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REPORT OF THE SENATE CAUCUS

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MEETINGS

Every Monday, 5pm to around 6:30pm, in the SSMU boardroom. Meetings are open to the public.

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO SENATE

With varying levels of input from the Senate Caucus.

1. [Implementation of the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination](#) (Abe Berglas)
2. [Demonstrations on Campus](#) (Abe Berglas, Nick Chow)
3. [Quality of Student Life for First-Year Students](#) (Anzhu Wei, Vivian Wright)
4. [Montreal Police Presence on Campus Affecting McGill's Academic Activity](#) (Vivian Wright, Sofie Fournier)
5. [Mechanisms for Reporting Incidents with Private Security Personnel on Campus](#) (Nick Chow, Prof Catharine Lu)
6. [Disciplinary Action with regards to the Encampment](#) (Seraphina Crema Black)
7. [Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures](#) (Abe Berglas, Dymetri Taylor)

PROJECTS

- AI and academia
 - We read Chris Manfredi's working group on AI and discussed current gaps
- Accessibility on campus
 - Some Senators attended the Accessibility Town Hall
 - Some Senators attended a meeting with the SAA and some students with disabilities
 - Trying to meet with Dean of Students (he is not responding to emails)
- Student Services
 - We invited Cara Piperni from Financial Aid to answer our questions
 - The Arts Senators created a Services feedback form

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SENATE TAKE-AWAYS

From September Senate:

- Enrolment is very similar to last year (up by around 400)
- Fiat Lux project is paused
- During an open discussion, Senators stress that discomfort is necessary in academia, and academic freedom should be protected while paying attention to power imbalances

From October Senate:

- Senators express frustration that Senate was not involved in a change to the method of instruction (bringing classes online)

From November Senate:



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- During an open discussion, Senators felt that speakers on campus should not be limited unless under extreme circumstances

From Senate Caucus:

- [Fill out the survey on McGill student services](#)

PLANS FOR NEXT SEMESTER

- Meeting with DPSLL and Dean of Students
- Senate question about the white pine removal
- Using tabling as a way to connect with students and increase participation in services survey
- Senate motion about a committee to audit security services