Senate Caucus Representative Report

SSMU Legislative Council Winter 2021

Senate

February Senate Meeting, February 24, 2021 - Highlights

- Convocation:
  - Vaccine distribution is not scheduled to be widespread enough for this to happen in person (same with July exchange)
- Government relations:
  - Budget (federal and provincial) coming soon
  - Working on a green campus, net neutral by 2040
- Covid-19:
  - Quebec government is encouraging McGill to hold in-person activities due to concerns of students mental health
  - McGill does not have the capacity to produce our own vaccines
  - Principal Fortier notes how Universities will need to be better prepared in the future
- Bursaries:
  - Bursaries announced to help students stay in school
- Fall 2021:
  - In person!
  - There will still most likely be online options, like recordings for large lectures
    - Teachers will be able to teach online
- International Students - Travel Restrictions and Fees
  - McGill is working with the government to help International students, but students will still have to comply with travel restrictions
  - Trying to partner with other groups to find solutions to the costs of quarantine and travel
    - Important to remove this barrier for students
- Open Discussion for February 24th Senate meeting: Student Experience
  - Reflecting on the student academic experience during COVID-19, what strategies have worked well to maintain a strong commitment to student academic success and what could be improved?
  - What steps should be taken to encourage a sense of shared responsibility within the University when it comes to promoting student academic success and well-being?

January Senate Meeting, January 20, 2021

- This meeting was very short and quite pleasant.

Miscellaneous

- Bicentennial celebrations launching March 31 (virtually)
Senate Caucus

March 9, 2021
- Debriefed recent Senate meeting and discussed Fall 2021.
- We have spent most of the semester so far preparing for the Feb. Senate Open-Discussion and looking forward to Fall 2021.

February 23, 2021
- Prepared for Feb. Senate meeting and Open-Discussion.

Fun Stuff From Schulich

Faculty
- Looking ahead to what Fall 2021 will look like.
- The Dean set up a project where faculty members can receive a grant to support online teaching/learning initiatives.

Tri-Council Meeting - MUSA, MEdUSA, MGSS, March 8, 2021 - 7pm
- Discussion on Faculty/Student interaction guidelines following a Town Hall.

MUSA
- We’re vibing.
- Want merch? Contact internal.musa@mail.mcgill.ca

Miscellaneous
- MUSA Jeopardy Night, March 25, 2021 7:30pm
  - Sign up in teams of 2-3, or come and join a team!
- Other fun events like graduate symposiums and concerts coming up! Check out MUSA’s Facebook page for more details.
  - Cinderella Premiere, March 27, 2021

Meetings

Senate (public)

Recent: February 24, 2021
Upcoming: March Senate Meeting, March 24, 2020 (2:30 pm - 5:00 pm, live streamed)

Senate Caucus (public)

Recent: March 9, 2021
Upcoming: March 15, 2021

Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA)

Recent: March 9, 2021
Upcoming: April 13, 2021
Faculty Council (Schulich School of Music)
   Recent: January 28, 2021
   Upcoming: March 18, 2021
MUSA Executive Council (public)
   Recent: February 15, 2021
      - March 8, 2021 Tri-Council Meeting with MGSS, MUSA, and MEdUSA
   Upcoming: March 15, 2021 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
TLS Remote Learning Forum
   Recent: March 9, 2021

Other Committees, Councils, and Caucuses I’m On That Are Not Listed Above
   SSMU Legislative Council <3
   Committee on Student Discipline
   SSoM Faculty Council Working Group for Terms of Reference Revision
   MUSA Covid-19 Subcommittee
   MUSA Constitution Rewriting Committee
   IR’s of Representation
   Comprehensive Governance Review Committee
   Board of Directors- International Student Representative

Please reach out to me if you want more information on any of these groups.

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Thank you for a wonderful year! I hope everyone is staying safe.

Cheers,
Addy

Respectfully Submitted for March 11, 2021.