



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: February 11, 2021

For the period of 2021/01/26, to 2021/02/09

University Affairs & Research

Senate and Committee Activity

- University Student Assessment Policy Work Group met on February 1, 2021
 - Discussed re-reads of assessments and exams
 - Next meeting on February 15, 2021
- Committee on Student Services met on February 1, 2021
 - Discussed revisions to CSS terms of reference and finalized supplementary documents for the planned Senate open discussion
 - Mandate Revision Working Group meeting February 11, 2021
- McGill Nominating Committee met on February 4, 2021, to approve Committee nominations and revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Senate Steering Committee and Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity
- Senate motion institutionalizing Queer History Month was delayed to allow for further consultations with the McGill Association of University Teachers and the Dr Kenneth Melville McGill Black Faculty and Staff Caucus
- Next Senate meeting on February 24, 2021
 - Planned reports from the Ombudsperson and Student Life and Learning
 - Open discussion on student experience with remote learning

Senate Caucus

- Senate Caucus met February 2 and 9, 2021, to review Senate agenda items and recent student evictions from McGill residences
- First meeting of the Senate Caucus Advisory Board (SCAB) on Revisions to the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy on February 4, 2021
 - Added Undergraduates Representatives to University Committees
 - Revised IR-01: Interpretation, and Parts I to III of IR-02: Undergraduate University Representation

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Research

- Preferred Names Use Report has been **completed** and sent for proofreading and graphics.
- Indigenous Equity Researcher hiring is ongoing.

Equity & Advocacy

Board Ad-hoc Committee on Naming (BACoN)

- Met with the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) and the Vice-Principal (University Advancement) to discuss the renaming of the University Centre
 - Prevented the renaming question from being included in the Winter Referendum

Equity Infrastructure

- Follow up meeting with REES founder to explore implementation options on February 1, 2021
- Gender and Sexuality Commissioner was hired on February 5, 2021
- Assisted with External Affairs Coordinator interviews
- Equity Policy revisions ongoing
 - Restructured complaint resolution procedures
 - Revised Background, Interpretation, Scope, and Definitions on February 9, 2021
- Working with the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner to restructure the portfolio
 - Currently drafting a 'Master Plan' to expand the portfolio into seven distinct positions

Academic Resources

Library Improvement

- Biweekly meetings with Library Administration resumed on February 4, 2021
 - Reviewed Library Improvement Fund applications

Submitted in solidarity,



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