



Vice-President (University Affairs)

Legislative Council Report

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Whoa 26/02/2026 cool numbers

TeamUA

Library Improvement

The Reflection Zone is officially open! It will serve as a quiet space intended for meditation, reflection, and mindfulness. It is not intended for study, virtual or in person meetings, phone calls, or conversation. This space will be an excellent resource for students who need a space in between studying to perform personal practices and encourage student wellbeing and mental rest.

The SSMU LIFC will also be used to cover maintenance costs for the Library 3d Printer. So far, there have been 34 registered users since January 4, 2026. 32/34 of the users have been students and 2 have been faculty. The students come from a wide variety of disciplines, including Sciences, Medicine, Education, Management, Arts, and Engineering. As mentioned in our meeting, the purpose of the Library 3D Printing service is to provide an opportunity for students from all disciplines to try out the technology, and not just students in engineering, who may already have access to 3D printers in their departmental labs. Below are the areas of study of our student users broken down a bit further:

- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Educational Psychology
- Engineering

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- Kindergarten & Elementary Education
- Management
- Medicine
- Microbiology & Immunology
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Plant Science
- Psychology



Black Affairs

The Annual black market place took place in the SSMU ballroom on february 18th from 1-4pm. More attendees than expected, yay!

In an effort to increase the Black Equity Fee usage, The Board of Directors in February approved the request for increased allocation of funding to the clubs portion of the black equity fund. This will increase the committee's capacity to approve black-equity seeking clubs funding applications to the Black Equity Fund.

Equity

Currently, the team is processing three complaints. Additionally, SSMU equity worked on consulting the AUS on internal equity procedures to the association.

We are also doing a Testimonial Submission Box. Testimonials may be published as part of communication to McGill admin, specifically the new Chief of Security. They may also be distributed to the student body and wider McGill community to engender discussion and spread awareness. Submissions are anonymous.

Menstrual health

Two new commissioners added to the team (now 8 commissioners, 2 on exchange) and onboarded. Distribution is going strong and consistent. Major shoutout to the team who have been powering through the snow to get produces in all the buildings! I would also like to extend our appreciation to the faculty associations who have generously allowed the team to use storage space/lockers as satellite inventory rooms for the department.

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Along with the commissioner, we are working to solicit feedback and explore how to make the service more inclusive and accessible, in consideration of social barriers people face in regards to menstruation. This includes a menstrual health shelf in the UC and commissioner office hours. We welcome any feedback.

The commissioner is also exploring how to collaborate with the Post-Graduate Student Society to levy a fee and contribute to the menstrual health service, since it is available to anyone using washrooms on campus. We anticipate running into a deficit in near future years, and would require additional financial contribution to continue supporting operations at their current level.

Student Rights

Updated list of TL;DR KYR series:

Completed and processing series include:

1. [Religious accommodations](#)
2. [Protest rights](#)
3. [Strike safety](#)
4. [Charter of student rights](#)
5. [Policy on Assessment and student learning](#)
6. Exchange / study Abroad (Pending)

Wellness

The new wellness initiative of SSMU under the University Affairs Portfolio is proving to be extremely beneficial for students. The commissioner is hosting office hours to support students in navigating their insurance plans. The SSMU student care/ ALUMO plan is being broken down and repackaged for students to have an easier time understanding the plan. We are working to increase awareness of the plan and what students can access, and clarify the difference between international students and Canadian student plans.

Additionally, we are also working on communicating the services available through the Wellness Hub and GuardMe, and hoping to increase usage of GuardMe services to redirect traffic away from the Wellness Hub, and to help

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students more conveniently receive necessary mental health support that they might be under the impression is only available at the Wellness Hub.

Long-term, the aim of the new portfolio is to be a consistent liaison between McGill Student Services and SSMU, support the VP University Affairs to understand the pain points of students regarding services, accessibility, and mental health, and help students navigate the range of different resources that might feel intimidating to manage.

McGill & Administration

Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures

On February 11th, the members of caucus met with the new Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning, Tony, regarding updated revisions to the Code following the Senate Approval of the new Code in November. Immediate changes recommended to the document's sponsor included

- Adding the knowingly standard to students violating 13 (a) No Student shall enter or remain in any University Premises Without right or authorization;
- Removing articles 12 and 13 from article 40 Presumed Minimum Sanction

This meeting was very productive. Tony is committed to supporting students and improving the Code. We will meet with him again in March to continue discussion and revisions. I have confidence that this process will be very beneficial for the state of student discipline at McGill.

Mac Campus Student Society Collaboration

The MCSS VP University Affairs, Owen Pflipsen, and I are collaborating on exploring ways MCSS can expand their services, including shuttle hours, library improvement, faculty association leadership structure, governing documents, and downtown relations. This collaboration is part of a broader effort to improve the Society and encourage more membership participation. Our collaboration is aimed at exploring how student governance operates in downtown and to then borrow practices back to Mac and adapt how we do things for the next year(s). Currently, MCSS executive responsibilities are incredibly ambiguous and unclear. He is interested in splitting the MCSS UA

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role and shifting the Academic portion of it to VP equity and sustainability, because of the nature of MCSS as a student society and faculty society (since Mac is just one faculty). Overall, he is committed to exploring productive structural changes for MCSS governance.

McGill Office of Religion and Spirituality

In accordance with the personal objectives section of the Vice-President University Affairs mandate letter, I did a check-in with the McGill Office of Religion and Spirituality. We discussed how the current political climate might affect the MORSL office, reflection zone, and other spiritual spaces across campus. Additionally, I shared with the director information from Senate regarding McGill's perspective and plan for addressing recent CAQ Bills and their effects on the office.

Teaching for Learning Month: Collaborative Event

The Office of Science Education (OSE) reached out to recruit thinking partners on the annual Teaching for Learning Month (TLM) for May 2026. This year's theme is "Relationship-rich education". Throughout May, instructors will be able to access a variety of facilitated events(online and in person) and self-access activities that will aim to inspire and motivate instructors with pedagogical strategies to create relationship-rich educational experiences for students. Paul Hutu (Engineering Senator) and Meghan Lai (Education Senator) volunteered to contribute to the brainstorming and planning process, and we will continue to work with OSE until the event in May. If any councillor is interested in participating, please contact me!

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SSPN Equity Training

In anticipation of major events in the Internal portfolio, including Faculty Olympics, Saint Patrick's events, Awards night, and and Heated Rivalry look-alike contest, the events planning committee(s) were administered equity training based on the information included in the current SSMU Equity Policy. This included information on equity terms, equity complaints and procedures, food and beverage expectations, appropriate and inappropriate behavior and language, and consideration for event activities and themes.

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Meeting with the Incumbent

During the nomination period for executive elections, there were four requests for meetings from prospective University Affairs candidates, three meetings with the incumbent, and finally two candidates who successfully completed the nomination process.

Valentines Day Ball

Tapped back into my event planning days and supported the Vice-President Internal and SSPN with the Valentines Day Ball event on February 6th. Volunteered from 5pm to 12:30pm with some set up, ticketing and IDs, and come clean up. Additionally, two incident reports were submitted, which were also all of the incidents of the night. Major shout out to the Vice-President Internal for such a beautiful event, it received excellent student feedback from attendees.

Meeting with Deputy Speaker

Did consultation with deputy speaker Beeai about committees within the university affairs portfolio including black affairs, indigenous affairs, and gender and sexuality advocacy. Discussed their activity and functions.

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Established cohesive University Affairs branding and applied to website and Instagram. All updates, TL;DR, and events of the portfolio are available in one place. Follow @SSMUniversityaffairs for updates!



Senate and Caucus

Spotlight

Senator Fournier (Science) and Senator Lai (Education) submitted a question regarding the Policy on Assessment and Student Learning to Senate! It passed steering with ZERO comments and received an answer from Provost Campbell and floor responses from Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Planning) and Interim Dean of Science Alana Watt. Most importantly, long-time senator Richard

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said it was the “best written question he has ever seen”. Bravo to the two senators for their efforts.

Senators Jennings (Management) Hussen (Law) and Benchoubane (SSMU) are also contributing to the larger caucus effort to confront the lack of accountability regarding PASL at the university. They are addressing PASL policy in the Faculty of Law and Management; specifically how it relates to curving practices. This included a meeting with Tony to discuss about the curved policy, as well as identify what the original senate minutes from when PASL was first created specify about Faculty-Specific application of the policy. While the product of their efforts are still pending, the senators are expecting follow up on progress shortly.

Senator Tang (Arts) is working on OneCard Project & Library Access project to encourage accessibility across campus. She will start working on making an Instagram series for all on-campus restaurants that are OneCard accessible, beginning with Pan Am Pizza, in the Arts Building Basement. Additionally, she is investigating Redpath and Schulich Library Door access and hoping to make it 24 hours access; and continues to meet with Angela and Tony about the situation.

Senator Baybayon (Arts) is working on investigating the opportunity to ensure formal student consultation is embedded in the drafting process of APCE Institutional Communications. He is pushing for Senate committee working group review before adoption. Additionally he plants to pursue clarified transparent criteria for when the University issues statements to the general community. The goal is for this to manifest into a Senate Question on the mechanisms of institutional communications and in reference to past mass communications from the president

Senator Hutu (Engineering) will be leading the caucus through a new initiative to draft an official university policy on the use of AI in the classroom and in assignments. This will be no easy feat, I look forward to discovering where this goes. If anyone would like to contribute, please email your feedback to engineering senator@ssmu.ca.

Prospective Senator Candidates event

As the faculties begin to enter into nomination period for their own election, a prospective candidate meeting was held to give prospective applicants an understanding of the responsibilities of being a senator that extend beyond the specific faculty association. The event followed the structure of a usual caucus meeting. Senators were encouraged to share their experience and especially how it

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contrasted to their expectations, and candidates were encouraged to ask questions, contribute to discussion, and approach their faculty senator to inquire further. There were around 10 prospective candidates in attendance, including from Nursing, Science, Arts, and Mac.

So far, two associations have completed elections. Senator Hutu (Engineering) who was appointed in October to fill the sudden vacancy has been elected to the EUS senator seat for a second term in 2026-2027. Demi Miron has been elected to be next year's MUS senator. So far, caucus is looking to be in great hands.