



VP UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Report covering the period of September 14 to September 27.

Quick Introductory note:

The last two weeks have been rather difficult, as I have been out of the office and not using my computer on from the 18th in the evening until the 19th and then from the 23rd in the evening until the 25th, due to Jewish Holidays. This also partly why this report is so late. Sorry about that, folks! While holidays are lovely, they do mess with the routine a bit. Additionally, while I hope you will find this report instructive, I do encourage anyone with questions to follow up directly; it is -- at least I think-- always more fruitful to engage face to face than through formal reports. Thanks!

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS, ADVOCACY & RESEARCH

Increasing effectiveness and adding capacity at Senate and on Committees

- (1) Senator Check-ins and projects
 - Check-in with Engineering Senator to brainstorm and research scholarships and student
 - Emails with Arts Senator and Science Senator and Librarians on Open Educational Resources → we do have funds thru Library Improvement Fund so goal is to find at least one course for next semester
 - Short correspondence with Arts and Sci Senator and Eng Senator on Fall Reading Week and how to coordinate Legislative Council Committee with potential McGill Enrollment and Student Affairs Advisory Ad Hoc Committee
- (2) Senate Caucus
 - Senate Caucus has begun meeting regularly. Meetings are shorter than previously in order to encourage Senators to work more collaboratively outside of Caucus.
- (3) Associate Senator Position
 - We have already received quite a lot of interest for the position such that we are on track to meet our goal of having at least 5 positions this year.
- (4) Committee Rep Training
 - Committee Trainings have been divided into smaller groups this year. They have therefore been more time consuming, but --hopefully?-- more beneficial. We will need to get feedback on this moving forward.
- (5) Relationship Building



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- Conversation with Senator Marc Richard on a number of University level issues
- He presented at Senate as well
- (6) Senator and Committee member resources
 - Have circulated quizzes to Senators so that they can become more familiar with committees and their membership
- (7) VP Academic Check-ins
 - Quick check-in with VP Academic at EUS on academic accommodations

Senate Subcommittees

- Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching meeting where 2017-2018 winners were determined
- Two meeting of the Ad-Hoc Panel in order to review drafts of its campus study on sexual violence
 - Involuntary leave policy; Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option; Cannabis guidelines
- Assigned members to a number of Student Services advisory committees
- Social Equity Undergraduate Research & Engaged Learning Symposium Community of Practice

Intergenerational Living work

- Conversation with Radical Resthomes, Combo2 Generations, and Concordia Project
- Participating weekly in Intergenerational meetups at Building 21
- Conversation with Toronto Program
- Established connection with Newfoundland program and received their evaluation
- Will be organizing Home-Share presentation for October 24 with MURA and possibly MCLL

EQUITY

- Reviewed and working on equity complaints with Equity Commissioners

Equity Related Research Positions

- Equity Researcher working autonomously, and will be checking in next week
- Gender Neutral Language Researcher to submit report soon
- Equity Employment Assistant to submit report by next council
- Need to follow up with research competition winners

LIBRARIES

- Library Improvement Fund (LIF) Committee has received many applications (shout out to Marie -- LIF Commissioner-- for getting the word out so thoroughly)



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- Check-in prepping fee renewal and plans to engage with Fiat Lux
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Other

- Know Your Rights: while the campaign may have been less visible this year, we made a wide range of class announcements, reaching almost 6,000 students (yes... I realize that there was likely overlap and that these are not all unique students)
 - ECOLE informal meeting, as I will be SSMU rep on Board
 - CoCo Training
 - ACCESS Open Minds Presentation
 - Governance Review Committee ToR submitted to Council
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Respectfully Submitted,
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