



# REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2020-1-16

Submitted for: January 16, 2019

*For the period of November 28, 2019 to January 16, 2020*

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

## UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### General University Updates

#### [This is not divestment](#)

Deans reappointed for 5-year terms, beginning July 1, 2020

- Management, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Science

Creation of Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Programs), Chris Buddle

- Interim Dean of Students: Glenn Zabowski (previous Associate Dean of Students)
- Selection process for new Dean of Students to begin shortly, TBA

Schulich Library construction

### University Committees

Advisory Committee for the possible term extension of the Dean of Libraries (1/13)

- Would be for 2 years, effective July 1, 2020
- No community consultation, but message me if you have feedback on Dean Colleen Cook

University Student Assessment Policy Workgroup

- Had consultation meeting with stakeholders in Management, planning further consultations
- Going to be drafting a feedback form on experiences with the current policy

Senate Steering Committee

- January 7, 2 questions approved

Scholarship Review Subcommittee

### Senate Caucus + McGill Senate

McGill Senate met on December 4

- [Question and Response Regarding Recruitment of Out-of-Province Canadian Students](#)
- Approved revisions to Policy Related to the Renaming of University Assets (for Made by McGill)
  - Problems, not really addressed
- Report on Budget 20-21, Financial State of the University
- Report from: Committee on Libraries, Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs



## Senator Projects

SSMU Sustainability Commissioners, SSMU Indigenous Affairs Commissioner, and Prof Greg Mikkelson presented to/visited Senate Caucus

McGill Senate met on January 15\*

## **Projects/Advocacy Items**

Wellness Hub

- Held a public assembly on the Wellness Hub in mid-December, CBC came
- Delivered completed feedback cards to the Principal's office

Potential upcoming/to be revived: waitlists, medical notes, laptop bans, food insecurity, tenure/hiring reform, academic accommodations

## *RESEARCH*

### **Student Rights**

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

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

Research component to begin shortly

Winter 2020 Know Your Rights Campaign ongoing

- New pamphlets: Language rights, Add/drop rights, non-exam assessment rights

Updating [studentrights.ssmu.ca](http://studentrights.ssmu.ca) - writing website text

### **Sexual Violence History and Advocacy**

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

Biweekly check-ins

Information collection ongoing, research compilation almost done

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

Candidate selected: Sarah Hollyer-Carney

Working, survey to be circulated shortly

## *EQUITY*

One commissioner stepping down, currently in hiring process

Held [Social Justice Coffee House](#) November 29

## *LIBRARIES*

Fall proposal period just finished

Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting for communication transparency



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Winter proposal period beginning soon

## MISCELLANEOUS

Interview with Le Delit about goals for the year

Planning for next year's budget

Office hours for semester are: T, F (2:30-3:30)

Submitted,

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