

# 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**

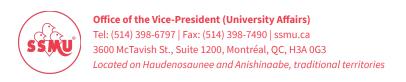
- September Senate meeting on September 22, 2020
  - Discussed questions on Harm Reduction & Athletics Facilities funding and the failed motion regarding the reimplementation of the Winter 2020 S/U Policy
- Senate Nominating Committee met on September 29, 2020
  - Still waiting on PGSS nominations so 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



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

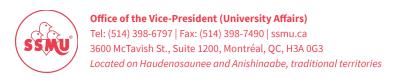
### **Equity Infrastructure**

- 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



- 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**

- <u>USAP Report</u> 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