

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: November 5, 2020

For the period of 2020/10/20, to 2020/11/03

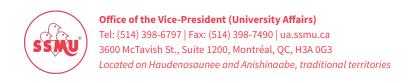
University Affairs & Academics

Senate Activity

- Senate met on October 21, 2020
 - Discussed McGill's Plan for Addressing Anti-Black Racism
 - Students and Faculty shared comments underlining the insufficiencies of the Plan
- Senate Steering Committee met on November 3, 2020
 - Approved three questions submitted by Student Senators
 - Question Regarding the Withdrawal of an Emeritus Designation
 - Question Regarding the Principal's Message on Academic Freedom and Inclusiveness
 - Question Regarding the Naming of the Men's Team
 - Approved the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, amended to reflect the newly passed Fall Reading Break
- Joint Board-Senate meeting scheduled for November 12, 2020
- Next Senate meeting scheduled for November 18, 2020

University Advocacy

- SSMU Executive Team attended another TLS Forum on Remote Delivery on November 1, 2020
- University Student Assessment Policy Work Group met again on October 29, 2020
 - Currently reviewing Assessment Principles, Scope, and Definitions
- Academic racism
 - Questions, drafted with ASA, regarding the Emeritus designation and Academic Freedom were accepted by the Senate Steering Committee
- Ongoing communications with the BUSRC VP Academic and CSU Academic & Advocacy Coordinator regarding the reimplementation of the extended S/U policy
 - Roughly 105 4-Year Universities in Canada and the US have implemented similar systems this semester



Senate Caucus

- Second Representative to the Legislative Council has been elected
- Continuing to compile <u>Senators' projects</u> and Faculty-specific <u>COVID19 updates</u>
- Drafted all three questions submitted for November Senate

Equity

Accountability & Governance

- CGRC has begun meeting
 - Currently reevaluating the Constitution & failed 2020 amendments

Board Ad-hoc Committee on Naming (BACoN)

- <u>Submission form</u> is still open!
- Deliberations and consultations will continue until the Winter 2021 Referendum period
 - Currently discussing alternative naming options (ex. ideas, values, words in local Indigenous dialects)

Employment Equity

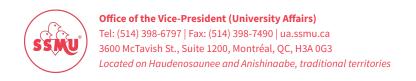
- Wages for Senators & Councillors ongoing
 - Currently drafting an action plan for the project in response to last Council's generative discussion

Equity Infrastructure

- Recall: Equity Triage system was implemented in the Accounting Department
 - Amendment to the Equity Policy to implement Equity Triages across internal
 Departments presented for approval at November 5 Council meeting
- Black Affairs Commissioner hiring ongoing
 - Final interviews are being scheduled
 - Black Affairs Committee had its first meeting with BSN VP Advocacy as Interim Chair
- Applications for Equity Committee members-at-large have closed
 - First meeting to be scheduled

Harm Reduction

 Notice of motion for Policy on Harm Reduction has been delayed to allow for further consultations



Research & Advocacy

Special Researchers

- Special Researcher (Preferred Names Use & Advocacy)
 - Preparing for imminent report release
- Special Researcher (Academic Accessibility & Accommodations)
 - Comparative policy review has been completed
 - Student survey to be released this month
 - Predicted report release between December 2020 and January 2021

Research Infrastructure

- Political Researcher for the Vice-President (External Affairs) has been selected
- Qualtrics subscription has set-up
 - First surveys to be released before the end of the month

Libraries

Library Improvement Fund

- Biweekly meeting with McGill Library Team on October 22, 2020
- Library Improvement Fund Committee (LIFC) still accepting Fall <u>funding applications</u>

McGill Study Hubs

- Study Hubs will remain open for the time being

Submitted in solidarity,

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