



REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2019-09-10

Submitted for: September 10, 2019

For the period of June 1, 2019 to September 10, 2019

*= scheduled, but had not occurred by time of report submission



UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University Committees

Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching

- Met August 28

Senate Nominating Committee

- Met September 5

Senate Steering Committee*

Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic)

- Met August 20, September 11*

SKILLS21 Steering Committee

- Met August 15

Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs*

Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee*

Workgroup on Revisions to the University Student Assessment Policy*

Senate Caucus

Hired University Affairs Secretary General - Nathan Mendel (uasecgen@ssmu.ca)

Allocated seats on University Committees - will be doing fall apps to fill few vacancies



Lots of prep for Caucus/Retreat etc

Attempting to organize Dentistry, Social Work, PGSS representation at Caucus, pending University Statute amendments lol

Meetings and resulting advocacy/awareness points

Bi-weekly meetings with the Dean of Students - Chris Buddle

- Involuntary Leave Policy

Monthly meetings with the leadership of the Wellness Hub (w/SSMU VP Student Life)

Monthly meetings with the Associate Provost (Academic Policies and Equity) - Angela Campbell, and Dean of Students

- Newly revised Policy Against Sexual Violence
- Scored new policy using OurTurn/Students for Consent Culture Canada scorecard

Monthly meetings with Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) - Fabrice Labeau (w/SSMU President)

- Organizing to commemorate Elaine Patterson (SSMU VP Student Life 2016-17) on the Brown Building President's Wall
- Conversations about construction delays for the University Centre, potential recourse, and financial impact on SSMU

Met with Special Investigator (Sexual Violence) and the Office for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education (OSVRSE)

Projects/Advocacy Items

Food Insecurity

Open Educational Resources

Divestment

- TBA side project
- Faculty and Librarians for divestment
- [Climate Strike](#)

Indigenous Affairs - Tomas Jirousek (iac@ssmu.ca)

Universal Waitlists*

McGill Governance Reform*

SSMU Know Your Rights Campaign (Sep 3-20)

- Hired for new position: Student Rights Researcher and Advocacy Commissioner (SRRAC) - Adrienne Tessier (srrac@ssmu.ca / studentrights@ssmu.ca)
- Ordered introductory pamphlets and had placed in every frosh bag (bilingual)
- Ordered a second banner for tabling
- Ordered bookmarks and pamphlets featuring information about the new McGill Policy Against Sexual Violence (bilingual)
- [Facebook event](#)
- Have been tabling the past week, ending on Sept 20



- Organizing future edits to studentrights.ssmu.ca including French mirror site
- Tried to coordinate with Legal Information Clinic as much as possible

RESEARCH

Tenure

Hired Special Researcher (University Tenure Process) - Kat O'Donnell (uaresearch@ssmu.ca)

- Bi-weekly check-ins; work will be completed by end of month

Student Rights

SRRAC will begin research component in Oct/November

Context: University Student Assessment Policy revisions over next few years

First-Generation Student Experience

Researcher Diamond Yao wrapped up work in mid-August, uploading report shortly

Potential Research (w/QPIRG-McGill and Queer McGill)

On usage of deadnames in McGill bureaucracy and communications and how to universalize preferred names

EQUITY

Hired new Equity Commissioners - Alana Bertin and Zeytouna Suleiman (equity@ssmu.ca)

Onboarding, transitioning, budgeting

Providing training this weekend for Councilors, Senators, and Clubs & Service exec (first time mandatory!)

[Currently accepting](#) committee applicants at-large

LIBRARIES

Hired new Library Improvement Fund Commissioner - Brianna Cheng (lifc@ssmu.ca)

Onboarding, transitioning

Committee soon to be accepting applicants

Fiat Lux Playbook meeting (w/Bryan)

- 6/13,

MISCELLANEOUS

RESEARCH AND BACKGROUND READING GALORE

Planning and prepping for the year

Menstrual Hygiene Products Project



- Installation completed in women's McLennan/Redpath washrooms
- On track to complete men's and gender-neutral McLennan/Redpath washrooms within the month
- up next: Music, Burnside

SSMU Policy on Accessible Education

- Consulted: BSN, QM, IAC, SSMU Equity
- Waiting on others, then draft

[SSMU Textbook Exchange](#)

Frosh and Discover McGill

Learning how to use wordpress

McGill Instagram Takeover

Dana Hospitality

Respectfully Submitted,
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