



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

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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)

- 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)

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

Sexual Violence History and Advocacy

Sexual Violence Mobilization and Advocacy Commissioner - Maeve Botham (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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