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](http://socialjustice.smmu.ca) November 29

**LIBRARIES**
Fall proposal period just finished
Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting for communication transparency
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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