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Vice-President (University Affairs) Legislative Council Report [March, 2026]

Last report, kinda nervy

TeamUA

Emergency Black Muslim Initiative Club Accounting

The black Affairs committee approved \$3,800 from the fee to support The black Muslim initiatives event in February. Due to delays in processing the committee results to accounting, The black Affairs team experience some delays in dispersing the approved support resulting in a subsequent emergency accounting process. Ultimately the BMI received their fund successfully and on time and were able to do the event.

Equity investigations

The officers continue to process Equity complaints. Additionally an investigation on the Pakistani Student Association was completed and ratified by the board. Challenges for Equity processes include Respondents actually responding to our Communications.

UA contract renewals and Hiring

As we approach the end of part-time staff contracts, The team was recently surveyed to identify who will be renewing their contract and for which roles we will have vacancies and are in need of hiring. Hiring will begin in April and end before June 1st, and I will endeavor for the process to receive consultation by the incoming Vice-President Lai.

McGill & Administration

McGill Investment (SSMU Executives)

In the fall semester the executive committee met with Professor Campbell and Provost Manfredi regarding the issue of divestment and BDS at McGill. During this meeting, we were reassured that while this was outside their jurisdiction, we could have this conversation with the correct office to see

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progress on or efforts. We were ultimately scheduled for a meeting with the chief investment officer of McGill for February, expecting that we could have a conversation about the state of divestment within the Investment Portfolio of the University.

Our time was greatly wasted and instead of a conversation we were offered a presentation on the basics of investment. The investment officer and her team insisted that this was out of their control, and did not entertain any inquiries about the autonomy of McGill Investments practices. With the combination of Angela getting surgery in the winter and being experiencing the demanding transition to Provost, as well as scheduling conflicts with the CIO, I regret that there was not as much progress on this mandate as intended. Moving forward, I intend to discuss this further with the President.

Director of Student Services Monthly meeting

At our meeting with Cara, President Taylor and I Potential avenues for student services to advertise their fee increase for it to Successfully pass at the Winter referendum following its failure in the fall. Thankfully it passed the director of student services was very pleased with this news and we expect to see improved service across the different organs of Student Services, especially regarding wellness and accessibility.

University Affairs Referendum Yes Campaigns

In an effort to support the Writing Center and the Student Services referendum question, I sought out to chair the yes campaigns for each fee question. I was pleasantly surprised by students lack of support, especially among councillors, in achieving 50 signatures for yes campaigns. Despite the inability to host a yes campaign, each question successfully passed.

MCC Formalization

The McGill Community Council continues to discuss formalizing. This includes bylaws, membership rules, voting, and quorum. This also includes the council's ability to remove active members on MCC. While certain bylaws have been drafted and discussed, it is unclear when MCC will be officially formalized and whether SSMU will be a member.

Mac Campus

I was so generously invited by vice president University affairs Pflipson from MCSS To join their Society Council as an observer. The agenda included current joint initiatives between SSMU and MCSS on the implementation of PASL in the classroom. Additionally, there are concerns among the Council about the state of the McGill Shuttle, available service hours, and continuity and stability during the introduction of the new REM station. I hope to support the society in communicating their needs and

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advocacy for continue and expanded Shuttle assess, In the meantime, I encourage everyone if you have not to take advantage of the free shuttle while it is still here and experience Mac Campus.

SSMU Wellness check-in with Student Services

Part of the new wellness initiative for the society included strengthening communication between SSMU and Student services. One significant issue students report facing is accessing or using the Student Accessibility and Achievement service.

The Wellness commissioner and I met with the Director of Student Services and the Director of Student Accessibility and achievement to communicate barriers students experience in accessing SAA, as well as issues students face who do use the service. Our discussion included missing exams administered by the office, SAA sequestering practices, and exam scheduling timelines.

Community Outreach by Security meeting

The new McGill Chief of Security reached out to SSMU for consultation on a new initiative to increase security community integration. Specifically, the initiative hopes to explore integrating security into campus life visibility , including eating at residence dining halls, in an effort to better establish the role of security on campus as members of the community.

Student representative for Inaugural Indigenous Advisory Council Submissions Review

The Office of Indigenous Initiatives received four applications from Indigenous students to populate the Indigenous Advisory Council SSMU seat. Upon consulting the Associate Provost of Indigenous Initiatives, we appointed one student representative to the committee and one alternate and observer.

Meet McGill Tabling

On Saturday March 21, SSMU was invited to table at the Meet McGill tabling event for admitted and committed students. The Vice-President Clubs and Services and I received questions ranging from work load difficulty, community building, creating and finding clubs and services, and program advisory.

SSMU Affairs

Remind people to submit end-of-year committee report

Student appointees to a McGill University committee as a SSMU student representative were requested as part of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy of SSMU to produce an end-of-year report of the committee activities at least a month before the end of the academic term. The submissions are to be made through a form, which also accounts for students appointed to a

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committee that did not receive any communication from the chair about meetings. Otherwise, they were requested to submit a report detailing the activities of the committee from 2025-2026. As much detail as you can provide would be appreciated.

Committee Appointments 2026-2027

In an effort to populate as many McGill committed for the entire governance year as possible (June 1st-May31st), solicitation of interest and committee appointments have begun.

Election Tabling and Gerts Event

I joined the Vice-President External and Elections team in tabling across campus to encourage voting, respond to reservations and inquires, and help reach quorum for both the referendum and executive elections ballot. Tabling was done at the University Center as well as McLennan library. Student inquires included how to learn about candidates, context about the difference between ballots, and information and where and how to vote. Overall, I learnt students really like sparkly stickers.

Additionally, the Chief Returning Officer express interest in hosting a elections results reveal at Gerts on Friday evening (March 20th) for the candidates. With the support of the general manager, we coordinated the event logistics, communicating with the Bar manager, and prepared the digital material.

Social Work Student Association

The Social Work Student Association requested an Equity training session for the end of year Social Work Students event they are hosting. We discussed the interesting unique position of Social Work faculty and its membership, as well as being a Student Association within SSMU student groups. Our conversation developed into consultation on SSMU operations for the association, and border support for the team moving forward.

Legislative Council Board Recommendation Letter

The Board discussed during the March Board of Directors meeting the proposed constitutional amendments. Directors shared concerns regarding the feasibility and implications of the reimagined Board composition. Director Duncan, Director Ngassam, and I worked to produce a letter to council detailing the concerns and recommendations of the Board for Council's consideration.

Budget and Hiring 2026-2027 - University Affairs

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Senate and Caucus

Coffee with Professor Fabrice Labeau

Fabrice Labeau, Vice-President (Administration and Finance) hosted an informal discussion session where members of the community were welcome to attend and discuss any topics relating to his portfolio. The topics of most relevance was the proposal of a new identification policy. Members got the chance to discuss the first draft and pending revisions, as well as provide feedback for developing iterations. This was actually a really beneficial format to solicit feedback. I really appreciated the informal environment, and believe it gave people a chance to speak freely and comfortable without the rigidity of an agenda or formality. I recommend encouraging administration across the university to practice this format.

March 18 Senate

Notable moments of this meeting were the proposed revisions to the 2026-2027 calendar and the presentation of revisions to the ID policy.

Caucus Projects

We continue to work on drafting proposed University AI guidelines as a mechanism to offer students clarity on the limitations and expectations of AI usage during their academic career. Additionally, Senator Munoz (Art and Science) has introduced a project regarding sexual assault claims by students against McGill employees, especially those in closer proximity to academic contexts. The project aims to understand and correct the intersection between sexual assault policies of the university with the collective agreements. Finally, we also continue to review and suggest amendments to the Policy on Assessment and Student Learning.