REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2019-10-24

Submitted for: October 24, 2019

For the period of October 11, 2019 to October 24, 2019

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

UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

General University Updates
something something international rank

University Committees
University Student Assessment Policy Working Group
- October 16
  - Will be conducting a broad review of existing policies and practices across faculties and schools
  - Select student senators working on own consultations, will update

Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee
- October 15
  - S/U policy going to IT - will allow students to change grading scheme up until course withdrawal date (larger Banner upgrade happening in November)

Senate Steering Committee e-vote on Fall degrees (passed)

Senate Steering Working Group on Senate Open Discussion (Internationalization of the University lol)
- October 21*

Senate Steering Working Group on Steering Committee practices procedures etc
- October 21*

Senate Caucus
McGill Senate meets on October 23
Open University Committee seats filled
Added Social Work Representative to Senate Caucus (Jo Roy)

Senator Projects

Meetings and resulting advocacy/awareness points
Met with Principal and Bryan
- Talked about divestment + sustainability, SSMU space, etc

**Projects/Advocacy Items**

**Divestment + Climate Justice**
- [Published open letter](#) on behalf of 19 student unions and 2 student union executives who have already divested (fully or partially) from fossil fuels, coal, and coal & tar sands
- worked on this for a lot of the summer!!

**Food Insecurity**
- Billy and I met w/stakeholders Oct 16
- $10,000 initial commitment from SHHS
- Applying for more funding shortly
- Hope to launch in mid-Winter?

**Open Educational Resources**
- Meeting with PHYS 102 Instructor to discuss project in his course
- Reformatting CHEM 110/120 OER to distribute to instructors shortly

**RESEARCH**

**Tenure**

Special Researcher (University Tenure Process) - Kat O'Donnell ([uaresearch@ssmu.ca](mailto:uaresearch@ssmu.ca))
- Report completed. Currently working with SSMU Graphic Design to create final version that will be published and shared

**Student Rights**

Student Rights Researcher and Advocacy Commissioner - Adrienne Tessier ([srrac@ssmu.ca](mailto:srrac@ssmu.ca))
Met with Arts Senator and Arts and Science Senator to discuss Assessment Policy advocacy
SRRAC will begin research component in Oct/November (planning under way)
- Context: University Student Assessment Policy revisions over next few years
Dealing with a handful of student rights disputes
Updating [studentrights.ssmu.ca](http://studentrights.ssmu.ca)

**Sexual Violence History and Advocacy**

Sexual Violence Mobilization and Advocacy Commissioner - Maeve Botham ([asvma@ssmu.ca](mailto:asvma@ssmu.ca))
Currently contacting Deans and Unions to discuss how complaints process overlaps with Policy

**Preferred Name Usage and Advocacy (w/QPIRG-McGill and Queer McGill)**

Interviewing candidates

**EQUITY**

Committee is under way
Will be running online campaign to promote equity on campus in fall
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Held demonstration outside Roddick Gates on October 19
Planning for Indigenous Equity Fund fee referendum
Allyship and Advocacy Event Oct 30

LIBRARIES

Library Improvement Fund Committee membership set, will begin meeting and consulting soon
Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting for communication transparency

MISCELLANEOUS

Renewed Isabelle Oke as Students From Care Project Assistant
Met with Teaching and Learning Services about Course Evaluation Policy
  - Aim: to extend the evaluation process to after finals for all courses
Met with the MCSS Exec at Mac Campus

Respectfully Submitted,
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