



Senate Caucus

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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)



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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



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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.

About Me / Contact Information:

Hello! My name is Addy Parsons (she/her) and I am in my third year of the Concurrent B.Mus./B.Ed. Program. Reach out to me at the information below or any social media platform if you want to talk!

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

Cheers,

Addy

Respectfully Submitted for March 11, 2021.