REPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS) 2020-3-26

Submitted for: March 26, 2020

For the period of March 12, 2020 to March 26, 2020

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

UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University COVID-19 Response and Support
University response to COVID-19 can be found here
Working with group of student and student/staff organizers on collective response - please message me if you’d like to be added to our Slack channel!
Please reach out to MTL Students for COVID-19 Mutual Aid for material assistance!
Academic Accommodations Peer Support - FORM
Helped write open letter to McGill Admin regarding their response to COVID-19. Please sign and share if you are able!
Student in group putting together Drive for Faculty/Departmental messages
SSMU Statement coming soon
I have a lot of thoughts abt the university’s response to this so...hit me up to chat

University Student Assessment Policy
University-created USAP survey - deadline extended to March 30
SSMU created USAP survey - Adrienne Tessier and Henrique Mecabo
  - English version here
  - French version here

Dean of Students Selection Committee
SSMU Senate Caucus and SSMU Executive writing joint letter to DoS Selection Committee regarding ideal qualities and goals of future DoS, similar to what was done by the Executives in 15-16/16/17
  - Undergraduate committee members: Adrienne Tessier (Student Senator), Bryan (SSMU Rep)
  - (Had to be a returning student)

McGill Senate
Senate Caucus moved to Google Hangouts
Senate Steering Committee meeting March 25* to review items for March Senate and discuss future forum for Senate conduct
McGill Senate meeting on March 25 cancelled until further notice (per Steering discussion)
Questions and Motions up for review
- Questions
  - Athletics Facility Improvement Fee matching
  - Coronavirus Accommodations for Self-Quarantining students
  - SHHS Harm Reduction
- Motions
  - Law 21 (Adam)
  - Conference Committee on Divestment

Senator Projects

Projects/Advocacy Items
Francophone Academic Affairs Researcher
- Suggestion from Senators Tessier and Lametti
- Collaborating with SSMU Francophone Affairs Commissioner
- Interviews taking place 3/25*

Free Menstrual Hygiene Product Program
- Running fee increase and renewal
- 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
- Check-in meeting with Wallace 3/25*

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 Op-Ed in student press and social media posts

OSD-related advocacy
- Working with Beatrice (Law Rep to Council), Jeremy (Engineering Senator), Jonah (IRC Rep to Council)
- Created Form
- See Council motion today

Food Insecurity
- Upcoming meeting moved to conference call, new date being selected

RESEARCH
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 remaining open!
Interviewing administrators and survey participants

EQUITY
End of year art show cancelled (potentially postponed)
Community Narratives project (in collaboration with a bunch of other folks!)

LIBRARIES
See LIFC report.

MISCELLANEOUS
CKUT Board of Directors (SSMU Rep) - Meeting on 3/10 cancelled
Office hours for semester are cancelled, but please reach out to set up a meeting!

Respectfully Submitted,
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