



REPORT OF THE EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE REFORM COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL

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Overview

The Committee was tasked with reviewing the Report that was released earlier this year on [Equitable Governance Reform at SSMU](#) and making recommendations for change to the legislative Council. The Committee decided it would be easiest to tackle this task by splitting up discussion into 6 sections:

1. Equity Training;
2. Council Composition;
3. Board of Directors Composition;
4. Accessibility of Council Positions;
5. SSMU's Role in Non-Academic Discipline; and
6. Clubs and Services.

Tasks

- After the striking of the Committee a mass email was sent out inviting members to join. The resulting membership of the Committee currently consists of a representative from each of the following:
 - The Black Students' Network (BSN);
 - SLASA;
 - The Office of Students' with Disabilities (OSD);
 - Queer McGill (QM);
 - The Indigenous Affairs Commissioner;
 - Israel on Campus (IoC);
 - Hillel; and
 - McGill Students in Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR).
- The Committee went under 3 separate training sessions in order to make sure all members properly understood how SSMU's governance structure worked and its relationship to McGill. These training provided some of the knowledge base necessary for the Committee properly recommend changes.



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- On the topic of Equity Training, the Committee reached out to numerous groups and people on Campus (e.g. SEDE, the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity, etc.) to collect a wide variety of the equity trainings available on campus to review. After performing an internal scan and review, the Committee decided it would like to build one itself using the tools available, and finally, following the completion of that training, our presentation will be send out to the groups listed on the consultation list for feedback.
- On the topic of Council and Board composition the Committee wanted to do more research into the topic and was curious about the logistics associated with elections. It was decided that it would be best to have additional research done internally in order to further explore the possibility.
- Going forward, the Committee has goals set for finishing up certain areas of the review and recommendation process and is aiming to submit some changes for winter referenda period (anything that would involve Constitutional changes or the introduction/increase of a fee) and well as some others directly to Council following that.