# Report of the Vice-President (University Affairs)

Winter 2023 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
  - Enrolment Services and Student Affairs Committee (ESSAC)
    - Accomodations Working Group
    - Emotional Support Animals Working Group
  - Weekly check-in with Dean of Students
  - Regular meetings with Senior Admin
  - Meetings with other university stakeholders (e.g. MAUT, PGSS)
  - Various Selection Committees

# Academic Rights



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

- Hold the McGill Academic Round Table (MART)
- Know Your Rights Campaign
  - Changing how the Know Your Rights is run for the winter semester
  - More focused on listservs, in-class announcements, TV screens
- Reviewing the Charter of Student Rights (up for renewal soon)
- Relevant Staff
  - Students Rights Researcher and Advocacy Commissioner

### 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

- Maintaining and expanding the OERs we currently have on offer
- Increased the size of the team
- Have been working on new courses to have OERs, different media and way information is formatted, question banks

### • Relevant Staff

- Library Improvement Fund Commissioner
- o Open Educational Resources Commissioner
  - Open Educational Resources Coordinators

### **Advocacy**



#### Academic Wellness

- Starting to implement and explore some of the ideas and initiatives
- Working on for-credit health and wellness themed courses.
- Special researchers working on surveying the general atmosphere surrounding mental health and wellness

#### Accomodations

- Consulted with several stakeholders on creating a short-term accommodation system
- Did research on different systems
- Working on a committee with various SSMU members on decisions regarding different types of accomodations

### Exam-Deferrals

Collaborated with the administration to restructure the way exam deferrals for covid-19 worked to make them more streamline

# Additional Projects (1/2)



- Indigenous Affairs
  - Supporting the Indigenous community at McGill and Montreal
  - Doing consultations with Indigenous students
  - Established the Indigenous Affairs Committee
  - Working with Indigenous Initiatives at McGill
- Gender and Sexuality
  - Administer QUIPS (Queer Improvement and Partnership Solidarity) fund
  - Hiring new Gender and Sexuality Commissioner
- Equity
  - Worked on several equity complaints
  - Looking at the SSMU Equity Policy
  - Provided investigation training to commissioners
- Gendered and Sexual Violence
  - Working on IRP with Anti-Violence Coordinator
  - Worked with the McGill administration on OSVRSE closure, restructuring, and reopening

# Additional Projects (2/2)



- Menstrual Health
  - Monthly pick-ups have been going well
    - Collecting data to help guide future activity and expansion
    - Working on creating partnerships for distribution
  - Gotten approval for SPF funding, allowing us to greatly expand our distribution
  - Providing menstrual products to other SSMU groups and faculty student associations on campus
- Daycare
  - Overseeing day-to-day activities of the daycare as the President
  - Oversee the budget and its finances
  - Nearing completion of daycare Union negotiations



## Questions? Comments? Concerns?