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REPORT OF THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Submitted for: 11-21-2024

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

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- Biweekly meetings over the school year, monthly meetings over the summer.
- Review QUIPS Bursary applications and distribute funding.
 - \$5000 distributed each meeting.
 - Discussion about advertising to increase the number of applicants.
 - Trans Patient Union posted infographic to social media and Listserv
 - Posters created and distributed
- Participating student groups touch base at biweekly meetings. Updates given with respect to community projects and activism that various student groups are fronting. Opportunity for student groups to plan collaboration on projects.
- Updates also given by SSMU representatives to keep student groups up to date on activity related to the involved student groups.



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PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

- Working to increase awareness of the QUIPS bursary in order to increase the number of applicants.
- Advocating for more Gender Neutral Washrooms in SSMU buildings
- Working with the Trans Patient Union to advocate for better gender affirming care under the StudentCare plan, as well as advocating for MacDonald Campus students to be covered by StudentCare's gender affirming care plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Students who want to access insurance coverage for gender affirming health care can do so through StudentCare.
 - More details on coverage can be found in the Trans Patient Union's resource sheet [here](#).
- Students can find information about changing their name, email address, and pronouns on various McGill systems [here](#)
- Queer students and community projects by and for queer students can access need-based funding through the QUIPS Bursary, available [here](#).