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REPORT OF THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Submitted for: 2024-02-01

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

- Gender and Sexuality Commissioner (Chair)
- VP University Affairs
- VP External
- Queer McGill
- Trans Patient Union
- Union for Gender Empowerment
- Faculty of Education Representative (Member at Large)

Absent:

- QPIRG McGill
- JQueer
- Muslim Students Association
- Black Students Network
- Indigenous Students Alliance

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- Meets biweekly for McGill's queer student groups and services to touch base about ongoing campaigns, projects, events, and activities with which we can support one another.
- Reviews QUIPS Bursary applications and distributes funding
 - \$3000 distributed at each meeting to meet immediate financial needs of queer students

PROJECTS AND PROGRESS



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- Ongoing organizing efforts and connection building with queer community groups and organizers off-campus, including francophone organizers who have historically had less connection to McGill.
 - Primarily focused on organizing against the Quebec government's "comité des sages" this semester
- Continued advocacy to improve StudentCare's Gender Affirming Care policy across Canada, as part of a coalition effort with groups at other universities across the country.
- Drafted a motion and preparing a referendum campaign to increase the QUIPS fee in order to better meet student needs.

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 <u>here</u>.
- Queer students and community projects by and for queer students can access need-based funding through the QUIPS Bursary, available <u>here</u>.