# **Report of the** SSMUA **Vice-President** (University Affairs)

Fall 2022 General Assembly - Kerry Yang

### University Affairs & Representation



#### Responsibilities

- Undergraduate Senate and Committee representation
- Senate Caucus and Senate itself
- Student Rights and the Know Your Rights campaign
  - Both individual and overarching support
- University-level accountability
- University-level policy review and development
- Research and advocacy projects
- McGill Committees, Working Groups, Standing Meetings
  - Senate Steering Committee
  - Senate Nominating Committee
  - Committee on Student Services (CSS)
  - Academic Policy Committee
  - Weekly check-in with Dean of Students
  - Regular meetings with Senior Admin
  - Meetings with other university stakeholders (e.g. MAUT, PGSS)

### Academic Rights



### • Supporting individual students who report academic violations by instructors

- Hold the McGill Academic Round Table (MART)
- Know Your Rights Campaign
  - Successful tabling at various locations throughout the university
  - Put posters up all over campus
  - Tabled about Academic Rights during Activities Night
  - Put information on listservs and have been working with the VP Academics to get the work out
  - New pamphlets about legal protection services

### Academic Resources & Libraries



#### • Responsibilities

- Library development and Library Improvement Fund
- Study spaces and physical development
- Academic accessibility
- Library relations
- Menstrual product access in libraries
- Open Educational Resources (OER) project
  - Started maintaining and expanding the OERs we currently have on offer
- Relevant Staff
  - Library Improvement Fund Commissioner
  - Open Educational Resource Commissioner

### **Advocacy**



#### • Academic Wellness

- Worked on academic wellness plan
- Working with stakeholders to implement ideas
- Did consultations and worked to start implementing the ideas
- Service Animal Policy
  - Working to get McGill a Policy on Service Animals
  - Did extensive research and worked on potential policy plans
- Short-term accomodations
  - Consulted with several stakeholders on creating a short-term accommodation system
  - Did research on different systems
- Note-sharing initiatives
  - Worked on expanding note sharing initiatives to different faculties
  - Created a training presentation (with lots of help) and are distributing to different stakeholders

# Additional Projects (1/2)



#### • Indigenous Affairs

- Supporting Indigenous Affairs Commissioner while maintaining autonomy of portfolio
- Hiring staff to support IAC
- How to strengthen SSMU's mandate of Indigenous solidarity at SSMU and more broadly
- Gender and Sexuality
  - Help the Gender and Sexuality Commissioner administer QUIPS (Queer Improvement and Partnership Solidarity)
- Equity
  - Worked on several equity complaints
  - Reforming the SSMU equity policy
- Gendered and Sexual Violence
  - Worked to look at IRP
  - Supporting the Anti-Violence Coordinators

# Additional Projects (2/2)



#### • Menstrual Health

- New team is hard at work
- Free products available across campus
- Expanding to new locations on campus
- Monthly pick-ups with reusable and biodegradable products
- Providing products to residences
- Advising other universities on their programs
- Renewing the Free Menstrual Product policy
- Working on getting SPF Funding
- Working on a 360 solution
- Daycare
  - Overseeing day-to-day activities of the daycare as the President
  - Oversee the budget and its finances
  - Daycare Union negotiations



### Questions? Comments? Concerns?