



REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2020-3-12

Submitted for: March 12, 2020

For the period of February 27, 2020 to March 12, 2020

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

Congrats to my successor, Brooklyn Frizzle! You're gonna rock it!

UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

General University Updates

Multiple statements on Coronavirus

- super dope that McGill can jump into action on this but not on anything else (eg. abusive profs, mental health resources, etc)

Selection committee for new Dean of Students ongoing, stay tuned for a coordinated statement

University Committees

Senate Steering Committee Working Group on Senate Rules of Procedure

- March 11*

Miscellaneous University Meetings/Things

Draft McGill Equity, Diversity and Inclusion plan being circulated now

University-created [USAP survey](#)

Senate Caucus + McGill Senate

McGill Senate meeting on March 25

Questions and Motions coming

- Questions
 - Athletics Facility Improvement Fee matching
 - Coronavirus Accommodations for Self-Quarantining students
 - SHHS Harm Reduction
 - Mental Health Services at McGill
- Motions
 - Law 21 (Adam)
 - Conference Committee on Divestment

[Senator Projects](#)



Student-created USAP Survey coming up

Projects/Advocacy Items

Francophone Academic Affairs Researcher - [application now open!](#)

- Suggestion from Senators Tessier and Lametti
- Collaborating with SSMU Francophone Affairs Commissioner

Free Menstrual Hygiene Product Program

- Running fee increase and renewal (today)
- Wage increase for the menstrual hygiene coordinators
- Installation in Music Building to take place within the next few weeks
- 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

SHHS and Harm Reduction

- Working with Maeve (VP Floor Fellow of AMUSE) and Jonah (IRC Rep to Council)
- Met with Associate Director of Residence Life
- Planning next steps

OSD-related advocacy

- Working with Beatrice (Law Rep to Council), Jeremy (Engineering Senator), Jonah (IRC Rep to Council)
- Planning next steps

Medical Notes

- Sebastien (Music Rep) is looking into this

Laptop Bans

- Meeting with Teaching and Learning Services about this shortly

Food Insecurity

- Meeting 3/20*, more info next council

RESEARCH

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
- currently being translated



Research component underway

Updating studentrights.ssmu.ca - writing website text

Sexual Violence History and Advocacy

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

Mobilization planning

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

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

[Survey live!](#)

EQUITY

New Equity Commissioner Hired - Amandri Dahanayake (equity@ssmu.ca)

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

[Community Narratives project](#) (in collaboration with a bunch of other folks!)

LIBRARIES

Meeting soon with Library about recent police presence at McLennan

[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

CKUT Board of Directors (SSMU Rep) - Meeting on 3/10 cancelled

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Madeline Wilson (she/her)
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