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](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)
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
Respectfully Submitted,
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