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## Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU Council Thursday, September 29, 2016

### I. AUS Retreat

- On September 16–18 we spent time with the AUS Executive Committee getting to know each other better and getting some work done for the AUS!

### II. Committees

- **AUS**
  - Isabella – Faculty of Arts Committee; Committee on Student Affairs
  - Maria – Faculty of Arts Committee
  - Igor – Curriculum Committee
- Isabella and Maria attended the first Faculty of Arts Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the meeting was “Meet and Greet,” and we met the new Dean and new members of the Arts Faculty in addition to reviewing minutes and the Senate Report from May 2016.
- **We are in the process of AUS committee allocations, which may add one more committee to each Representative’s portfolio**

### III. Currently...

- **Igor** – Began work on collaboration between Divest McGill and other campaigns to provide an accessible interface to McGill's investments. More details to come.
- We are pinning down our Office Hours for AUS
- Preparing for our first Committee meetings
- Planning our first outreach initiatives



Respectfully Submitted,

*Isabella Anderson*

*Maria Thomas*

*Igor Sadikov*

Arts Representatives to SSMU

## Joshua Chin, Report to the SSMU Legislative Council and Senate Caucus

McGill Senate

- Senate meeting on Sept 21, 2016. ○ Documents:  
<https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2016-2017/senate-meeting-documents-2016->

[2017/september-21-2016](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2016-2017/senate-meeting-documents-2016-2017/september-21-2016)

○ Update on taskforce for the old RVH site – many proposals received, the academic vision for the site will likely favor sustainability and public policy programs. In my opinion, no concrete progress until the provincial government and the university commits money to the proposals.

○ The provincial government is creating the “Conseil des universités du Québec” that McGill will participate in. Terms: Le Conseil des universités du Québec serait un organisme public indépendant dont la mission serait notamment de contribuer à l'orientation générale du système universitaire en assistant la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur dans l'exercice de ses responsabilités en cette matière.

○ The Faculty of Medicine inaugurated their Outaouais satellite campus. Future medical students enrolled at the campus will be trained mostly in French (92%) with some English instruction (8%) in the basic sciences.

○ Few mention of the Draft Sexual Violence Policy.

- ·E-mail sent to all students by the Provost.

- ·Draft policy and Provost feedback form:  
<https://www.mcgill.ca/provost/strategic-initiatives/sexual-violence-policy>

- ·Responses:

- □Montreal Gazette: <http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/mcgills-proposed-sexual-assault-policy-still-lacking-say-campus-groups>

- □McGill Tribune: <http://www.mcgilltribune.com/news/mcgill-university-releases-draft-policy-against-sexual-violence-234712/>

- □McGill Tribune (Editorial):  
<http://www.mcgilltribune.com/opinion/transparent-communication-required-to-finalize-sexual-violence-policy-83485/>

- □McGill Daily: <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2016/09/mcgill-releases-draft-policy-against-sexual-violence/>

- □McGill Daily (Editorial): <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2016/09/mcgills-sexual-violence-policy-must-prioritize-student-consultation/>

- ·Focus Groups on Proposed McGill Policy Against Sexual Violence (organized by the SSMU and PGSS): <https://goo.gl/forms/pJm7U5X0Oq8noUxv2>

- Territorial Acknowledgment still in the works. Issues over wording etc. - Next meeting on Oct 19, 2016.

Submitted on September 22, 2016

Senate - Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal (Research & Innovation)

- SQ. Currently in the process of shortlisting candidates.

- Next meeting on Oct 17, 2016. - Academic Policy Committee (APC)

Senate

- APC meeting on Sept 22, 2016.

- ·Graduate Diploma in Surgical Innovation (new program) for Senate approval.

- ·Cyclical unit review of Departments of Performance (Music), Pharmacology and Therapeutics (Medicine), Obstetrics and Gynecology (Medicine), and Pediatrics (Medicine).

- Suggestion for future cyclical unit reviews to look back at prior program or unit reviews to

identify unresolved issues. ○ Next meeting on Oct 13, 2016.

Caucus

Committees

- Caucus meeting on Sept 12, 2016. ○ Introductory meeting.

- Caucus meeting on Sept 19, 2016. ○ Discussion of senate documents and Draft Sexual Violence Policy.

- Next meeting on Sept 26, 2016.

SSMU Legislative Council (as Senate Caucus Representative)

- Legislative Council meeting on Sept 15, 2016. ○ Introductory meeting. SSMU committee allocations. ○ Proposed amendment to standing rules to include reporting mechanisms on LC motions repealed or

amended by the SSMU Board of Directors. - Next meeting on Sept 29, 2016.

SSMU Committees (as Senate Caucus Representative) - Finance Committee

○ SQ. Newly appointed to committee on Sept 15, 2016.

Medical Students' Society (MSS)

- SQ. Participation in the review of online motions for submission.

- Meeting on Sept 19, 2016 with Dr. Mondou (Clerkship Director) for feedback of clerkship program. Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS)

- General Council meeting on Sept 15, 2016. Discussed anticipated repatriation of Nursing Senator voting process and the Draft Sexual Violence Policy.

Physical and Occupational Therapy Undergraduate Society (POTUS)

- Brief meeting on Sept 15, 2016 for introductions.

Dental Students' Society (DSS)

- SQ.

Social Work Student Association (SWSA)

- SQ.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **McKenzie Gingrich-Hadley**

Report to Legislative Council 16/09/25

### **SSMU**

- Shared consent week/b-week/sexual assault policy working group/academic accommodations with class reps to disseminate to students
- No meetings yet for Indigenous Affairs committee

### **NUS**

- Ran fall by elections for OD CNSA and Indigenous Student Representative
  - In process of electing last class rep; had some issues with getting the listserv & voting lists up and running
  - Committee formed to begin looking at amendments to our constitution
  - Support groups for U2 students in clinical is starting up after Thanksgiving, working with U2's on council
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## **Igor Sadikov – Arts Rep**

### **SSMU**

- Steering Committee
  - Meets Thursdays one week before Council
  - Met on September 22
    - Made changes to the electoral timeline
- Provincial Representation Committee
  - Has not met
- Other Updates
  - Working on a project initiated by Divest McGill to provide an accessible interface to McGill's investments

### **AUS**

- Legislative Council
  - Met on September 7 and September 21
    - Approved FIO for CLAS 349/649 archaeology field course
    - Postponed proposed financial bylaw changes until further review
    - Received Frosh report and equity report, some concerns raised regarding usage of consent awareness materials that trivialize sexual violence
  - Committee allocations will be done this week
- Executive Committee
  - Attended executive retreat, discussed SSMU–AUS relations
  - Met with Dean of Arts Antonia Maioni to touch base

- Other Updates
  - Working to improve and formalize consultation with department reps regarding SSMU representation

### **Faculty of Arts**

- Curriculum Committee
  - First meeting postponed to October 3

### **Personal**

- Happy birthday to three sevenths of the exec!
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### **Romita Sur- Law Representative (September 26, 2016)**

- A) McGill's Proposed Policy Against Sexual Violence?
  - Lot of law students interested in this
  - People from feminist law groups and those with a policy background
  - Law senator Shannon Snow has been getting a lot of people involved who have experience with drafting sexual assault policies
  - Students want to ensure that survivor input is prevalent in the policy
  - Students also have numerous questions for Angela Campbell regarding this
  - Students are also signing up for the focus groups and are glad that the SSMU is doing this.
- B) Consent McGill Campaign
  - Many first year students planning on attending
  - Positive reaction to all the events are planned for this week
- C) Part time LSA representative at SSMU council
  - The Law Students Association held elections this past week for VP Internal, Faculty council reps, 1L class president, as well as a LSA rep for SSMU council
  - I have a mandatory class on Thursdays till 8:30. Hence, the rep will be "me" from 6-8:40, till I get to council