



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: January 14, 2021

For the period of 2020/12/01, to 2021/01/12

University Affairs & Research

Research

- Students' Rights Researcher and Advocacy Commissioner
 - COVID-19 impact report planned for release in the coming weeks
- Working with the Mental Health Advocacy Coordinator to coordinate advocacy for the Preliminary Report for their Survey on Remote Learning and Mental Health
- Checked-in with Special Researchers
 - Academic Accessibility & Accommodations survey pending release
 - Student Health & Wellness report has been delayed
 - Preferred Names Use report pending release

Senate Activity

- Senate approved an extended S/U option at a December 15, 2020, special meeting
 - Six additional S/U credits applied retroactively across Fall 2020 and Winter 2021
 - ie. the "last hurrah" was a success
- Committee on Student Services met on December 21, 2020, and January 4, 2021
 - As Co-Chair, leading a review of the CSS terms of reference
 - Currently conducting literature review
- Steering Committee met on January 12, 2021
 - Approved a generative discussion on student experience with remote learning
- University Student Assessment Policy Work Group meeting on January 18, 2020
- Next Senate meeting on January 20, 2020

Senate Caucus

- First Caucus meeting on January 12, 2020
 - Discussed Senate agenda and planned SSMU Constitutional revisions

Equity & Advocacy

Board Ad-hoc Committee on Naming (BACoN)

- Preliminary report was approved by BACoN at the December 10 meeting
 - Three front-runners selected - currently waiting on consent from the nominees
 - To be presented to Council for generative discussion following final consultations

Equity Infrastructure

- BAC is actively transitioning from Interim Chair to the Black Affairs Committee
- Accessibility Policy was revised and submitted for reapproval
 - Presented as a Notice of Motion for January 14, 2020
 - Hiring process for Accessibility Commissioner ongoing
- Meeting with the Equity Commissioners biweekly to revise the Equity Policy
- Working with Queer McGill and the Union for Gender Empowerment to hire and Gender and Sexuality Commissioner

University Advocacy

- Open Letter Demanding the Overhaul of McGill's Statement Of Academic Freedom was released on November 30, 2020
- Message of Support for Survivors of Gendered and Sexual Violence drafted and released on December 19, 2020

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Academic Resources

Library Improvement

- Library Improvement Fund is expected to run a significant surplus due to COVID-related project cancellations
 - Library Improvement Committee approved funding allocation for new furniture in the Schulich Library
 - Students are encouraged to submit funding proposals when applications reopen

Submitted in solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooklyn Frizzle', written in a cursive style.

Brooklyn Frizzle,
Vice-President (University Affairs)