



# REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2020-2-11

Submitted for: February 11, 2020

*For the period of January 31, 2019 to February 11, 2020*

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

## UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### General University Updates

February is Black History Month - programming at McGill [can be found here](#)

[Cool printing press](#) restored

[Hubfacts.ca](#)

### University Committees

Advisory Committee for the possible term extension of the Dean of Libraries (Feb 11)

- Would be for 2 years, effective July 1, 2020
- Interview with the Dean, recommendation made to Provost

Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Waitlists (Feb 3)

- Finally
- working on waitlists best practices document etc etc

Senate Nominating Committee (Feb 4)

- Made recommendations for appointing folks to University Committees
- Reviews of certain Senate Committee Terms of Reference, Senate membership

Senate Steering Committee (Feb 11)

- 2 Questions, 1 Motion
- 1 Question accepted: On the University Student Assessment Policy
- 1 Question on a graduate program suspension rejected, 1 Motion to create a conference committee on divestment rejected
- we love democracy, completely untouched by abuses of power

### Miscellaneous University Meetings

Meeting with Enrolment Services about accommodations for students impacted by train closure

- potential to increase frequency of mac bus shuttles

Meetings with Steering Committee members re: divestment motion

SSMU Executive Meeting with Provost



Meeting with Director of SHHS regarding food providers

Meeting with Chris Buddle in new role of Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Programs) to discuss portfolio overview, projects, and continued relationship w SSMU

### **Senate Caucus + McGill Senate**

Senate Caucus visitors: McGill IT Services, Glenn Zabowski (Interim Dean of Students) on behalf of University Student Assessment Policy Working Group

### [Senator Projects](#)

### **Projects/Advocacy Items**

Free Menstrual Hygiene Product Program

- Installation in Music Building to take place within the next few weeks
- One Menstrual Hygiene Coordinator has resigned, contracts being extended for others to accommodate
- Coordinator Claire Downie working on centralized form for new location suggestions

Wellness Hub

- AGSEM/SSMU/other lovely folks met Feb 5 to discuss plans for the year

Tenure/Hiring reform

- Ongoing meetings with stakeholders
- Hired Kat O'Donnell (Tenure Researcher) as Tenure and Hiring Coordinator

Potential upcoming/to be revived: medical notes, laptop bans, food insecurity, 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 underway

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

Following up on Policy Working Group action items

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



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Preferred Name Researcher: Sarah Hollyer-Carney ([shollyercarney@ssmu.ca](mailto:shollyercarney@ssmu.ca))

Working, survey to be circulated shortly

## EQUITY

New Equity Commissioner Hired - Amandri Dahanayake ([equity@ssmu.ca](mailto:equity@ssmu.ca))

Planning end of year event - Art Show! - details coming soon

## LIBRARIES

Fall proposals confirmed, report coming shortly

Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting with Library staff for communication transparency

Winter proposal period now open!

## MISCELLANEOUS

Interview with Bull and Bear regarding Menstrual Hygiene Products Program

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
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