



Senate Caucus Report

DATE: 4-9-2026

Membership:

FACULTY	First	Last
ARTS	Maggie	Tang
ARTS	Keith Andre	Baybayon
SCIENCE	Sofie	Fournier
EDUCATION	Meghan	Lai
MEDICINE	Alvin	Leenus
ARTSCI	Chloe	Munoz
LAW	Fadumo	Hussen
NURSING	William	Kallianiotis
MANAGEMENT	Daniel	Jennings
ENG	Paul	Hutu
SSMU	Tayssir	Benchoubane
MAC CAMP	Owen	Pflipsen
SSMU President	Dymetri	Taylor
Secretary General	Nicklas	Rieck

Senate Caucus met every Wednesday (excluding the first Wednesday of October) from 6:00-8:00 pm starting January 7th until April 8th except for January 28th, when Caucus was cancelled.

Senate Caucus

Proposed Identification Policy

- Fabrice Labeau introduced the Proposed ID Policy at Senate in January which presented alarming concerns regarding equity, disproportionately affecting marginalized communities.
- In response to the ID Policy, Senator Benchoubane followed up with Professor Labeau and communicated possible amendments and changes to reflect a more equitable approach to the policy
- Prof Labeau hosted an open lunchtime discussion to members of the community, and a few senators attended to discuss the ID Policy

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- When brought back to Senate in March, the revised Policy had thoughtfully incorporated much of the feedback and revisions suggested by student leaders.
- Still, the student senators are still working to have the Policy brought to Senate for Endorsement as it pertains to Senate's mandate and purview.

Policy on Assessment of Student Learning (PASL)

- Senator Lai and Fournier submitted a question to Senate about PASL enforcement and accountability
- Angela Campbell (Provost, Executive Vice President Academic) submitted her response with support from Chris Buddle (Associate Provost, Teaching & Learning) which indicated a strong interest to collaborate further with student leaders and improve implementation through greater communication and cooperation with faculty leadership
- Senate Caucus has collected a list of revisions to PASL and is meeting with Chris Buddle and Tony Mittermaier (DPSLL) on April 1st to discuss these changes
- Senators Jennings, Benchoubane, and Hussen have been working collaboratively with their respective faculties (Management and Law) to discuss PASL violations as they pertain to the Law and Management courses
- Senator Baybayon has been in discussions with Associate Deans in the Arts regarding their interpretation of assessments within our faculty and advocating on the disinclusion of pop quizzes in the faculty.
- Senator Lai conducted a Student Learning Experience Survey earlier in the semester, with results indicating that students want more experiential learning, stronger relationships with their professors, and classes that encourage their curiosity and passion for learning
 - ❖ 88.5% of surveyed students responded that "Instructor enthusiasm for the topic/content" supported their learning
 - ❖ 71.8% of surveyed students responded that "Instructor care for my learning and well-being" supported their learning
 - ❖ 67.9% of surveyed students responded that "Experiential learning opportunities (actively learning through experience)" supported their learning

The Code of Student Conduct

- Revisions to the Code are never-ending!
- A few senators met with Tony Mittermaier (DOS and Interim DPSLL) and Natalie Phillips-Elgar, and the meeting was fruitful. Tony was receptive to our desired changes and noted that he would communicate these ideas with other stakeholders
- The changes proposed include adding a "Knowingly" standard of proof to a variety of restricted behaviors, including obstruction, etc.

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Campus Expression

- Senate Caucus reviewed the Advisory Panel on Campus Expression (APCE) Final Report throughout the semester.
- Key concerns included McGill's approach to institutional neutrality in communications, particularly regarding statements on geopolitical issues and events.
- A potential recommendation brainstormed in discussion was for a committee of faculty and experts as a resource to inform McGill's communication practices and policies on campus expression.
- Senate Caucus further discussed tension between the university's desire for institutional neutrality and the student body's expectation that McGill take positions on matters of human rights and academic freedom.

General AI Regulations

- In response to Senate's Open Discussion in February, Senate Caucus has begun drafting general AI regulations which would outline responsible AI use on campus.
- From consultation with campus stakeholders, including students, professors and administrators, it is clear that clear guidance is strongly desired.
- The regulations encompass a few lenses from which AI use is analyzed:
 - ❖ **Overarching Philosophies**– the University's stance on definitions and ethical implications
 - ❖ **Faculty Level Methodology**– development of faculty-specific, enforceable policies
 - ❖ **Academic Framework & PASL Alignment**– designing with consideration to specified course/program learning outcomes and emphasis on innovative pedagogy and assessment
 - ❖ **Transparency and Syllabus Requirements**– accountability for both students and professors
 - ❖ **AI Literacy and Community Education**– University's commitment to training and programming that promotes AI literacy instead of passive implementation

Student Accessibility and Accommodation (SAA) and Student Services

- Senator Lai identified a direct link between PASL and increased demand on SAA: as professors shifted to multiple midterms (in response to PASL), SAA was required to administer more separate assessments, straining its capacity.
- The Senate Caucus discussed systemic approaches to preventing accessibility issues rather than using "wellness" services as a band-aid solution.
- Discussion explored making exams and exam office more generally accessible so students do not need to rely on SAA accommodations for basic access.

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- Senator Munoz had shared a mini-coalition survey on SAA experiences across faculties to help gather data for future advocacy.

Attendance Notes:

- Senate Caucus is scheduled on a weekly basis
- Senate meetings: January 14th, February 11th, March 18th, and April 15th, and May 6th
- In January 2026, Caucus adopted an Attendance and Accountability Policy. As such, Senators are standardly entitled to 2x No Question Absences (NQ) and 2x Unexcused Absences. Anything beyond that is left to the discretion of the VP University Affairs to either approve as an additional 'Excused Absence', or deny as an 'Unexcused Absence'.

Attendance Explanations:

- Absences from Caucus and Senate on the same day count as two separate absences.
- Senators from the Faculty of Law and the SecGen UA observed a two-week reading break covering the period of February 22 to March 5, 2026.
- Senators from the Faculty of Arts have the AUS Legislative Council on Wednesdays 6pm on a biweekly basis resulting in absences from Senate Caucus.
- The SecGen UA is not a Senator and does not sit on Senate. This role is an SSMU employee, so the attendance falls under HR Policy and not Caucus.
- The former Senator representing the Faculty of Medicine resigned on January 21, 2026. As such, absences before this date do not speak to the current Senator's attendance record.

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Reporting Schedule:

Week	Wednesday	Reporter
1	Jan 7	N/A
2	Jan 14	(Senate)
3	Jan 21	Science
4	Jan 28	Canceled
5	Feb 4	Law
6	Feb 11	Arts (Senate)
7	Feb 18	Management
8	Feb 25	Nursing
(break)	Mar 4	N/A
9	Mar 11	Education
10	Mar 18	(Senate)
11	Mar 25	Engineering
12	Apr 1	Artsci
13	Apr 8	Medicine
14	Apr 15	(Senate)
15	Apr 22	N/A
16	Apr 29	N/A
17	May 6	(Senate)

Attendance	Jan 7	Jan 14 Senate	Jan 14 Caucus	Jan 21	Feb 4	Feb 11 Senate	Feb 11 Caucus
Dymetri (President)	PRESENT	PRESENT	EXCUSED	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Susan (VP UA)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Nick (SecGen UA)	PRESENT	N/A	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	N/A	PRESENT
Arielle (Med)	N/A	NQ ABSENT	LATE	QUIT	PRESENT	EXCUSED ABSENT	PRESENT
Chloe (ArtSci)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Daniel	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ	LATE	PRESENT	PRESENT

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(Management)				ABSENT			
Fadumo (Law)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Keith (Arts)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	EXCUSED	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Maggie (Arts)	N/A	NQ ABSENT	NQ ABSENT	EXCUSED	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Meghan (Education)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	LATE
Paul (Eng.)	N/A	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Sofie (Science)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	LATE
William (Nursing)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	EXCUSED	EXCUSED
Tayssir (Law)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Owen (MCSS)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT

Attendance	February 18	February 25	March 11	March 18 Senate	March 18 Caucus	March 25
Dymetri (President)	LATE	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT
Susan (VP UA)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Nick (SecGen UA)	PRESENT	N/A	PRESENT	N/A	PRESENT	PRESENT
Arielle (Med)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT
Chloe (ArtSci)	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Daniel (Management)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	EXCUSED	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Fadumo (Law)	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Keith (Arts)	EXCUSED	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Maggie (Arts)	PRESENT	PRESENT	NOT EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED	PRESENT
Meghan (Education)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Paul (Eng.)	LATE	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT
Sofie (Science)	ABSENT	UNEXCUSED	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	LATE
William (Nursing)	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT
Tayssir (SSMU-Law)	EXCUSED	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Owen (MCSS)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NQ ABSENT	PRESENT

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Completed Action Items

Under the new Accountability Policy, the VP University Affairs also designates key action items to be completed before the next Senate Caucus meeting. Below outlines the completion of action items assigned by the VP UA.

Names	Action Item 1	Action Item 2	Action Item 3	Action Item 4	Action Item 5
Arielle (Med)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE
Chloe (ArtSci)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE
Daniel (Management)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE
Fadumo (Law)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Keith (Arts)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE
Maggie (Arts)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	COMPLETED
Meghan (Education)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED
Paul (Eng.)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE
Sofie (Science)	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE
William (Nursing)	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE
Tayssir (SSMU-Law)	(N/A)	(N/A)	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE	COMPLETED
Owen (MCSS)	(N/A)	(N/A)	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE	INCOMPLETE

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Names	NQ ABSENCE (max. 2)	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED (max. 2)	LATES (count for .5)	TOTAL
Susan (VP UA)					0
Meghan (Education)				1	.5
Fadumo (Law)	1				1
Dymetri (President)	1			1	1.5
Arielle (Medicine)	2			1	2.5
Paul (Eng.)			2	1	2.5
Keith (Arts)		3			3
Sofie (Science)	1		1	2	3
William (Nursing)	1	2			3
Tayssir (Law)	2	1			3
Daniel (Management)	1	2	0	1	3.5
Chloe (ArtSci)	2	2			4
Maggie (Arts)	2	1	3	1	6.5

Incoming Student Senators

To facilitate a smooth transition between this year's and next year's Senate Caucus, incoming Senators have been invited to attend weekly Caucus and sit in the gallery during Senate meetings

- **Arts:** Frances Li
- **Arts:** Rajan Duncan
- **Science:** Mazen Asali
- **Education:** Andrea Alcaraz
- **Management:** Demi Miron
- **Engineering:** Paul Hutu
- **Medicine:** Maja Ilijevska
- **Music:** Liam Connor
- **MacDonald:** Felix Clement
- **SSMU President:** Hamza Abu Alkhair
- **SSMU UA:** Meghan Lai

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Special Shout-outs and congratulations:

Management Senator	Daniel Jennings	Management Undergraduate Society President
Arts Senator	Keith Baybayon	Arts Undergraduate Society President
Arts Senator	Maggie Tang	Vice-President (Internal)
Education Senator	Meghan Lai	Vice-President (University Affairs)
Engineering Senator	Paul Hutu	Engineering Undergraduate Society President
MCSS Senator	Owen Pflipson	MacDonald Campus Student Society
Law Senator	Fadumo Hussen	Law Student Association Senator
Nursing Senator	William Kallianioti	Nursing Undergraduate Society Vice-President (Academics)