



REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2019-11-14

Submitted for: November 14, 2019

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

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

UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

General University Updates

New Policy Concerning Alcohol, Cannabis, and Other Drugs

CAMSR decision on Divestment happening on November 12, to be ratified by Board of Gov Dec 5

Official Launch of the Student Wellness Hub

Online Bachelor of Nursing Program

If you don't complete *It Takes All of Us* (lol) by November 29 a (reversible) hold will be put on your Winter 2020 registration

University Committees

University Student Assessment Policy Working Group

- November 5
- Will be hiring a researcher to look into Method of Evaluation data

Senate Steering Committee

- November 5, agenda approved

Senate Steering Working Group on Steering Committee practices procedures etc

- November 11*

Senate Caucus

Joint Board-Senate meeting on November 14*

- Topic: Open, connected, and purposeful university

McGill Senate meets on November 20*

- Open discussion on Internationalization of the University
- Senate Question accepted on Use of University Facilities (eg. would McGill ban a controversial speaker or individual whose views threaten the safety and well-being of members of the community from using their spaces?) - Written by Law Senator Adrienne Tessier

[Senator Projects](#)

- Black Students Bill of Rights making incredible progress! - Arts Senator Chloe Kemeni



Holding check-ins with all the Senators and Associate Senators

Meetings and resulting advocacy/awareness points

Office for Students with Disabilities (w/ Adam and Science Senator Keerth Raveendra)

- Inviting Director to talk to Caucus about note-taker payment

Wellness Hub Leadership Team

- 11/7

Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) + Bryan

- 11/12*

Provost and SSMU Exec

- 11/14*

Projects/Advocacy Items

[Demonstration for Accessible Healthcare](#) with AGSEM

- To coincide with the formal launch of the Wellness Hub
- November 12, 4-5pm, outside the Brown Building
- Coordinating speakers, demands, hot chocolate, poster-making etc
- Thanks to Melissa (grad student, physics) for the idea!

Divestment/Climate Justice

- [Concordia University has committed to divestment!](#) 🗳️🗳️🗳️🗳️

Food Insecurity

- going

Open Educational Resources

- PHYS 102 instructor on board with the project!
- Reformatting CHEM 110/120 OER to distribute to instructors shortly
- Jeremy is reaching out to the library to figure out how many students they can supervise this year

Menstrual Hygiene Products

- Transferred to me upon the resignation of the General Manager
- Since then, installations complete in McLennan/Redpath, Music buildings in a few weeks
- Met with the 4 Menstrual Hygiene Product Coordinators and the Building Director (Wallace Sealy), who will be creating an exhaustive and updated inventory of current locations to
 - 1. update [the website](#)
 - 2. replace all baskets with in-wall dispensers
- Met with Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) about McGill taking their own initiative to fund free menstrual hygiene products on campus*

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)

Arts Senator Henrique Mecabo and Arts & Science Senator Julia Kafato working on assessment survey

Research component to begin shortly

Planning for Winter 2020 Know Your Rights Campaign

- Pamphlets: Language rights, Add/drop rights, non-exam assessment rights

Updating studentrights.ssmu.ca

Sexual Violence History and Advocacy

Sexual Violence Mobilization and Advocacy Commissioner - Maeve Botham (asvma@ssmu.ca)

Meeting with coordinator of It Takes All of Us

Looking into student worker complaints and grievances

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

Candidate selected: Sarah Hollyer-Carney

Intro meeting November 11

EQUITY

Running campaign Equity Fee increase and non-optoutable change

Introducing committee members on the Facebook page

- P.S like the [SSMU Equity Facebook Page](#)

Running educational campaign about Equity on campus (see first post on Facebook page)

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Running Indigenous Equity Fee campaign

- Tabling and info session

SSMU Statement Condemning Anti-Indigenous Racism at McGill and Supporting Internal Reforms

LIBRARIES

Library Improvement Fund Committee meeting

Have an idea for the library?? [Fall Proposal Period open!](#)

Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting for communication transparency

MISCELLANEOUS

Talking McGill Governance Reform with the Macdonald Campus Students' Society

On the Comprehensive Governance Review Committee (CGRC), met 11/2



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