



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



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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



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- 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



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McGill Study Hubs

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