

# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: September 24, 2020

For the period of 2020/09/09, to 2020/09/20

# University Affairs & Academics

#### **Senate Activity**

- Scholarship Review Subcommittee Summer meetings
  - Final vote occurred by email approval
  - All scholarship renewals have been approved
- Academic Policy Committee
  - Motion to reimplement the Winter 2020 S/U option failed
  - Planning on bringing up the motion at September Senate
- September Senate meeting scheduled for September 22, 2020
  - Questions on Harm Reduction & Athletics Facilities funding

#### **University Advocacy**

- Policy on Harassment and Discrimination Working Group
  - Finalized Policy presented for Senate information September 22, 2020
- Academic racism
  - Campaign to remove Philip Carl Salzman's Emeritus designation -
    - ASA attending regular meetings with Anthropology Department, Associate Provost (Equity & Academic Policies), and Provost
  - PHIL 237 open letters released August 24
    - SSMU, BSN, and BLSA planning on meeting with Provost & Dean of Arts
    - PSA currently in discussions with the Department of Philosophy
- Donation campaign and student aid to support Lebanese students
  - Donation campaign organized between Lebanese Students' Association and McGill Alumni Association - ongoing
- Royal Victoria Hospital project
  - "Student leader" consultations began September 18, 2020
  - Town Halls for general student body and Montreal Community TBA



#### **Senate Caucus**

- Attended Senate orientation on September 14, 2020
- Election for Nursing Associate Senator TBA
- Senators' Projects roundtables on September 8 and 15, 2020

## Equity

#### Activism

- Mobilizations against anti-Black racism and police violence
  - Senate discussion on McGill's Plan to Address Anti-Black Racism scheduled for September 22, 2020
- Harm reduction on campus
  - Ongoing conversation with AMUSE VP (Floor Fellow)
  - Question on McGill harm reduction practices submitted for September 22 Senate
  - Policy on Harm Reduction in early development
  - Harm reduction researcher job description in development

#### **Employment Equity**

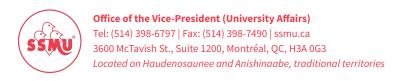
- Dayforce deadnaming
  - Considering alternative digital HR platforms ongoing
- Wage subsidies for Senators & Councillors ongoing
  - Examining funding and disbursement options
- Overhauled Human Resources Policy finalized
  - Submitted for approval at September 24 Legislative Council session

#### Board Ad-hoc Committee on Naming (BACoN)

- Nomination and submission forms released with September 3, 2020 listserv
  - Accepting submissions open-ended
- Biweekly Fall meetings scheduled
- Nominations for members-at-large finalized pending confirmation

#### **Equity Infrastructure**

- Tone policing and equitable communication
  - Equity Policy amendment submitted for approval
- Equity Triage for internal procedures
  - In development for Communications, IT, Operations



- Resolution in development (standalone Policy or Equity Policy amendment)
- Black Affairs Commissioner hiring ongoing
  - Shortlisted candidates selected
  - Black Affairs Committee Terms of Reference presented for approval

# Research & Advocacy

#### **Special Researchers**

- Special Researcher (Preferred Names Use & Advocacy)
  - Final draft in proofreading and graphic design phase
- Special Researcher (Academic Accessibility & Accommodations)
  - Currently drafting comparative review of Canadian university accommodation policies
- Special Researcher (Student Health & Wellness)
  - Currently reviewing archives and drafting research proposal

### Francophone Affairs Researcher

- Finalized report in the proofreading and graphic design phase
  - To be presented at the first regularly scheduled ESAAC meeting TBA

#### **Know Your Rights**

- USAP Report finalized
  - Media release prepared for September 24, 2020

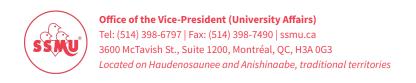
#### Research Infrastructure

- SSMU Research Advisory Board
  - Early development began August 12, 2020
- Professional survey & data storage platforms
  - Final selection deadline extended until October 1st

## Libraries

## **Open Educational Resources**

- OER Master Plan finalized July 28, 2020
  - Revamped promotional campaign ongoing
  - Currently exploring alternative funding options for expansion



## McGill Study Hubs

- McGill Library assisting with the development of University Centre study hubs
  - Security and social distancing options
  - Online booking platform