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REPORT OF THE EQUITY COMMITTEE

March 14, 2019

OVERVIEW

The mandate of the SSMU Equity Committee is to confront historical and current inequities at McGill through active engagement and public education in agreement with the Student Society of McGill University's relevant policies (e.g. Equity Policy, Accessibility Policy). The committee so far has been focusing on the Winter 2019 semester. The committee members have a range of knowledge, skills, and lived experiences that can contribute to ongoing and future programming or advocacy initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP

This semester, we received a total of 18 applicants which was highly encouraging. We selected 5 members at large excluding the Black Student's Network Representative and a Councillor who both hold permanent positions on the committee.

Ella Martindale, member-at-large
Joy Hannam, member-at-large
Camille Crichlow, member-at-large
Amy Hayes, member-at-large
Mohammed Odunsunya, BSN Representative
Zachary Kleiner, Social Work Representative
Jacob Shapiro, VP University Affairs
Andreann Asibey, Equity Commissioner
Robyn Lee, Equity Commissioner

The makeup of the committee is that each member is very much a student leader in their own right. We have had fruitful discussions on what each individual is working on, and how we might be able to work together and assess the landscape of equity work at the undergraduate and broader McGill level.



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Meeting Dates

January 22, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 26, March 12

Past Events

We held office hours event on March (date), 2019 to discuss working at SSMU with an equity lens.

Current Projects

Equity Luncheon - March 18, 2019

Equity Headliner Event (concert) - March 28, 2019 or early April.

- Planning to host a concert with local artist Lucas Charlie Rose, who started his own record label that focuses on trans artists. The record label is called: TransTrenderz.

The vision for the Equity Committee

- SSMU Equity to create a network
- Collaborations with groups on campus such as the ISA, BSN, PGSS equity etc
- Reviewing internal policy
- A series of fun but educational events
- Seeing ways in which the Equity committee can do more advocacy

Future Projects

Collaborations

Making an effort to collaborate with SSMU Services and other student groups that have a mandate similar to that of the equity committee.

Discussions/ Panel discussions

Hosting discussions about equity topics in order to educate the McGill community

Submitted by,

Robyn Lee and Andreann Asibey

Equity Commissioners