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# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

Submitted for: 2024-11-21

I have highlighted projects where I am actively soliciting participation. But don't be shy to reach out about any of the items on this list with concerns or if you'd like to help.

Green means email me about this.

Orange means there will soon be opportunity for involvement (you should still email me to stay in the loop).

## Advocacy Work

### McGill Governance

- Filed a grievance with the Advisory Council on the Charter of Student Rights' about the lack of student representation on committees
- Sent a demand letter to McGill since they refused one of my nominations for the Committee on Student Discipline
- Submitted questions for the town hall on the budget
- Selected a representative for the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination review, and I'm in the early stages of organizing a campaign to bring attention to concerns about the process and proposed modifications
- Selected a representative for the Code of Student Conduct review
- Sent our reviewed MoA to the DPSLL
- Wrote and submitted my feedback for Senate composition

### Security Services and Policing at McGill

- In the very early planning stages of a 'de-authoritarianize campus' meet up with different equity-related groups, this event will be in January
- Filed a mostly unsuccessful ATI request about the Rapid Response Group (but we did get their membership)
- Wrote to Fabrice about my personal experience with the SPVM
- In contact with Senator faculty about security



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- Contributed to and moved a statement from LC about security services and its impact on campus

### Students with Disabilities

- Finally onboarded the accessibility commissioner and met with them three times. Some of our ideas are to have an 'accessibility week', to have group meetings without fixed membership, and to incorporate accessibility into club training
- I filed a funding request to buy 3 portable air purifiers that people in the University Centre can loan for their events
- I'm working on amending the Accessibility Policy - first go-through is done!
- Organized a meeting between SAA and people who'd been interested in the advisory board

### Preferred Names at McGill

- I provided feedback on their new form that they're rolling out
- I met with Prof Campbell about making an inventory of forms that collect personal information
- I got a legal opinion from MMGC about privacy and discrimination laws
- Met with head of IT about what we wanted to see in a new system for changing names
- Still looking for testimonies from trans students about deadnaming and misgendering!

### Equity

- First EDI roundtable was a success!
- Equity Policy being amended to incorporate complaints and suggestions that don't automatically trigger an investigation, almost ready to start the consultation phase
- Edited and co-wrote a letter to be presented at EDIC about the harms of the ID-ing policy on marginalized students
- Met monthly with the Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and brought forward concerns about staff disability parking

### Student Rights

- Designed and printed cardstocks with information about policies and resources
- Met with dean of students about our questions/concerns regarding the Code of Student Conduct
- We are in very early stages of surveying students to assess the scale of PASL violations

### Accessibility Strategy

- Publicized the student consultation session and the Accessibility Strategy town hall
- Writing a blog post with my thoughts, to be sent to Catherine Roy



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- Lead discussion at Senate Caucus about the Strategy

### Indigenous Affairs

- Helping Delanie with the mural and art show (honestly mostly just signing things and attending meetings, she's doing so much herself!)
- Doing consultations for a potential question about the white pine tree removal

### Gender and Sexuality

- Right now McGill's initiative to implement gender neutral bathrooms has been paused, so I've been trying to escalate this
- Supporting the Gender and Sexuality Commissioner in their attempts to pass an amendment to the IRs protecting and extending gender neutral washrooms
- I sit on the Gender and Sexuality Committee

### Libraries

- Meeting every two weeks with Jamie, who's lovely and independent. Sent them resources about SSMU and legislative council but that's pretty much it

## Committees and Group Work

### Senate Caucus

- I've got a faculty/senator tracking sheet going to identify potential collaborators
- Meeting every Monday from 5pm to about 6:30pm
- We've released a survey about McGill services! Originally written by Arts Senators
- Asked question at Senate (and several more in person)
- Planning to have the DPSLL to visit, and we wrote questions in anticipation of that

### Menstrual Health Team

- They are so great and independent. I really just buy things for them
- We're hiring another commissioner, and we'll need to replace Phoebe, the coordinator, when she graduates at the end of this semester
- There's also a fee renewal due next semester, so we're starting to think about the process

### Mental Health Team

- Had first meeting on Wednesday
- Making bank of cool orgs and people to possible collaborate with



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- Helping everyone get started logistically

### McGill Community Council

- Organized one meeting, attended others
- Told MCC about what deadnaming is

### Office & Governance

- Created a position of Special Researcher for a research project in the winter semester
- Sitting on GOVERN to review the new Constitution and wrote comments on the Constitution
- Amended the IRs of Representation and Advocacy
- Added 3 blog posts to the UA site

### Misc.

- Sat on the Board of Directors for the SSMU Daycare
- Sit on Academic Policy Committee
- Repped University Affairs at an event run by the Student Affairs Collective
- Wrote letter of solidarity with Lebanese students for excom
- Solicited newsletter subscribers, and sent one newsletter for month of October
- Flyered and tabled for the SSMU base fee increase
- Gave advice to a SSMU member about submitting ATI requests
- Represented SSMU at the PASV implementation committee meeting
- Looking for current mobilization efforts against Bill 21

### Plans for Winter Break

- Reach out to every SSMU representative for a committee and getting them to present at a Senate Caucus meeting
- Clean up the UA website more
- Set dates for the Winter KYR campaign
- Write fall experiences into exit report
- Make concrete plan for a demilitarize campus event with student stakeholder (specifically from marginalized demographics)
- Plan campaign on the QC legislation on not allowing medical notes for absences under 5 days
- Further consider triggering a review of the Charter of Rights