



Senate Caucus Representative – Report to Legislative Council

Senate Activities

Two Senate sessions were held since my last report, December 5, 2018 and January 16, 2019.

Senate on December 5 was notable for the presentation of the report of the Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Teaching Staff-Student Intimate Relationships and a concurrent student demonstration during the report. The SSMU Senate Caucus is following developments concerning this issue closely. A report on the finances of the University was also delivered.

I could unfortunately not be present at the Senate meeting on January 16 due to academic obligations from which I could not be exempted. Matters discussed included further reports on the implementation of the Policy against Sexual Violence as well as proposed revisions to the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. Some details of this, for example the involuntary leave policy, were previously discussed at SSMU Legislative Council. SSMU Senate Caucus will also be following the implementation of these policy changes due to our concerns.

Files being led by individual senators notably include work on scholarships and open educational resources.

SSMU Senate Caucus had the opportunity to meet with and ask questions to the Provost Christopher Manfredi as well as the Deputy Provost, Student Life and Learning Fabrice Labeau. These discussions were a starting point to further questions we will have the opportunity to explore before the end of academic term, formally at Senate or informally.

MSS Activities

I have reviewed the MSS-McGill MOA, expiring May 31, 2019, and shared my analysis with the MSS board. Further negotiations with the interim DPSLL (Deputy Provost, Student Life and Learning), who is responsible for this file on the administration side, are ongoing. I will meet with members of the EUS who were involved in a similar process last year to see how the MSS can best renegotiate its MOA. I anticipate any changes to be minor and non-controversial.

I have collaborated with the MSS GAAC president around the issue of unpaid internships and the CUTE referendum at the MSS, and I continue to be involved in this file. In accordance to the MSS Constitution, 5 members of the General Council have petitioned for an emergency GA to be held to discuss the question of hopping a day of strike in solidarity with other student

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groups involved in the CUTE campaign on March 8. More details will follow in upcoming reports.

I otherwise chaired the General Assembly of the MSS on December 4, 2018.

Annexes

A copy of my reports to Senate Caucus is available on the MSS website.

My log of meetings is available on the MSS website.

The minutes and documents of Senate are well-maintained and can be accessed at <https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2018-2019>.

The minutes of Senate Caucus are available upon request to myself or the SSMU Vice-President, University Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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