from Ms Chalmers on the Thursday afternoon prior to the opening of advanced polls. We are extremely fortunate that Ms Chalmers kept a copy of the file she sent us as it would have taken three days to obtain another copy from the McGill mainframe.

ii. Unexpected fees

Openface shocked Elections McGill by presenting us on the day of advanced polls a bill for approximately \$1,000 for programming the computers. This was not an expense that was charged by Openface to last year's elections. The Vice President, Operations is contesting the bill. If he is unsuccessful in having the charge waved, then Council must allocate an additional \$2,000 to the CRO's budget (\$1,000 per semester). If this is not done then Elections McGill will have no choice but to dispense with using computers to ensure the security of the voting system. As this may result in voter fraud, the CRO and DRO consider it crucial to remain computerised.

iii. Problems and solutions

As of the beginning of the Advanced Polls on Friday, November 12, 1999, Elections McGill was facing a computer crisis. None of the computers functioned properly. One had a programming problem and one had a networking problem and the other was suspected to work, but did not function as it was dependent on the other two computers in the network. By early morning the DRO fixed one computer. Since voting at Shatner was light, having only one computer did not present a hurdle. The programme did not, however, recognise first-year students. This was obviously a problem as we were administering a first-year election.

On Monday (an off day for elections), we installed two new network cards and had the entire system up and running for the Tuesday morning kick-off of the general polls. We also re-entered all the first-year students onto the Network who had been rejected on Friday. There is a four percent difference between the computer reports and the voter registration sign in sheets. This is to be expected as some students forget to sign the sheets.

We were assured by Openface that the computer problems that we encountered this election period were insignificant when compared to those faced by last year's crew. This did little to comfort the CRO.

V Students with Disabilities

Elections McGill is unsatisfied by the low participation rate of disabled students in the electoral process. Although we followed the rules and regulations regarding access for the disabled and offered Braille ballots at all stations, the turn out of disabled students can at best be described as desultory. The Office of Students with Disabilities serves over three hundred students at McGill. None of our Braille ballots were used. There is recollection of only one student in a wheelchair who voted. In order to improve on this situation, Elections McGill will seek the co-operation of the Office of Students with Disabilities. Working with that Office, we intend to inform students who do not have access to the *Daily* or the *Tribune* of impending elections and referenda. In addition, we shall create an extra-ordinary poll station at Burnside, where students who make use of the Office will be able to vote by appointment. It is expected that this will lead to a large increase in voter participation among disabled students in the Spring election period.

VI Withdrawals

Matylda Gawor attempted unsuccessfully to withdraw from the FYCC presidential election. The first provision in the FYCC Electoral Rules (which were provided to all candidates – see Appendix A) was how to withdraw from the race. It provides that she contact the EC at the very latest twenty-four hours before the opening of the polls. (The rules clearly provide both phone numbers and an email address of the ECs.) She did not do so. She sent an unclear email to the CRO and did not call anyone on Elections McGill to confirm her withdrawal, despite being provided all of our phone numbers and being specifically told by the CRO that she (or any of the candidates) could phone him at any hour on that line. Elections McGill only discovered after they had printed the ballots on Thursday night that Ms Gawor had indeed attempted to withdraw from the race (from Ms Catherine Weiler). At that point it was too late to remove her name from the ballot and therefore Ms Gawor has been run as a candidate.

Two candidates were able to withdraw successfully from the external race.

VII Council Documents

The CRO had great difficulty receiving copies of Council motions. The CRO is not a member of Council. In order for him to retain the appearance of independence and impartiality, it is not even advisable that he attend Council on a regular basis. He must, however, remain informed of all motions passed by Council that are relevant to his position or office. The CRO has repeatedly requested to be placed on the Council document distribution list and continues to check his box daily, but has yet to receive a copy of Council documents. This has hampered elections in a variety of ways. Just as a brief example, Elections McGill was unable to distribute with the nomination packages descriptions of the positions of the newly created FYCC executives as the CRO never received a copy of the new by-law (although numerous requests had been made). This situation must be rectified. It is hoped that in the new year the CRO will receive a copy of all Council minutes and that he will receive a signed copy from the Recording Secretary of all motions passed by Council that are pertinent to his position or office.

VIII Changes to Electoral Regulations

Under the authority of "By-Law III," the following changes were made from the SSMU election by-law to the FYCC Election process:

- Art. 2.1 the nomination period was condensed and moved closer to polls' opening;
- Art. 2.2 extended nominations were reduced to three days;
- Art. 7.2 candidates were limited to one large poster at Shatner;
- Art. 7.2.1 candidates were limited to 300 posters;
- Art. 7.8 the word "printed" was added;
- Art. 7.10 the campaign period was reduced to seven days; and
- Art. 7.17 no pen sketches were distributed to the *McGill Tribune*.

The above changes were made in consultation with the Vice President, Communications and Events and with Ms Weiler, the then President of FYSA (now FYCC). For a copy of the rules see Appendix A.

IX The Future

Elections McGill envisions many exciting changes in the way elections are administered at McGill. First, we plan to offer internet voting for the first time in McGill history. Second, we aim to increase voter turn-out by fifty percent over last year's polls. Third, we propose to introduce a series of revisions to Council to amend the electoral by-law to allow for these innovations.

X Final Notes

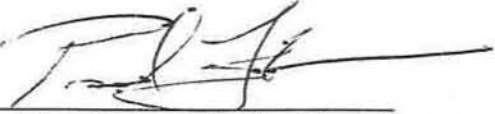
In general, the fall Elections ran very smoothly. Apart from some minor computer glitches on the first day, the team encountered no significant complications. Running the fall Elections was a great learning experience for Elections McGill. With a seasoned team in place, Spring Elections should run free of any difficulties.

The staff of Elections McGill wishes to thank Ms Olga Patrizi for the incredible support that she provided our team. She aided us in every aspect of our mandate. Thanks also go to Ashley, Connie and Linda in the SSMU front office for their patience and great assistance. Thanks to the Vice President, Communication and Events for acting as a liaison between Elections McGill and the SSMU Executive and for his friendly and helpful advice. Our appreciation to Catherine Weiler should also be noted for her role in the planning of the FYCC election and her attendance at all our meetings with the candidates. We should like to express our gratitude to the McGill Computer Store, who although they provided us with broken computers, was kind enough to give us the parts needed to fix them (without charge) and to the MGM computer lab at Burnside which lent us three screens.

The CRO and DRO would like to single out the great work of our Elections Coordinator, Mr Ben Davies. Elections at McGill would not have run nearly as smoothly or as efficiently as they did without him. Our success has in great part resulted from Ben's dedication and hard work.

XI Submission

All of which is respectfully submitted for the approval of Council by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Flicker', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul B. Flicker, M.Phil. (Oxon.)
Chief Returning Officer

Brian Lack, B.Sc.
Deputy Returning Officer

FYCC Elections

Rules and Regulations

Dear FYCC Candidate,

This is your guide on how to campaign legally. The rules are taken from the SSMU By-Law I (titled Electoral and Referenda Regulations), with some changes made for this election. By-Law III, Article 7.10 (titled Elections of Board Members) gives the CRO the power to do this for FYCC elections.

Article 6 – Withdrawals

- 6.1.1. Withdrawals of candidates will be accepted by the EC until 24 hours before the day of the first advance poll (Nov. 12th).

Article 7 – Campaigning

- 7.2. Each candidate shall be entitled to display one poster (maximum size: 432 square inches) in a spot designated by the EC in the Shatner Centre.
- 7.2.1. All candidates shall be limited to 300 posters during the campaign period of dimensions 8.5x11 inches each. The CRO shall implement a secured system to ensure that no candidate will exceed this limit.
- 7.3. The CRO shall not be responsible for enforcement of University building regulations.
- 7.4. No banners supporting a candidate maybe hung anywhere on University grounds. A banner is defined as anything larger than 432 square inches.
- 7.4.1. Non-affixed campaign literature (handbills) may only be handed out in person by a candidate to a member of the SSMU, and only indoors on McGill campus.
- 7.4.2. Campaign stickers may not be attached to university or SSMU property, including but not limited to: walls, windows, and condom machines.
- 7.4.3. No paper campaign materials may be distributed or affixed in classrooms or within the theft security perimeters of McGill libraries.
- 7.4.4. Posters may only be affixed indoors.
- 7.4.5. Candidates are responsible for removal of posters before the opening of regular polls (ie. Midnight, Nov. 15)
- 7.5. No publication supported either directly or indirectly by SSMU may express or imply any but a neutral attitude in an article, editorial, advertisement or letter towards any candidate. This does not apply either to the McGill Tribune or the McGill Daily.
- 7.6. No candidate shall have access to radio features or public service announcements either directly or indirectly (excluding news coverage).
- 7.7. During the campaign period, all candidates with an on-air position shall forgo their programming and broadcasting responsibilities. Likewise, all candidates who have editorial duties with either the McGill Tribune or the McGill Daily shall refrain from fulfilling those duties during the campaign period.

- 7.8. All printed campaign publicity is to be produced on at least 15% recycled paper.
- 7.9. The CRO shall have the right to prohibit the dissemination of campaign material which, in his judgement, contravenes the constitution, by-laws, or policies of SSMU. Candidates may choose whether to seek the approval of the CRO before disseminating any information, but they shall nevertheless be held ultimately responsible for any material disseminated on their behalf that contravenes the constitution, by-laws, or policies of the SSMU. Candidates should be made aware at the candidates' information meeting that any such contravention may result in their disqualification from the election.
- 7.10. The campaign period shall last for 7 days and end 24h00 the night before the election polls open (November 15th).
- 7.11. Any or all campaign activities may only be carried out by members of SSMU.
- 7.12. All campaigning must be carried out by the candidate or their authorized representatives.
- 7.13. Candidates should respect the spirit of a fair campaign and should conduct themselves with full respect for their opponents. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from interfering with the distribution of campaign material and engaging in slanderous campaigning.
- 7.14. Candidates may not distribute food or any other gifts in kind for the purpose of campaigning.
- 7.15. No candidate may send unsolicited electronic mail for the purpose of campaigning.
- 7.16. All candidates shall be provided with space on the SSMU Web Page. The specific requirements for Web Page material shall be determined by the CRO.

Article 8 – Campaign Funding

- 8.1. Each candidate shall be permitted to spend a maximum of \$50.00.
- 8.2. All candidates who receive at least 10% of the total vote shall be entitled to reimbursement by the SSMU of the amount they have spent on campaign materials.

The society shall not reimburse candidates for personal expenses incurred in the cause of any candidate's election campaign.

All candidates must pay fair market for campaign materials. Fair market value shall be defined as "the lowest price for a given product available in the Montreal region to all persons who approach a person or company that sells or deals in that product or service".

- 8.2.1. At the discretion of the CRO, reimbursement may be withheld from any candidate for any infractions of the Constitution or these By-Laws.

- 8.3. Candidates are to submit their campaign receipts and requests for reimbursement to the CRO within 5 days of the announcement of the election results.

The CRO shall review all receipts and shall prepare and make available to all candidates within 10 days of the announcement of the election results.

- 8.4. Each candidate is entitled to request an inquiry into the campaign spending of another candidate(s) within 3 days of the publication of candidate expenditures. In the case of an inquiry, the CRO shall evaluate the campaign spending of the candidate in question on the basis of a fair market value of his/her campaign materials.

Article 9 – Sanctions for Campaign Violations

- 9.1. Material that contravenes the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual of the SSMU will be confiscated by the CRO.
- 9.2. The CRO is empowered to invalidate the election on any successful candidate who has continued to use material confiscated by him.
- 9.3. Any violation of the campaign funding rules shall result in the disqualification of the candidate.
- 9.4. At his discretion, the CRO may disqualify, withhold reimbursement from, or officially reprimand a candidate for any infraction of the electoral By-Laws, depending on the severity of the offence.

Article 11 – Scrutineering

- 11.1. Each candidate is entitled to the services of one scrutineer at each poll. Anyone intending to act in such capacity must present upon the request of the poll clerk an explicit written authorization signed by the candidate.
- 11.2. A scrutineer is entitled to object to the conduct of the poll. Such objection shall be made to the CRO.
- 11.3. A scrutineer who abuses his/her rights by acting in an unreasonable manner may be expelled from the poll by the poll clerk. If the candidate, for whom the expelled scrutineer was acting, wishes to appoint a replacement, a second written authorization to that effect must be issued.
- 11.4. Each candidate is entitled to have one scrutineer present at each area where ballots are being counted. If, for reasonable cause, this is not practical, the CRO, in consultation with the candidates' scrutineers, shall determine on an alternate arrangement of joint scrutineering. Scrutineers are not permitted to participate in the count; they may observe, object if there is cause and appeal to the CRO for redress.
- 11.5. Scrutineers disobeying rules can be censured by the CRO.

Other Stuff

Elections McGill People

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Dates to Remember

November 9	Campaign Period begins
November 12	Advance Polls
November 15	Campaigning ends midnight
November 16-18	Regular Polls

All-Candidates-Meeting

Students can ask questions of the candidates, and candidates can make their views known to the McGill community. The time and place will be announced soon, and the meeting will be promoted by Elections McGill..



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Mr Guy Brisebois
General Manager
Students' Society of McGill University

19 November 1999.

Re: FYCC Election Results

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Ms Sarah Bector won the First Year Committee of Council's presidency with a 197 votes. The other candidates were ranked as follows: Andre Legaspi (190 votes), Mona Nesrallah (137 votes) and Matylida Gawor (18 votes).

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 7441 or at flicker@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.

Respectfully yours,

Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer

Nov 19, 99
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Mr Guy Brisebois
General Manager
Students' Society of McGill University

22 November 1999.

Re: FYCC Acclamations

Dear Sir,

This letter is to supplement the letter of 19 November. The following vice presidencies of the First Year Committee of Council were acclaimed: External (Nili Isaacs); Communications (Naseem Awl); Academic (Paula Tchen); Internal (Zobair Anam); and Finance (Andres Friedman). We wish all incumbents a successful year.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 7441 or at flicker@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.

Respectfully yours,

Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer

Nov 24
c/c Eves
P.B.



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Catherine Weiler
President
First Year Students' Association
Students' Society of McGill University

23 November 1999

Re: Winners of FYCC Elections.

Dear Ms Weiler,

The FYCC executive will consist of the following positions:

Elected:

Sarah Bector (president)	398-3010 ext 00981	s_amarylla@lycosmail.com	RVC
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Acclaimed:

Nili Isaacs (external)	398-8775	nili@rocketmail.com	RVC
Naseem Awl (Com)	398-3010 ext 094732	nawl@po-box.mcgill.ca	RVC
Paula Tchen (academic)	398-3010 ext 00215	ptchen@po-box.mcgill.ca	Molson Hall
Zobair Anam (internal)	733-6423	zobairanam@hotmail.com	off campus
Andres Friedman (fin)	982-9324	andresfri@collegeclub.com	off campus

Please note that Andre Legaspi has informally requested a recount in the presidential election. Should he formally request a recount and the results were to change, a second letter shall be forwarded to your association.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 7441 or at flicker@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Paul B. Flicker
CRO

Cc Matt Wyndowe, Vice President, Communications and Events.

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Supporting Document: Re: First Year Councilors' Vote on Council

The following document aims to clarify three issues arising out of the motion put forward for the proposed referendum question: whether or not the first year councilor should have a vote on council.

What is the difference Between FYSA and IRC?

(Why should the First Year Councilor Have a Vote?)

- FYSA was created and internally organized by SSMU whereas IRC was independently created and organized.
- Since IRC is independent of SSMU, its representatives represent the organization and its interests/issues to SSMU in the same way that a faculty association would.
- Just as the VP University Affairs represents the entire McGill community to SSMU council, the First Year Councilor represents the entire first year community and is the SSMU official designed to do that purpose. The SSMU executive/council/ reps cannot represent the first year community because they have not been elected by it.
- Since First Year Students are shareholders in the SSMU, they pay for their membership to the society and therefore have the right to representation.

COUNTER Argument: But in Canada we pay taxes beginning at age 16 and do not have the chance to choose our representatives(vote) until we are 18 so why should the situation be any different for First Year Students at McGill?

RESPONSE: The taxation system in Canada is obviously imperfect as it deviates from the notion 'no taxation without representation'. Do we want to mirror an imperfect situation when we have the opportunity to create a perfect one?

Constitutional Differences Between IRC and FYSA:

Here are the major points of constitutional difference between IRC

The objectives of IRC as stated in its constitution:

- To promote the welfare and interests of the members of the Association.
- To promote an atmosphere conducive to the academic, cultural and social pursuits of its members
- To represent its members as required
- To engage in such other activities and undertakings as may seem appropriate to the Association

The following items are constitutional responsibilities of the First Year Students Association as Stipulated in the preamble of its constitution:

1) "To promote responsible first-year student participation in the overall policy and decision making processes of the University;"

-FYSA has provided evidence of this whereas this is not an objective of IRC.

2) "To provide the official voice through which first year students may be expressed."

3) "To enhance the quality and scope of education and first-year student life at the university."

-FYSA has worked with the First Year Office, the First Year Coordinator and the First Year Experience committee in order to achieve this.

4) "To facilitate communication and interaction among all students from Anglophone, Francophone and other McGill communities;"

-FYSA has provided evidence for this over the past two years through its organization of two parties at Upper Residence designed to attract the Francophone/Montreal based students to interact where primarily Anglophone students live.

-FYSA has organized two events in downtown Montreal in order to attract Anglophone students from residences to participate in life in the city of Montreal with the Francophone students native to it.

- The membership of IRC are all those students paying fees to live in residences, about 1600 students who are not necessarily all in their first year.
- The membership of FYSA is all members of the Student's Society in their first year of Studies at McGill University who are U0 or U1 students in an undergraduate program or in their first year of an undergraduate academic program in which the U0 or U1 definition does not apply.
- The IRC Executive consists of:
 - President-chief officer of the organization
 - 2 VP Internals-organize events/parties aimed at residence students
 - VP Finance-accounting and financial affairs
 - VP Admin-administrative duties, minutes etc.
 - VP residence affairs-oversees subcommittees and hall committees
 - VP external-represents IRC's interests to SSMU and other organizations
- The FYSA Executive consists of: (for further detail see FYSA Constitution)
 - President-chief officer, spokesperson, represent interests to SSMU
 - VP Academic-attend senate caucus mtgs, raise issues to VP UA, FY experience
 - VP Communications-inform the membership of activities, events, programs
 - VP Finance-ensures financial stability of the Association
 - VP Internal-co-ordinate social, educational, cultural and political activities and events
 - VP External-develop relations with other universities, co-ordinate faculty relations
- The Composition of IRC council includes: hall presidents, 2 representatives from each hall, the IRC Executive.

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Envision that 12% of the student body wanted to institute excessively stringent environmental policies at McGill. For that purpose they wanted a representative on SSMU Council to represent environmental issues. The proposed amendment to the Constitution does not set a precedent for such behavior because the environmental constituency has the opportunity to organize themselves behind any of the candidates running in the spring elections for either SSMU or Faculty representative positions. First year students do not have this opportunity. This clearly differentiates them from pre-existing interest groups on campus.

What is FYSA vis a vis SSMU?

A Brief History

- In September of 1997, then SSMU President Tara Newell and the SSMU Executive brought a motion to SSMU council for the creation of a First Year Organization.
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- These actions were considered binding as they were added to the Operating Policy Manual.
- FYSA became effective in November of 1997 and the first executive drafted a new constitution which is now referred to in the Terms of Reference of the Policy Manual. (the constitution attached to this document)
- In the new interim Policy Manual effective May 1, 1999, the FYSA legislation was placed in Policy 5 Section 3.

What FYSA is intended to be:

- It was intended at the point of creation of FYSA and it is our intention to maintain that FYSA be considered a shadow of SSMU for the purposes of first year representation and participation in student government.
- The composition of FYSA mirrors that of SSMU with a similar executive, and similar proportions of representatives from faculty associations for its legislative assembly.
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The Role of the First Year Councilor on SSMU

The President of the First Year Student's association has filled the position of the First Year Councilor on SSMU as an ex-officio member. This has allowed the First Year Councilor to bring attention to the needs of students in their first year at McGill. It has not, however, enabled the FYSA President to entirely fulfill the mandate of the First Year Students' Association as stipulated by its constitution, "to provide the official voice through which first-year students may be expressed." The only way that this mandate can be fulfilled is if the First Year Councilor is a member of the SSMU council will full voting privileges.

Catherine Webb
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Motion - Committee of First Years' Council

Further to the presentation last council meeting of proposed Amendments to the motion of debate, it is moved that the following Amendments be made to the May 1999 Interim By-laws of the Students' Society of McGill University to resolve the structural obstacles identified over the last few weeks.

Proposed Changes:

Bylaw III

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Add

Committee of First Years' Council

Article 2 – Nomination of Councilors to Committee

- 2.3 A chair shall be elected by each committee at its first meeting (*Add* with exception to the Committee of First Years' Council whose chair shall be the First Year Councilor). The Chair may not be a member of Executive Committee.

Article 4 – Membership of Committees

- Add* 4.8 The Committee of First Years' Council
- The Vice President University Affairs (ex-officio)
 - The First Year Councilor (President)
 - 5 Vice Presidents
 - 11 Members at Large

Membership of this committee is to be further defined in Article 7 of this Bylaw.

Note: Membership of this committee shall be only open to members of the Students' Society in their first year of studies at McGill University who are enrolled in an undergraduate academic program, with exception to the Vice President University Affairs.

Article 5 – Role of the Committees

- Add* 5.7 The mandate of the Committee of First Years' Council includes but is not limited to:
- Identifying and representing First Year student interests.

- Promoting responsible first year student participation in the overall policy and decision-making processes of the university.
- Providing the official voice through which first year students may be expressed.
- Investigating first year student problems and taking appropriate action.
- Facilitating communication and interaction among all students from Anglophone, Francophone and other McGill communities.
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- Advancing the general welfare of the first year student body.

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Executive Council

- 7.1 There shall exist an Executive Council comprised of the following officers:
- The First Year Councilor (President)
 - The Vice President Academic
 - The Vice President Communications
 - The Vice President Finance
 - The Vice President Internal
 - The Vice President External
- 7.2 The Executive Council shall be vested with all powers of the Committee of First Years’ Council in between meetings. The Executive Council shall submit for ratification to each regular meeting of the Committee a report of all actions taken.
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Roles of the Officers

- 7.4 The First Year Councilor (President) shall:
- Be the spokes person of the Committee
 - Call meetings of the Committee and set its agenda.
 - Call and chair meetings of the Executive Council and co-ordinate the activities of its members.
 - Co-ordinate relations between the Committee, the Students’ Society and Faculty Associations of McGill University.
- 7.5 The Vice President Academic shall:
- Attend meetings of the Students’ Society Senate Board Caucus.
 - Raise issues and propose strategies for development to the Vice President University Affairs.

- Review the academic programs offered for first year students at McGill University and propose strategies for improving to the appropriate authority.
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- Provide the agenda for regular meetings of the Committee.
- Keep the minutes and documents of the Committee.
- Publicize the meetings of the Committee.
- Inform the first year students about activities, events, productions, programs and other initiatives.
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- Engage in and organize fundraising initiatives to finance projects and events undertaken by the Committee.
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- Keep the Committee informed of the financial aspects of all initiatives.
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- Evaluate the effectiveness of Student Society Services, Programs and Activities offered to incoming students and advise on how they may be improved.
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Chief Returning Officer's Report to Council

Document No. 2 Curriculum Vitae of
Deputy Returning Officer

Submitted to the Acting President
For Presentation to Council on 3 December 1999

FALL 1999

March 18, 1998

To whom it may concern,

I am very interested in assuming the post of **Chief Returning Officer** of the SSMU. As indicated in my résumé, I have experience in elections ranging from the SSMU to the national level. I know how elections should work beginning with campaign regulations, through the counting of the votes, and if there are issues which need to be worked out I would like an opportunity to try solving them. As well, my involvement in other activities shows that I regularly take initiative to achieve much more than the basic requirements. I work very well in teams and I feel comfortable taking on a leadership role, such as instructing a group of poll clerks.

Should the Chief Returning Officer position be filled by somebody else, please consider me for **Deputy Returning Officer**, and if not, then for **Election Coordinator**. Either way, I do feel very capable of handling any of these responsibilities

Thank You,



Brian Lack

8.00 Tuesday LSA.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MR LACK HAS SERVED
AS DRO IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS SINCE
THIS C.V. HAS BEEN MADE. ZBF

BRIAN LACK

16 MERTON CROIS.
HAMPSTEAD, QUEBEC
H3X-1L6

TELEPHONE: (514)487-8513
E-MAIL: black@po-box.mcgill.ca

LANGUAGES: English, French, Hebrew (fluent written and spoken)

COMPUTER SKILLS: DOS & Windows Software:
WordPerfect, Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Quicken

Programming Languages: Turbo Pascal, C++, Java

EDUCATION: Math Chemistry and Physics; Minor in Management, 3rd year
McGill University, Montreal
• Holder of the Golden Key

Diplôme d'Etudes Collégiales (D.E.C)
Marianopolis College, Montreal
Pure & Applied Science
• Dean's List

ELECTION-RELATED EXPERIENCE:

December 1998	Deputy Returning Officer Liberal Party (provincial elections)
November 1998	Poll Clerk Student Society of McGill University
June 1997	Registration Officer Elections Canada (national elections) • Verified eligibility of people absent from the voter list
October 1995	Poll Clerk Liberal Party (Referendum)
Autumn 1994	Deputy Returning Officer

Town Of Hampstead (Municipal Elections)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

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|-----------------------|---|
| Summer 1998 | Senior Supervisor
Y Country Camp, Huberdeau Quebec <ul style="list-style-type: none">• directed the Jr. C.I.T. program• organized and led a great trip to Ottawa |
| 1997-8
(part-time) | Counterperson
Monsieur Felix & Mr. Norton Cookies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• often ran the store myself (baking & sales) |
| Summer 1997 | Supervisor
Y Country Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none">• directed the Rocky Point Boys program• lead and motivated a staff of 12 |
| May 1997 | Security Person
Hadassah-Wizo Women's organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• helped run bazaar |
| 1997
(part-time) | Representative
SILVER PACIFIC MARKETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• setup a booth in McGill to sell watches |
| Summer 1996 | Counselor In Training Staff
Y Country Camp |
| Summer 1995 | Senior Counselor
Y Country Camp |
| Summer 1994 | Junior Counselor
Y Country Camp |

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Winter 1999
to present | President (Newly Elected)
Inter Greek Letter Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• currently conducting meetings with representatives from all fraternities and sororities on campus• working on plans to make fraternities and sororities visible leaders at McGill |
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| March 1999 | Volunteer
McGill March Madness charity |
| Winter 1999 | Treasurer
Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved the way business was conducted by using professional accounting, budgeting and financing methods • took initiative to produce computerized weekly reports, and bills for members with outstanding dues |
| 1998-9 | Vice President Campus Awareness
Golden Key National Honor Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organized Info Booths on campus during "awareness week" to promote membership |
| Fall 1998 | I.G.L.C. Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • represented Alpha Delta Phi at the Inter Greek Letter Council |
| Winter 1998 | Philanthropy Chairman
Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoted and organized the SKATE-A-THON for Canadian Friends For Aids charity • motivated fraternity members to volunteer |
| Winter 1994 | Vice President Finance
Jeunes Entreprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kept records and made quarterly reports for a student run company • issued shares to raise capital |

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

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| Dancing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • joined McGill S.A.L.S.A. club to improve dancing skills |
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REFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Document No. 4 Dates of Spring Election

Submitted to the Acting President
For Presentation to Council on 3 December 1999

FALL 1999



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Friday, December 10, 1999

Elections McGill submits the following dates for the spring elections:

Nomination Period:

Friday, February 04, 2000 9:00 AM to Wednesday, February 16, 2000 6:00 PM

Campaigning Period:

Thursday, February 17, 2000 9:00 AM to Sunday, March 05, 2000 11:59 PM

Advance Polls:

Friday, March 3, 2000 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Elections:

Tuesday, March 07, 2000 9:00 PM to Thursday, March 09, 2000 5:00 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ben Davies'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ben Davies
Elections Coordinator
Elections McGill

Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer
Students' Society of McGill University
2166 Marcl Road
Montreal, PQ
H4A 2Z1

Andrew Tischler
President
Students' Society of McGill University
William Shatner University Centre
3480 MacTavish Street
Montreal, PQ
H3A 1X9

1 August 1999

Re: Board of Directors of Radio McGill (90.3 FM CKUT)

Dear Sir:

About a week ago, Mr Adrian Harwood, station manager of Radio McGill, contacted me. He informed me that one position on the Board of Directors of CKUT had not been filled during the previous election period. I consulted with Mr Harwood by telephone and then met with him on Monday, 26 July 1999.

At our meeting he provided me with a copy of the Radio McGill constitution [hereinafter By-law No. 1]. Section 4.1.d of By-law No. 1 provides that:

Two Directors shall be elected by the Full Members of the Corporation other than paid Staff-Members in an election held for that purpose and conducted be <sic> the Students' Society at its expense.

I pointed out that s. 4.3 of By-law No. 1 provided that all directors remain in office until replacements are elected or appointed, as the case may be, or until removed. I pointed out that the previously elected member remains in office. Mr Harwood stated that the previous member is unacceptable for two reasons: (a) that s/he graduated and is no longer a member of the constituency which s/he is meant to represent; and (b) s/he moved out of the city and is unable to participate in any meaningful way in the workings of the board. While I discount the first concern as there is no provision in By-law No. 1 for removal from office simply owing to graduation, the second argument seems a valid point. Mr Harwood complains that he cannot achieve quorum at his meetings and that the business of the station's board has ground to a halt.

There is no specific provision in either the Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University or in its Interim By-laws on running elections for Radio McGill. It will, however, be impossible for me to run fair elections at this time in the manner outlined in Interim By-law I - Electoral and Referenda Regulations. The University media are not operating during the summer

and many if not a majority of students are unavailable or unreachable as far as student government is concerned. In addition, the costs of running a full election with polling clerks in every building far outweigh any benefit that may be obtained in filling this post by general election.

On the other hand, it is unfair for Radio McGill, which has a small board, to be unable to conduct its business because of a failure by the SSMU to supply the representation that it is responsible for providing. I believe that a compromise may be reached. Those elected by the students should elect an interim member of the Board of Directors of Radio McGill.

Therefore, by the power conferred under Article 19 of the Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University, I ORDER that within TEN (10) days of receiving this letter the Nominating Committee of the SSMU select a student as interim member of the Board of Directors of Radio McGill, on condition of approval by the Executive Committee of SSMU, to serve until such time as regular elections may be held. Or, in the alternative, if the Nominating Committee cannot be convened for that election within said period of time, that the Executive Committee of SSMU elect with TEN (10) the student member of the Board of CKUT.

I FURTHER ORDER that the candidate for Membership of the Board of Directors of Radio McGill shall be a full member of Radio McGill as defined under paragraph 20 of By-law No. 1 of Radio McGill¹ and that s/he not be a member of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors or Nominating Committee of the Students' Society of McGill University.


Paul B. Flicker, M.Phil. (Oxon.)

1-8-99
Dated

P.S. I can be reached at the above address or at 484-1881 or at flicke_p@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.
c.c. Mr Adrian Harwood.

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20. Membership

20.1 All students registered at McGill University, other than continuing education students, summer students, McDonald College students, medical interns and residents and non-residents graduate members, shall in accordance with the terms of their registration, be Full Members, upon payment to the Corporation of the membership fee prescribed from time to time by referendum conducted by the Students' Society in accordance with the referendum procedures established from time to time by the University.

20.2 Individuals not eligible for full membership may, upon recommendation of the Programming Committee, become Associate Members in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board.

20.3 McGill Students who are members of Radio McGill as defined in by-law 20.1 may only withdraw their membership from Radio McGill Inc. when a student initiated referendum is called for that purpose. Associate Members as defined in by-law 20.2 may withdraw her or his membership at any time.

Entente on Cold Beverage Agreement

I accept the fact that there were violations by both pro- and anti- CBA campaigners, but despite these violations do not contest the results of the SSMU CBA Referendum.

Andrew Tischler
Chair, CBA "Yes" Committee

Samira Rahmani
Chair, CBA "No" Committee

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I feel that as a result of campaign violations, the SSMU CBA Referendum should remain uncouned and that Elections McGill should destroy all existing ballots.

Andrew Tischler
Chair, CBA "Yes Committee

Samira Rahmani
Chair, CBA "No" Committee

Witnessed by

Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer

Brian Lack
Deputy Returning Officer



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Mr Guy Brisebois
General Manager
Students' Society of McGill University

22 November 1999.

Re: FYCC Acclamations

Dear Sir,

This letter is to supplement the letter of 19 November. The following vice presidencies of the First Year Committee of Council were acclaimed: External (Nili Isaacs); Communications (Naseem Awl); Academic (Paula Tchen); Internal (Zobair Anam); and Finance (Andres Friedman). We wish all incumbents a successful year.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 7441 or at flicker@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.

Respectfully yours,

Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer

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Mr Guy Brisebois
General Manager
Students' Society of McGill University

19 November 1999.

Re: FYCC Election Results

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Ms Sarah Bector won the First Year Committee of Council's presidency with a 197 votes. The other candidates were ranked as follows: Andre Legaspi (190 votes), Mona Nesrallah (137 votes) and Matylda Gawor (18 votes).

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 7441 or at flicker@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.

Respectfully yours,

Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer

Nov 19, 99
for
c/c Legaspi
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Memorandum

*To: Jeremy Farrell
From: Guy Brisebois
cc:
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2000
Subject: Registration*

Jeremy,

Please find attached the Students Registration Statistics created from the McGill University assesment report used to control the fees assessed and transferred to us by McGill.

Full Time SSMU Students:	14692
Part Time SSMU Students:	657
Total Students Assessed:	<u>15349</u>



Guy Brisebois
General Manager

FEES SUMMARY

Winter Term

99/00

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STUDENTS REGISTRATION STATISTICS

A-49/J93

		Full Time	Full & Part Time	International	Part Time
		SSMU	HEALTH PLAN	DENTAL PLAN	SSMU
Arts/B.A.	(H-F)	4657	0	0	5
Arts/B.S.W.	(H-L/M)	352	0	0	265
Education/B.Ed.	(L-F/M)	1071	0	0	1
Education/Diploma	(L-L)	45	0	0	29
Engineering	(C-F)	1726	0	0	109
- Architecture/B.Sc.	(C-L)	105	0	0	2
- Architecture/B.Arch.	(C)	2	0	0	0
Law	(K)	451	0	0	0
Management	(D)	1537	0	0	44
Music	(S)	394	0	0	44
Nursing	(W)	97	0	0	17
Physical & Occupational	(Y)	318	0	0	7
Religious Studies	(T)	20	0	0	11
Science	(J)	3228	0	0	119
Dentistry	(M)	113	0	0	0
Medicine	(O)	576	0	0	4
SSMU Students Members		14692	0	0	657
Agriculture					
		14692	0	0	657

Continuing Education

14692	0	0	657
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Special & Visiting

Full-Time Undergraduates

14692	0	0	
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Mr Guy Brisebois
General Manager
Students' Society of McGill University

13 March 2000

Re: 2000 Election Results

Dear Sir,

I should like to announce officially the following official results from the 2000 SSMU elections, held on 2, 7, 8 and 9 March 2000 on McGill campus:

President:	Wojtek Baraniak
Vice President, University Affairs:	Clara Peron.
Vice President, Operations:	Kevin McPhee
Vice President, C & G:	Jeremy Farrell
Vice President, C & S:	Chris Gratto
Vice President, C & E:	Mark Chodos

There has been a request for a recount in the Communications and Events race. I shall notify you immediately if the outcome of the recount changes the results.

I can also report the following results:

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Arts Senator	Fred Sagel
Arts Senator	Michael Hershfield
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Science Senator	Faiz Ahmad*
Engineering Senator	Kate Wolf*
Engineering Senator	William Bond*
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Education Senator	Sabrina N. Jafralie*
Law Senator	Francois Tanguay-Renaud*
Religious Studies Senator	Karen L. Chalk*
Dentistry Senator	Khaled Abul Sharaf*
FERC	Joshua Kotin*
FERC	Blake McGreevy*

March 13, 5:25 pm.
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Paul B. Flicker
Chief Returning Officer

Position	Candidate Name	Total	Shatner 1	BMH 2	RVC 3	Leacock 4	McConnell 5	Redpath 6	FDA 7	Arts 8	Bronfman 9	CDH 10	Burnside 11	StewBio 12	Wong 13	Education 14	Strathcona 15
President	Wojtek Baraniak	1798	288	109	83	283	135	214	118	149	77	67	89	95	40	34	17
	Tamara Kochar	1578	176	55	102	251	125	211	135	118	116	42	92	66	46	26	17
	Ron Severino	853	87	88	33	143	60	81	47	58	136	16	31	35	13	21	4
	spoiled	581	77	15	10	67	39	62	66	36	28	66	33	32	25	22	3
V.P. University Affairs	Amarkai Laryea	975	120	43	48	150	64	123	72	65	76	88	44	37	22	16	7
	Clara Peron	1984	303	131	100	315	139	225	132	151	159	42	103	88	44	38	14
	Jacque Poitras	665	89	38	31	103	66	85	45	55	40	9	33	33	14	17	7
	spoiled	1203	139	55	49	175	89	131	116	90	82	51	65	71	45	32	13
V.P. Community & Government Affairs	Jeremy Farrell	2488	309	188	136	452	159	292	151	189	189	44	127	122	62	46	22
	Louis-Phillippe Messier	1429	252	58	66	185	117	185	111	105	100	63	64	57	25	29	12
	spoiled	916	92	21	26	104	83	97	102	67	68	83	54	47	37	28	7
	Jesse Andrews	630	75	29	16	98	59	80	48	58	36	22	39	38	17	11	4
V.P. Communications & Events	Mark Chodos	1022	128	60	61	141	75	115	82	69	152	21	49	32	21	9	7
	Kosta Dritsas	340	52	9	6	54	35	46	21	38	11	12	20	19	7	3	7
	Bob Tarle	806	94	70	62	120	37	94	42	60	68	12	38	41	15	50	3
	Pete Wielgosz	990	180	68	49	187	63	123	65	57	48	20	36	45	25	12	12
V.P. Clubs & Services	spoiled	1032	121	31	33	142	88	117	105	69	42	103	61	53	39	20	8
	Akin Alaga	1390	226	92	70	232	80	194	88	111	65	50	70	59	20	23	10
	Chris Gratto	1654	225	99	88	260	124	200	98	114	185	30	76	73	36	36	10
	Andre Nance	723	100	33	37	102	74	82	73	54	37	20	34	41	16	12	8
V.P. Operations	spoiled	1063	100	45	38	143	80	98	105	82	70	90	65	57	45	32	13
	Jay Antao	667	92	48	28	118	47	79	32	49	69	21	27	30	15	10	2
	Arif Chowdhury	1501	172	100	77	224	110	189	180	100	82	29	97	80	40	12	9
	Kevin McPhee	1602	266	77	85	239	129	182	100	124	140	39	64	66	35	35	21
Management Senate	spoiled	1052	121	42	38	154	73	124	83	88	66	101	56	54	34	9	9
	John Doulamis	92	9	5	4	8	0	5	1	2	55	0	0	0	0	3	0
	A.J. Silber	214	26	13	16	14	1	13	3	1	122	0	1	1	0	3	0
	Sunaina Talwar	161	18	7	5	8	1	10	2	2	104	0	2	1	0	1	0
Arts Senate	spoiled	76	11	6	3	6	0	8	1	0	37	0	1	0	0	3	0
	Michael Hershfield	655	120	30	37	162	23	104	26	102	7	1	26	14	2	1	0
	Ilan Muskat	508	107	15	24	124	14	89	25	74	9	0	14	10	2	1	0
	Fred Sagel	876	166	17	47	240	24	141	34	118	13	1	46	27	1	1	0
CBA	spoiled	378	66	6	12	102	20	67	14	61	3	0	13	13	1	0	0
	Yes	2080	325	130	110	297	158	217	133	140	187	68	90	89	59	55	22
	No	2690	313	113	108	423	215	342	250	214	154	130	149	129	64	55	31
	spoiled	204	22	17	13	24	15	20	16	10	21	7	9	17	8	4	1
FYCC	Yes	3820	495	212	195	587	279	470	280	304	272	144	176	181	100	86	39
	No	678	96	24	21	98	56	76	59	43	56	44	43	22	18	15	7
	spoiled	535	69	30	15	64	54	61	60	37	34	19	27	31	13	13	8
	Zach Dubinsky	1505	208	98	73	243	116	163	122	108	100	57	80	71	30	30	6
Board of Governors	Matt Wyndowe	2069	311	96	90	335	154	262	131	147	197	51	96	103	52	35	9
	spoiled	975	117	52	49	134	68	94	90	70	56	70	55	53	30	33	4



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Dentistry Senator	Khaled Abul Sharaf*
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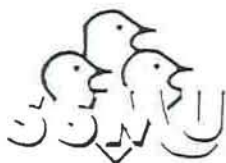
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Brian Lack
Deputy Returning Officer

STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATION ETUDIANTE DE L'UNIVERSITE MCGILL



FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO/A: KATE WILLIAMS	FROM/DE: Guy Brisebois
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FAX NUMBER/NUMERO: 7364	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER: 2
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☐ URGENT ☐ FOR REVIEW ☐ PLEASE COMMENT ☐ PLEASE REPLY ☐ PLEASE RECYCLE

NOTES/COMMENTS:

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**Here's the new executives and
Senators for 05/00 to 04/01**

G. Brisebois

WILLIAM & MARY BROWN STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING
5672 McFARLANE SUITE 1222
MONTREAL, QUEBEC
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PHONE 514-398-6877 FAX 514-398-7492

PLEASE FORWARD THIS FAX TO WHOM IT IS INTENDED. THANK YOU



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Elections McGill hereby announces the unofficial results from the 2000 electoral and referendum period. We would like to congratulate all the candidates on well-run campaigns and wish the newly elected Executive a successful term in office.

Position	Candidate Name	Total
	Wojtek Baraniak	1798
President	Tamana Kochar	1578
	Rom Severino	853
	Spoiled	581
	Amarkai Laryea	975
V.P. University Affairs	Clara Peron	1984
	Jacquie Poitras	665
	Spoiled	1203
V.P. Community & Government Affairs	Jeremy Farrell	2488
	Louis-Phillippe Messier	1429
	Spoiled	916
	Jesse Andrews	630
	Mark Chodos	1022
V.P. Communications & Events	Kosta Dritsas	340
	Bob Tarle	806
	Pete Wielgosz	990
	Spoiled	1032
	Akin Alaga	1390
V.P. Clubs & Services	Chris Gratto	1654
	Andre Nance	723
	Spoiled	1063
	Jay Antao	667
V.P. Operations	Arif Chowdhury	1501
	Kevin McPhee	1602
	Spoiled	1052
	John Doulamis	92
Management Senate	A.J. Silber	214
	Sunaina Talwar	161
	Spoiled	76
	Michael Hershfield	655
Arts Senate	Ilan Muskat	508
	Fred Sagel	876
	Spoiled	378
CBA	Yes	2080
	No	2690
	Spoiled	204

97%

3788

30%



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FYCC	Yes	3820
	No	678
	Spoiled	535
Board of	Zach Dubinsky	1505
Governors	Matt Wyndowe	2069
	Spoiled	975

Submitted by

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