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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