

# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: January 28, 2021

For the period of 2021/01/13, to 2021/01/25

## University Affairs & Research

#### Research

- Working with the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner to hire an Indigenous Equity Researcher

## **Senate Activity**

- University Student Assessment Policy Work Group met on January 18, 2021
  - Still discussing regulations for assessments during the Add/Drop period
- Senate met on January 20, 2021
  - Short meeting, no motions or questions by Senators
  - Committee on Libraries presented a report stressing the importance of OERs
- Steering Committee organized a working group to plan the generative discussion on student experience with remote learning
  - Met on January 25, 2021, to decide on questions
- Committee on Student Services working group meeting on January 26, 2021
  - Revising CSS terms of reference
  - Considering an expanded scope ("student success")
- Working with the Law Senator to pass a Senate motion institutionalizing Queer History Month
  - Motion would ensure continued University-level support for QHM

### **Senate Caucus**

- Caucus consulted with the Vice-President (External Affairs) on the "Position on Institutions of Public Safety" on January 18, 2021
- Assembled a working group to revise the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy
  - Biweekly meetings starting February 4, 2021
  - Open to new members

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## Equity & Advocacy

## Board Ad-hoc Committee on Naming (BACoN)

- Preliminary report presented to Council for endorsement in confidential session
  - Two front-runners have been selected
  - Currently finalizing the proposed building names

## **Equity Infrastructure**

- Conducted University Affairs training for the Black Affairs Commissioner on January 27, 2021
- Revised Accessibility Policy was submitted for approval on January 28, 2021
  - Hiring process for Accessibility Commissioner ongoing
- Biweekly meetings with the Equity Commissioners to revise the Equity Policy are ongoing
- Currently conducting interviews for the Gender and Sexuality Commissioner

## **Campus Advocacy**

- "Reference re Interpretation and Scope of the Reference re Legality of the BDS Motion and Similar Motions"
  - <u>Judicial Board Reference</u>, submitted in August, was returned and ratified by the Board of Directors on January 21, 2021

## Academic Resources

## **Open Educational Resources**

- Meeting with OER Coordinator to plan the execution of the Master Plan
  - Drafting a shortlist of potential courses for future OER Assistants

Submitted in solidarity,

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