



Social Work Student Association

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Report of the Social Work Representative to SSMU

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SWSA Update

1. Student Census

- Census was a Microsoft Form distributed to all students, in mid-January
- Students had about a week to complete it (67 students filled it out)
- The questions included identity, mental well-being, academics, feedback on courses, the association, etc
- Results were presented to the social work faculty a few weeks later

2. General Assembly

- It was held on February 4th, 2026, on a hybrid basis to allow for more participation and make it more accessible
- The new executive team and each role was introduced
- GA's role as well as other matters were explained
- Future events were discussed
- There was a free period at the end, in which students were able to express themselves and give feedback on courses they were taking

3. Events

a. SWAPPY Hour

- i. Still going well (a few students show up each time)
- ii. Held at Gert's Bar, once a month
- iii. We had one on February 4th, 2026, and the next one will be on March 13th and it will be the last one of the semester

b. Arts & Crafts

- i. It was held on February 13th, 2026
- ii. A few students showed up

c. Movie Night

- i. It was held on February 19th, 2026
- ii. Students had the opportunity to vote for the movie of their choice beforehand
- iii. About 4 students were present

d. End of the year Party

- i. The details are not yet figured out. However, the event will be held the last week of classes, in April.
- ii. Potentially at a bar and food will be catered
- iii. Students were given the opportunity to choose their preferred theme (white lies, double denim, among other choices)

4. Collaboration with external organizations

- a. MSW Helper
 - i. February 23rd, 2026
 - ii. A zoom session was held with a worker from MSW Helper to introduce the organization, give a presentation on how to apply for a Master's degree in social work, and answer any questions students had
 - iii. The session was recorded
- b. Women Aware for an IPV training
 - i. Will be held on March 13th, 2026, in person
 - ii. A form was given out to students for them to register
 - iii. Food and drinks will be provided

5. Project

- Since Quebec's *bourse perspective* was taken down, incoming U1 social work students who are required to complete a stage in their second and third years may face increased financial stress. SWSA is looking into getting in contact with other university student associations who are affected by the cut to see what can be done at our levels.

Respectfully submitted,

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