REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2020-2-27

Submitted for: February 27, 2020

For the period of February 12, 2019 to February 27, 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
Dean term renewals/extensions: Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Libraries

University Committees
Committee on Student Services
- Feb 26*
Senate Steering Committee Working Group on Senate Rules of Procedure
- Feb 17

Miscellaneous University Meetings/Things
Draft McGill Equity, Diversity and Inclusion plan being circulated now
Appointed students to sit on Dean of Students Selection Committee
Senate Membership review taking place in summer/early fall
University-created USAP survey

Senate Caucus + McGill Senate
McGill Senate met on February 19
- Documents can be found here
- Poorly executed report on tenure-track employment equity
- USAP Question

Senator Projects
Student-created USAP Survey coming up

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

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

**EQUITY**
New Equity Commissioner Hired - Amandri Dahanayake ([equity@ssmu.ca](mailto:equality@ssmu.ca))
Planning end of year event - Art Show! - details coming soon
Community Narratives project (in collaboration with a bunch of other folks!)

**LIBRARIES**
Occuspace/Waitz Implemented
Rental services webpage
Ongoing biweekly check-in meeting with Library staff for communication transparency
Winter proposal period now open!
Exploring prayer space options in McLennan
MISCELLANEOUS

Helped Divest McGill with Admin Building blockade by acting as security/administration liaison
CKUT Board of Directors (SSMU Rep) - Met on 2/18
Office hours for semester are: T, F (2:30-3:30)

Respectfully Submitted,
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