



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: October 8, 2020

For the period of 2020/09/21, to 2020/10/05

University Affairs & Academics

Senate Activity

- September Senate meeting on September 22, 2020
 - Discussed questions on Harm Reduction & Athletics Facilities funding and the failed motion regarding the reimplementing of the Winter 2020 S/U Policy
- Senate Nominating Committee met on September 29, 2020
 - Still waiting on PGSS nominations so no new student nominations were made
 - Invitations have been extended to BIPOC Desautels and the Management Councillors for the Advisory Committee on the Reappointment of the Dean of Management
- Next Senate Steering Committee meeting on October 6
- Next Senate meeting scheduled for October 21, 2020
 - Open discussion on McGill's Plan for Addressing Anti-Black Racism

University Advocacy

- SSMU Executive Team met with Student Life & Learning Executives on September 29, 2020
- University Student Assessment Policy Work Group met on October 1, 2020
 - Currently overhauling the preamble
- Academic racism
 - SSMU, BSN, BLSA, and PSA met with the with AP (Equity and Academic Policies) and the Dean of Arts regarding PHIL 237 on October 1, 2020
 - Meeting with the Chair of the Anthropology Department on October 6 to discuss their plan to address islamophobia

Senate Caucus

- Social Work Senator resigned, election TBA
- Kudos to the Senators - they were incredibly active at the September 22 Senate Meeting
- Motion passed to censure the Management Senator for their absence from Senate and Senate Caucus, based on IRs on September 29, 2020



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- BSN invited to October 20 Caucus meeting to discuss McGill's Plan on Anti-Black Racism

Equity

Board Ad-hoc Committee on Naming (BACoN)

- Nomination and submission forms released with September 3, 2020 listserv
 - Accepting submissions - *open-ended*
- Nominations for members-at-large have been ratified
- Deliberations will begin at October 16 meeting

Employment Equity

- Wage subsidies for Senators & Councillors - *ongoing*
 - Referendum question coming for approval at October 22 Council meeting
 - Consulted with SSAO over work-study subsidy options
- Overhauled Human Resources Policy approved at September 24 Legislative Council session and ratified by Board on October 1

Youth In Care

- Met with project leaders on September 28
 - Drafting Special Researcher job description to support the project

Equity Infrastructure

- Tone policing and equitable communication
 - Equity Policy amendment approved by Council
 - Failed ratification by the Board of Directors
- Black Affairs Commissioner - *hiring ongoing*
 - Black Affairs Committee Terms of Reference approved at September 24 Council meeting and ratified by Board on October 1
 - BSN VP Advocacy is serving as Interim Chair until a Commissioner can be hired
 - Interview process in-progress

Research & Advocacy

Special Researchers

- Special Researcher (Preferred Names Use & Advocacy)
 - Final draft in proofreading and graphic design phase



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- Special Researcher (Academic Accessibility & Accommodations)
 - Final draft of their student survey has been completed
 - Arts and Medicine Senators are supporting the project
- Special Researcher (Student Health & Wellness)
 - Currently reviewing archives
 - Worked with SRRAC on Qualtrics training

Francophone Affairs Researcher

- Finalized report in the proofreading and graphic design phase
 - To be presented at the first regularly scheduled ESAAC meeting on October 20th

Know Your Rights

- [USAP Report](#) released on for September 25, 2020

Research Infrastructure

- Professional survey & data storage platforms
 - Qualtrics subscription to be approved by the Executive Committee on October 6, 2020

Libraries

Open Educational Resources

- OER Coordinator now attends biweekly Library Improvement Fund meetings with VP University Affairs, LIF Commissioner, and Library administrators
- #textbookbroke promotional campaign began on September 15
- [Student Textbook Experience Survey](#) released on September 26

McGill Study Hubs

- McGill Library shared protocols for Study and Teaching Hubs
 - Planning on adapting into our own protocols for Study Hubs in the UC
 - Library is advising on Emergency Operations Centre approval process