

SENATE CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVE

FALL 2018 SEMESTERLY REPORT

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Report Submitted By:

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Committee Work:

- Attended the Enrollment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on September 4th
 - Interim Cannabis Rules on Campus: “conservative approach”, smoking/consumption in any form banned on campus, final rules will be finalized late 2018 with student input
 - S/U Option to Letter Grade: committee will explore possibility of allowing students to have their S/U grade to a letter grade (Jacob’s initiative)
 - Involuntary Leave Policy: policy is being drafted to be used “as a last resort to protect students from themselves or other students”, leave for a time with intent to come back, committee should hear back about draft policy from Dean of Students in coming months
- Enrollment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on October 2nd cancelled
- Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Program (SCTP) meeting on September 27th cancelled
- Attended Building Operations and Management Committee (BOMCOM) meeting on October 18th
- Attended Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) Committee on October 18th
 - Committee asked for student input re: new Minor in Global Experiential Learning
 - Tl;dr new minor for students who go on exchange
 - Concerns around “pay-for-access”, non-academic rigour, etc.
- Attended Building Operations and Management Committee (BOMCOM) meeting on November 2nd
- Attended Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on November 6th
 - Fall Reading Break, formation of ESAAC subcommittee
 - Cannabis Policy
 - S/U -> Graded Option
 - Deferred Exam Pilot Project

- Changes to Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures
- Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) Committee meeting on November 8th was cancelled

Faculty Updates :

- Attended BASiC meeting on September 18th
- Met with ArtSci student looking to do an ad hoc major in Public Health (campaign priority)
- Held Office Hours at SACS picnic on September 19th
 - Top 3 priorities: Fall Reading Break, Mental Health Services, Abusive Professors
- Attended BASiC meeting on October 2nd
 - Fielded input for meeting with Dean of Students
- Attended BASiC meeting on October 16th
 - We signed onto the Redmen name change open letter!
- Attended BASiC meeting on October 30th

Personal Project Updates :

- Fall Reading Break:
 - Official committee under the Legislative Council now, will work to get data and engage the student body on the best form of a Fall Reading Break
 - Working with SSMU President and Jacob to make this happen!
 - Met with VP Communications for MCSS about running a Referendum question on Fall Reading Break at Mac Campus
 - Still looking for members to fill Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break committee (8)
 - Arts, Law, Management, Medicine, Music, PT/OT, Science, Social Work
 - Met November 2nd and November 11th
 - Elected Chair!
 - Currently working on survey to be sent out shortly

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Established my Office Hours for this semester!
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-2 PM in the Arts Lounge (Leacock Basement)
 - Also by appointment
- Met with Senator Mikkelson and Governors Nystrom and Barney re: next steps on divestment on September 24th
 - Finding a way to force action on it
- Met with former GSVP implementation coordinator on GSVP policy
- Meeting with Dean Buddle on October 5th
- Met with VP External Cupido prior to their resignation
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 - Talked re: Fall Reading Break
 - Assessment Policy
 - Generally supportive, but is at capacity with work
- Met with former Social Work Representative
- Met with FYC VP External
- Met with President
- Met with Speaker of the Legislative Council
- Met with Chief Electoral Officer

Respectfully submitted,

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Arts & Science Senator