



# 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 reimplementing of the extended S/U policy
  - Roughly 105 4-Year Universities in Canada and the US have implemented similar systems this semester



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## Senate Caucus

- Second Representative to the Legislative Council has been elected
- Continuing to compile [Senators' projects](#) and Faculty-specific [COVID19 updates](#)
- 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)

- [Submission form](#) 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 Triage 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



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## 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 [funding applications](#)

### McGill Study Hubs

- Study Hubs will remain open for the time being

Submitted in solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooklyn Frizzle'.

Brooklyn Frizzle,  
Vice-President (University Affairs)