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REPORT OF THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Submitted for: 2023-11-09

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

- Gender and Sexuality Commissioner (Chair)
- VP University Affairs
- VP External
- Queer McGill
- Union for Gender Empowerment
- Trans Patient Union
- Black Students Network

Absent:

- QPIRG McGill
- JQueer
- Muslim Students Association
- Indigenous Students Alliance
- Faculty of Education Representative (Member at Large assigned by Leg Council)

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- Meet biweekly over the school year, monthly over the summer.
- Review QUIPS Bursary applications and distribute funding.
 - \$3000 is distributed each meeting.
 - Plans are being made to increase this amount due to the volume of requests received.
- Primarily used as a space for McGill's queer student groups and services to provide assistance to one another and touch base about ongoing projects and events.

PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

- Working to build resources and capacity to respond to anti-trans hate on campus, including by counter-protesting events as needed.



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- Assisted with counter-protests to anti-trans hate near and on campus.
- Working to build better communication and connections between McGill's queer student groups and the queer groups off-campus.
- Advocating for improvements to StudentCare's new Gender Affirming Care policy, namely the removal of the gender dysphoria diagnosis requirement.
 - Creating a coalition across universities to better advocate for this change.
- Created the Trans Advocacy Plan, which was passed this summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Students who want to access insurance coverage for gender affirming health care can now do so through StudentCare.
 - More details on coverage can be found in the Trans Patient Union's resource sheet [here](#).
- Queer students and community projects by and for queer students can access need-based funding through the QUIPS Bursary, available [here](#).
- Queer McGill is collecting information about instances where McGill systems incorrectly refer to a person's name, gender, or prefix. This survey can be filled out [here](#).
- A Trans Day of Remembrance vigil and march is taking place November 20th at 6pm at the Sir-George-Étienne-Cartier Monument, everyone is encouraged to attend.