



SENATE CAUCUS WEEKLY REPORT

PERIOD OF JANUARY FEB 22-MAR 6, 2016

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Senate

Committee on Student Grievances

- SQ

JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity

- Snuck out of Senate during the budget presentation to attend this meeting on February 18th
- Currently working on preferred names policy for McGill staff, early planning for March Queer Issues event, course catalogue

Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights

- This committee is convening a meeting to provide a preliminary look at a complaint this Friday

Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights

- SQ

Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students

- February 16th meeting was cancelled and has not been rescheduled yet
- Reviewed the confidential submissions from the McGill Community
- Next step is meeting with the Dean in person

Committee on Student Services

- SQ

Know Your Rights Working Group

- SQ

Employment Equity

- Interested in formalizing student-oriented advocacy for employment equity and diversity





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AUS

Committee on Student Affairs

- Next meeting is April 6th

Accountability Committee

- SQ

Faculty of Arts Committee

- SQ

SSMU

Student Society Programming Network

- On the Grad Frosh subcommittee

Miscellaneous

- Proposed a compromise on course outline registry to the Deputy Provost. Enrolment services is looking into this
- Meeting with Associate Dean Lach this week

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Health & Dental Review Committee

- Met on Sunday, February 21st to review survey results
- Decided to move forward with referendum question for adding psychology coverage; tabled larger restructuring of plan to Fall for new standing committee
- Will be discussing international student plan (administered through McGill) after the break

Arts & Science Assembly

- Attended on Tuesday, February 23rd; discussed incorporation timeline & course outline issues
- Waiting on update from Deans regarding program recommendations
- Marina (Science Senator) will attend Assembly this Tuesday, March 8th

Royal Victoria Hospital Site

- Reviewed documents with interested student reps on Wednesday, February 24th
- Task Force met on Friday, February 26th; decided to move forward exploring 2-3 key thematic for the site that will draw multiple proposals together
- Next meeting Friday, March 18th; deadline to announce plans is (ambitiously) April!



Meeting re: Grant-Writing

- Met with Danielle Toccalino (PGSS Secretary-General) and David Syncox (Teaching & Learning Services) on Wednesday, February 24th to discuss developing grant-writing skills for students
- Came up with multiple ideas including expanded SKILLSETS workshops, graduate reviewer groups, grant-writing competition, grant-style assignments in the honours curriculum, and showcasing professors who involve their RAs in the granting process

AUS Legislative Council

- Met on Wednesday, February 24th; approved referendum questions for International Student Affairs Commission, Executive Assistant hiring, VP Social & VP External mandates, FEARC acronym, & Arts Computer Lab Fee renewal & reduction
- Next meeting this Wednesday, March 9th (will be absent)

Meeting w/Associate Dean

- Arts Senators met with Associate Dean Lucy Lach on Thursday, February 25th; discussed topics courses on transcripts, medical note policies & proposed University-Wide Wellness Strategy

Inter-Faith Meditation Space

- Met with students on Thursday, February 25th regarding proposals for Library Improvement Fund & Royal Victoria Hospital site

SSMU Legislative Council

- Met on Thursday, February 25th; approved referenda for constitutional amendments, Writing Centre fee, bicycle facility plebiscite, mental health fee & Health plan increase for psych coverage
- Approved amendment of Presidential Internal Regulations, Memo Regarding Inaccurate Journalism, endorsement of the Leap Manifesto, and commitments to interdisciplinary research & Universal Design for Learning
- Next meeting this Thursday, March 10th

AUS HR Committee

- Met on Friday, February 26th; hiring platform & position descriptions almost ready for launch!
- Next meeting TBD

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DSS Council Meeting

Drafted DSS referendum questions:

1. Adoption of the new constitution
2. Removal of MSS computer fee
3. Implementation of new DSS non-opt-outable fee
4. Removal of future DSS contribution fee for class of 2018

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Nothing to report.

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(No report submitted)

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(No report submitted)

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- Sent in LIF Form for the maintenance of Marvin Duchow Music Library hours next year
- Attending Course Eval meeting tomorrow (focusing specifically on hateful speech and discriminatory comments in the feed backs)
- Schulich School of Music got its own geotag on Snapchat!!
- Finished Dean interviews. Making progress in the search! Should hear back by end of March/beginning of April on the principal's final decision

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- Meeting with Mckenzie (NUS VP external) U2 clinical course coordinator, BScN program director and other faculty discussed developing a flow-chart on how to resolve instructor conflicts and seek clinical support within Ingram school of Nursing (ISoN) (to be put in the handbook)
- Faculty meeting decided on terms of reference and undergraduate students have 2 votes

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(No report submitted)

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Nothing to report.

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Sexual Assault Policy

- The Sexual Assault Policy Working Group has been meeting with the Dean of Students Andre Costopoulos and Associate Provost Policies Procedures and Equity Angela Campbell to develop a final version of the Sexual Assault Policy. The Working Group is hoping to bring the finalized Policy to Senate by the end of the semester.

University Affairs Committee

- The University Affairs (UA) Committee is working on Memorandum of Agreement negotiations between SSMU and McGill. The UA Committee is additionally helping develop the University Affairs website.

Senators Kareem Ibrahim (SSMU President, president@ssmu.mcgill.ca) and Chloe Rourke (SSMU VP University Affairs, ua@ssmu.mcgill.ca) reports biweekly to the SSMU Council. Their reports can be found at this link: <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/representation/ssmu-legislative-council/council-documents-2015-2016/>.