



# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

**FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

## UNIVERSITY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### SENATE & UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

#### Senate

- Next Senate meeting on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - Planning for open discussion on the Provost's Strategic Plan
  - Agenda includes revisions to *Regulation on the Conduct of Research*, revisions to the *Policy on Intellectual Property*, and annual report on Student Life and Learning (SLL)
  - Submitted motions regarding formal recognition of Black History Month and review of Board of Governors practice
- Hosted Senate Caucus guests including Dean of Students, Director of Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), and Director of Teaching & Learning Services (TLS)

#### University Committees

- Enrolment & Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) cancelled this Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Next Academic Policy Committee (APC) meeting on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Student Life & Learning

- Experiential Learning Network (ELN) met on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss enhanced educational opportunities definitions, reflection app & SEDE ExCELR program
- Meeting with SLL partners on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss communication of mental health literacy opportunities for instructors
- Meeting with Deputy Provost (Student Life & Learning) on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss Student Services, academic accommodations, ancillary fees & other issues
- Awaiting revised draft of new Memorandum of Agreement from McGill

#### Student Services

- Met with Senior Director of Student Services on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss communications & issues with stepped care implementation; currently determining best means to address ongoing concerns
- Hope to meet with Senior Director to discuss targeted support resources for different populations

#### Libraries

- Met with Library administration on January 31<sup>st</sup> regarding budget data & accessibility projects
- Library Improvement Fund Committee met on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss consultation efforts
- Open Access Education Researcher presenting at Legislative Council meeting this week!

### ASSOCIATION RELATIONS

#### Faculty & Department Associations

- SQ – Currently scheduling next McGill Academic Roundtable (MART) meeting for later this month



### Unions & Professional Associations

- Finalized & distributed letter from McGill Communities Council (MCC) to the Board of Governors regarding shared concerns; meeting this Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps

### Provincial Representation

- Organizing panel about AVEQ research on international student health insurance (early March)

#### University & Academic Affairs Goals – Winter 2017

- ~~Host student senator information session~~
- Pass policy on academic amnesty for General Assemblies
- Pass policy against ancillary & overhead fee increases
- Memorandum of Agreement signed
- Strike Board of Governors reform committee
- Make final Library Improvement Fund allocations
- Submit question or motion at every Senate meeting

## ADVOCACY & RESEARCH

### POLICY DEVELOPMENT

#### McGill Policy against Sexual Violence

- SQ – Awaiting update on membership of new policy advisory committee (implementation plan) & campus study panel (review of existing policies e.g. Code of Conduct)
- Presentation from Dean of Students at Legislative Council meeting this week regarding Memorandum of Understanding with MUS Carnival & major upcoming events

#### McGill Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of Student Rights

- SQ – Next meeting on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>; hope to circulate for community consultation by end of month & bring to Senate for Spring approval

#### Unpaid Internships Policy

- Introducing Notice of Motion regarding SSMU *Policy against Unpaid Internships* this week!

#### Intellectual Property Policy

- Currently following up with Office of Innovation & Partnerships regarding incorporation of humanitarian licensing principles (as per SSMU *Global Access to Medicines Policy*)

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### Alternative Campus Histories

- Academic Research Commissioner & University Affairs Committee are working to integrate content into UA website

#### First Generation Students

- Released report on [Striving to Place: The First Generation Student Experience at McGill University](#)
- Discussing potential new initiatives with Campus Life & Engagement, Enrolment Services & Scholarships & Student Aid offices



**Students from Care**

- Circulated draft report to key administrators; final version should be released by next week
- Researcher is following up with Student Life & Learning administrators regarding targeted programming & potential “policy hack-a-thon” on topic of access initiatives

**Harmful Military Technology**

- SQ – Researcher is progressing well on documents with limited supervision

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Charter of Student Rights Submission**

- Finalizing document with Academic Research Commissioner for delayed submission
- Also working with Dean of Students directly on improvements to accommodation policies

**Know Your Rights**

- SQ – University Affairs Committee making further web edits & improvements throughout term

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| <p><b>Advocacy &amp; Research Goals – Winter 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Host Add-Drop “Know Your Rights” campaign</del></li> <li>• <del>Submit charter case on academic accommodations</del></li> <li>• <del>Release first generation students research report</del></li> <li>• Release foster care students research report</li> <li>• Release alternative histories timeline on UA website</li> <li>• Launch sexual violence policy committee &amp; campus study</li> <li>• Unpaid Internships Policy approved at Legislative Council</li> <li>• Fall Reading Break approved at Senate (for 2018-2019)</li> <li>• Charter of Student Rights revisions approved at Senate</li> <li>• Launch online advocacy resources on UA website</li> </ul> |
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**EQUITY**

**SSMU EQUITY**

**Equity Policy**

- Notice of Motion Regarding Revisions to Equity Policy coming to Legislative Council this week!

**Equity Committee**

- Upcoming events on [Mixed-Race Identities](#) (February 8<sup>th</sup>) & Racialized Dating (February 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Currently finalizing annual speaker event for mid-March; more details coming soon!

**Accessibility & Universal Design (UD) Advocacy**

- SQ: Will be distributing resources on universal access to students on capital funding committees; also collecting accessibility resources for UA website (related groups, funding sources, etc)
- Director of OSD attending Senate Caucus on February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss Universal Design for Learning

**Racialized Student Support Resources**

- SQ: Awaiting update on hiring of dedicated POC Community Projects Manager (will be fleshing out SSMU collaborations, e.g. student mentorship network)



## INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

### Indigenous Solidarity Policy

- Notice of Motion Regarding Revisions to Indigenous Solidarity Policy coming to Legislative Council this week; Indigenous Affairs Committee is meeting this Monday to review changes
- Developed spreadsheet to collect information on Indigenous course content advocacy
- Met with art project advisory group on January 30<sup>th</sup>; currently drafting call for proposals

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| <p><b>Equity Goals – Winter 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity Policy revisions approved at Legislative Council</li> <li>• Implement UD standards in capital funding committees</li> <li>• Launch Accessibility webpage on UA website</li> <li>• Indigenous Solidarity Policy revisions approved</li> <li>• Launch University Centre Indigenous art project</li> <li>• <del>Initiate Indigenous course content advocacy</del></li> <li>• Develop framework for McGill diversity enrolment plan</li> </ul> |
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## SSMU-WIDE

### GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

#### Board of Directors

- Meeting this Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss proposed revisions to Internal Regulations

#### Governance Documents

- Democratic Governance Review Committee met on January 27<sup>th</sup> & February 3<sup>rd</sup> to review proposed amendments to Internal Regulations of Governance & Constitution

#### Executive Transition

- SQ – Developed outlines for University Affairs exit report, mandate letter & transition schedule

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

#### University Affairs Communications

- Released University Affairs listserv on February 2<sup>nd</sup>; averaging 50% open rate
- Continuing to participate in [A Day in the Life](#) shadowing program this week

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| <p><b>SSMU-Wide Goals – Winter 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalize SSMU <i>Equitable Hiring Policy</i></li> <li>• Launch University Affairs staff hiring</li> <li>• Send monthly University Affairs listservs</li> <li>• Prepare transition documents &amp; training schedule</li> <li>• <del>Develop long-term student staffing plan</del></li> </ul> |
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Cheers,

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