



Council Report
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SSMU Research

Equity Research

- Over the summer, I worked with the Equity Commissioners to organize three research projects. The projects are as follows:
 - Equity Complaints Process
 - Equity Structure
 - Equity Funding
- These projects will help SSMU Equity to assess the Equity Policy
- Three researchers have been hired and the projects are underway

International Students

- A few years ago a research project about the needs of international students was conducted by the SSMU
- This project was not totally completed
- Sam Harris and myself decided that it was time to update this research
- We have done one round of interviews, but no researcher has been hired yet
 - We are currently in the process of scheduling more interviews

McGill's Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy

- This November at Senate, McGill's Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy is due to be revised
- I have been working with the SSMU's Academic Research Commissioner, Agatha Slupek, on a project which will assess McGill's policy internally and compare it to other universities

Review of the Composition of Senate



- A committee of Senate was created last May and mandated to review the composition of Senate
- The SSMU has been working with PGSS to research the history of Senate, its composition and compare it to other universities in North America

IDEAS

- This is a project I have been working on for a few month with Sam Gregory
- “Institute for the Development of Entrepreneurship and Advancing Society”
- We have met with AUS, SUS, EUS, MUS, CaPs, and Student Services to share and find support for this project
- We most recently met with the new Deputy Provost; he is supporting and encouraging us to take it farther than we originally intended

Corporate Campus

- This is an old project of past VP University Affairs Emily Clare
- I have been sifting through and updating it; looking for new ways in which it can be used effectively

Equity

- SSMU permanent and student staff will be getting Equity training from the SEDE office at the beginning of October!
- Myself and the VP Internal have been working on a costumes campaign in preparation for 4Floors

SSMU Committees

Awards of Distinction

- SQ

Equity Committee

- SQ

Library Improvement Fund

- SQ



University Affairs Committee

- SQ

McGill Senate

Senators

- Emails have been set up, Welcome Package sent out, along with a host of McGill documents
- In May, the Science Senator resigned. SUS is currently in the nominating process. Nominees will be sent to Senate Caucus to be interviewed
- We had our first Senate Caucus this Monday; I am extremely happy with the group of people we have. Everyone is intelligent and motivated.
 - The Senators were invited to come with three priorities and projects for the year to share with the group
- Based on these priorities, I have created small groups so that they can work together on their projects and support each other
 - I have assigned either the UA Sec-Gen or the ARC to these groups to give them more support as the year goes forward

Senators Corner

- This was a website created a few years ago; I will be bringing it back this year
- It is a forum where Senators can keep of blog of their activities and connect more efficiently with students
- We are taking pictures before Senate next week so stay tuned for updates!

Committees

- The Sec-Gen and I have been working throughout the summer to fill the vacant spots on the various committees and subcommittees of Senate
- Student Services Eating Disorder Program Advisory Board
 - It came to my attention that there were no reps on this advisory board.



- I spoke with the Director of the program about this issue; it was confirmed to me that reps will be allowed

This summer, I sat on the following committees as the student representative:

- CEELR: Community Engaged and Experiential Learning and Research
 - Scholarships Review Appeals Committee
 - Class Scheduling Working Group
 - Citizens Council
- I will be sitting on a number of committees this year, including:
 - Senate Steering
 - Senate Nominating
 - Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - I am currently summarizing and presenting a cyclical review
 - Principals Prize
 - Friends of the Library

Libraries

- Much has happened over the summer in regard to the libraries
- I have organized a town-hall entitled, “Where have all the books gone?”
 - It will be held on September 19th from 4pm to 6pm in Lev Bukhman
 - Colleen Cook, the Dean of Libraries, will be presenting and available for questions
 - Invite your friends on facebook!
- 24 hour Library access has been significantly reduced in comparison to previous years
 - I have begun to investigate how the SSMU might help to mitigate the adverse effects these changes will have on students
 - Possible study space in the SSMU building during times when the libraries are closed

Events

- Suzanne Fortier and Ollivier Dyens tour of Activities Night



- I organized a three hour tour with the new Principal and Deputy Provost
- They met the SSMU Executive, student staff and permanent staff
- We then toured Activities Night and visited a few club offices, including:
 - BSN, ISN, Queer McGill, the Tribune, the Daily, and SACOMSS
- It was a great opportunity for students to meet the new administrators and for the administrators to see all the way students utilize the space in this building

- McGill's Vision: Indigenous Studies Program
 - I have been working with Allan Vicaire to plan an event during Indigenous Awareness Week (Sept 25thm 11 am to 12 pm)
 - Haley Dinel and myself will be presenting the document SSMU made last year about a future Indigenous Studies Program

- Sustainability Fridays
 - This was an event that happened a few years ago. It brought people together throughout the university to talk about all the sustainability initiatives that were happening
 - I have been working with our Sustainability Coordinator, Dave, to get these going again
 - There will be one held in November, in conjunction with the Libraries

- Asbestos Conference
 - This event is well underway, it will be happening on Oct 6th
 - I will be moderating the afternoon discussions with the speaker Prof Eigelman