



Council Report
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Research

Mental Health Policy

- Complete.

Equity Research

- Complete.

Equity Revisions

- We are going to hold open consultation sessions after March break to both engage students and get feedback. They will be held during the second week of April. Stay tuned for exact dates!

McGill's Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy

- The document is finished and I will be bringing this to the next Council. It worked excellently at the Forum on Consent.

International students

- Chelsea has begun work on this.

What is consultation?

- Chelsea has begun to work on this. Although a few other projects have been more pressing, ie Sexual Assault Policy

IDEAS

- SQ

Equity

Sexual Harassment Policy changes and website

- This project is coming along quite well. We are now moving from the content development phase to the website development phase.



Equity Committee

- EQUITY CONFERENCE! The Equity Conference is taking place tonight and tomorrow! Farah, the Conference Coordinator, has done an excellent job and there are excellent speakers and presentations. Please try and make it tomorrow if you have time!
- We have been doing recruitment for the two positions next year

Libraries

The Library Improvement Fund

- Some delays.

Senate

- Senate Caucus: The Caucus before reading week was canceled due to low attendance. Our projects are coming along well: Ollivier has issued a response to our follow up questions at Senate. Sam and Claire are currently drafting a response that will be sent back to him.
- We need all of your help to inform students about the change in credit requirements! Sam and I are working on an easy to read graphic that will be circulated, but please make announcements at all of your respective Committees/councils

Committees

Senate Steering

- Was this Tuesday: Pretty standard. The topic of the next open discussion is on the Principals three Priorities. It is great that she is looking for substantive feedback on her vision. Also, she will be reporting on her expenses.

University Affairs Committee

- We had a meeting and decided on drastic changes to the structure of this committee and its relationship with PARC. We will have a second meeting just to confirm the structural changes with all



committee members and will be bringing the changes to Council asap.

Harm Reduction Coordinator Search

- The Coordinator will be starting March 31st! I am very excited for this candidate, they will work excellently with both students and McGill.

APC

- Cancelled.

Mental Health Committee

- No meeting last week
- From the week before: I invited Amanda from Healthy McGill to join the group on Friday. There is a large grant they received from Bell to create a website. It works out perfectly because part of the Five Year Plan was the creation of a website, and we have all the money to do it! It will be soft launched within the next month, but then continually improved with all of the suggestions from the SSMUs plan.

Mental Health Working Group (Student Services)

- No meeting last week
- The week before: I invited a group of undergraduates to talk to the working group. It was a very productive conversation, there was lots of excellent feedback.

Forum on Consent

- Most of this week was dedicated to last minute planning, literally one of the most stressful weeks of my SSMU tenure thus far. Was on CBC Radio (Daybreak with Mike Finnerty) last Tuesday morning at 6 am... it was pretty exciting. The Forum went really well, thanks to all who showed up! It will now be important to focus on follow up.

Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs

- Still drafting the awards criteria. Blargh.



Admin

- Meeting with Jana Luker: Jana and I met to discuss the mental health policy and how Student Services can help. Jana is just so awesome. SS and SSMU will be collaborating on this !
- Meeting with Ollivier: LEASE DONE.
- Consultation with the Principal regarding her Priorities: All of the student executives were invited to a consultation with the Principal on Monday to provide feedback on her priorities.
- Meeting with the Provost and Deputy Provost on Tuesday:
 - We discussed the location of some of SSMU's fund and our responsibility to students to be demand more financial transparency. They will be reporting better in the future, as a first step
 - Ollivier and I followed up on the Assessment Policy discussion at Senate
 - The Provost and I 'discussed' SEDE funding. There will be the same degree of funding in September, he will be mentioning this in his Budget presentation as well.
 - Finally, we talked about the Sexual Assault Policy that was brought up at the Forum on Consent. They were open to the idea.
- SEDE: The WE NEED SEDE Campaign is well underway! Be sure to like the page and sign the petition!

Respectfully submitted,
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