



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

Submitted for: October 10, 2019

For the period of September 27, 2019 to October 10, 2019

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

UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

General University Updates

[Provost Manfredi Reappointed](#) for 2nd 5-year term beginning in June 2020

- The Provost is the Chief Academic Officer and Chief Budget Officer of the University, also responsible for overseeing the execution of the Calls to Action detailed in the [Task Force](#) on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education
- I was the only member of the committee that voted “no” on his reappointment

Involuntary Leave Policy development [suspended until further notice](#)

McGill launches \$2 billion [fundraising campaign](#) in a tent that had to have cost thousands of dollars to build lmao. cool!

University Committees

Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs

- October 1

Senate Nominating Committee

- October 1

Working Group of the Senate Steering Committee (regarding Senate Steering Committee document confidentiality)

- October 2

Committee on Student Services (w/Billy)

- October 4

Senate Steering Committee

- October 8*

Senate Caucus

Open University Committee seats currently being filled

University Committee rep training (Nathan) - September 25/26

Associate Senators chosen: Christopher Ciafro (Law), Chu Ying Cao (Engineering), Victor Wang (Arts)



Meeting w/Social Work Students' Association about inclusion on Senate Caucus

Senator Projects

Meetings and resulting advocacy/awareness points

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

- September 20 cancelled

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

- September 12

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

- September 20

Projects/Advocacy Items

Open Educational Resources (w/Jeremy, Engineering Senator)

- Met with Jessica Lange (Library employee) about further collaborations

Divestment + Climate Justice

- TBA side project
- Attended Board of Governors ... whack
- [Climate Strike](#) happened!

Menstrual Hygiene Products Project

- On track to complete men's and gender-neutral McLennan/Redpath washrooms within the month
- Preparing for installation in the Strathcona and Elizabeth Wirth Music Buildings
- Met with Burnside Hall Building Director

RESEARCH

Tenure

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

- Presented today! Report to be completed soon!

Student Rights

Student Rights Researcher and Advocacy Commissioner - Adrienne Tessier (srrac@ssmu.ca)

SRRAC will begin research component in Oct/November

- 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)

Application closed, reviewing and preparing for interviews

EQUITY

First Committee meeting - October 9*

Hoping to increase fee and make opt-outable

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Motion Regarding Condemnation of Judicial Challenge of Human Rights Tribunal Ruling

Planning upcoming demo against [Liberal government's decision](#) to appeal payments to First Nations children

LIBRARIES

Library Improvement Fund Committee STILL [accepting applicants](#)

Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting for communication transparency

- October 4

MISCELLANEOUS

Met with Isabelle Oke about Students from Care project

Met with Counselling Services (and Billy)

Met with McGill Secretary General regarding concerns over Provost Reappointment Process

Interview w/Tribune about Involuntary Leave Policy

Task Force on Communication of Construction

Meeting with Teaching and Learning Services about Course Evaluation Policy

- Aim: to extend the evaluation process to after finals for all courses

Good luck on midterms!

Respectfully Submitted,

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