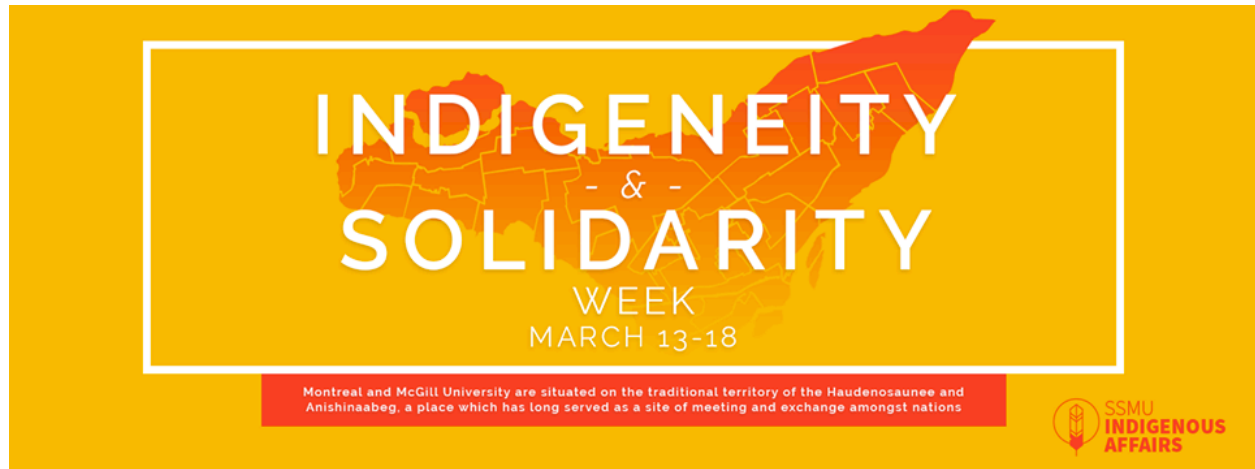




REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

MARCH 9, 2017



SSMU Indigenous Affairs presents: *Indigeneity and Solidarity Week 2017*, an opportunity to learn about and reflect on issues of contemporary Indigenous identity and solidarity. Join us between March 13th–18th for talks, workshops, and panel discussions featuring Cindy Blackstock, Lee Maracle, Kyle Mays, and others!

UNIVERSITY & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

SENATE & UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Senate

- Next Senate met on Wednesday, March 22nd:
 - Discussing budget plan & proposed revisions to *Policy on Intellectual Property*
 - Receiving student aid & Strategic Enrolment Management reports
 - Submitting question regarding diversity in student enrolment & support resources
- Senate Caucus Representatives are proposing revisions to the Internal Regulations of Representation & Advocacy to automatically delegate senator elections to Faculty associations

University Committees

- Next Enrolment & Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on Wednesday, March 15th; discussing transfer credit policies, e-flagging courses & final exam deferral pilot project
- Next Academic Policy Committee (APC) meeting on Thursday, March 16th

Student Life & Learning

- Meeting with Deputy Provost (Student Life & Learning) this Tuesday, March 7th; need to follow up on academic amnesty for General Assemblies
- Currently awaiting clean draft of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for final review & approval
- Next Experiential Learning Network (ELN) meeting on Thursday, March 16th
- Student Assessment Policy subcommittee tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 16th



Student Services

- International Health Insurance Advisory Committee meeting this Tuesday, March 7th
- Next Committee on Student Services meeting on Wednesday, March 15th to follow-up on budget, Innovation Fund applications & committee role
- Currently planning open letter regarding concerns with Counselling and Mental Health Services

Libraries

- Library Improvement Fund proposals were due this Monday, March 6th; LIF Committee is meeting this Thursday, March 9th to review
- Final project report will be made to Legislative Council on Thursday, April 6th

ASSOCIATION RELATIONS

Faculty & Department Associations

- McGill Academic Roundtable (MART) met on Wednesday, February 22nd; final transition meeting TBD for late March

Unions & Professional Associations

- McGill Communities Council (MCC) meeting this Tuesday, March 7th to discuss priority issues for Board of Governors meeting & advocacy
- March Inter-Union Council (IUC) meeting still TBD

Provincial Representation

- Next AVEQ Congress on April 21-23 at Concordia; callout for executive elections is coming soon!
- Sitting on the Research Committee; External Affairs student staff will be sitting on the Community Action Fund & Mobilization Committees

University & Academic Affairs Goals – Winter 2017

- ~~Host student senator information session~~
- Pass policy on academic amnesty for General Assemblies
- ~~Pass policy against ancillary & overhead fee increases~~
- Memorandum of Agreement signed
- Create Board of Governors reform committee
- Make final Library Improvement Fund allocations
- Submit question or motion at every Senate meeting

ADVOCACY & RESEARCH

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

McGill Policy Against Sexual Violence

- SQ – Awaiting update on membership of implementation & campus review committees
- Will be preparing for upcoming review of relevant disciplinary & grievance procedures

McGill Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of Students' Rights

- Revised Charter of Students' Rights circulating for consultation between March 6th-17th; will come to Senate for information in April & approval in May



McGill Policy on Intellectual Property

- Meeting with Associate Vice-Principal (Innovation & Partnerships) regarding humanitarian licensing framework next week; policy draft coming to Senate for information this month

SSMU Policy Against Unpaid Internships

- Motion to adopt *Policy against Unpaid Internships* postponed to March 9th Legislative Council
- Will be following up on relevant mandates with the administration & AVEQ once approved

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Alternative Campus Histories

- SQ – Academic Research Commissioner is coordinating integration into UA website

Targeted Support Resources

- Released [research report](#) on support programming for students from foster care
- Received data on admissions diversity survey for entering class of 2016
- Planning Café Collab session on first generation & foster care students as well as Student Life & Learning policy hack-a-thon for Fall 2017

Harmful Military Technology

- SQ – Researcher is progressing well on documents with limited supervision

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Academic Accommodations

- Finalizing submission to the Advisory Council on the Charter of Students’ Rights
- Meeting with Dean of Students & Associate Deans on Monday, March 20th regarding centralization of academic accommodations in additional Faculties

Know Your Rights

- SQ – University Affairs Committee making further web edits & improvements throughout term

<p>Advocacy & Research Goals – Winter 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host Add-Drop “Know Your Rights” campaign • Submit charter case on academic accommodations • Release first generation students research report • Release foster care students research report • Release alternative histories timeline on UA website • Launch sexual violence policy committee & campus study • Unpaid Internships Policy approved at Legislative Council • Humanitarian Licensing Framework approved at Senate • Charter of Student Rights revisions approved at Senate • Fall Reading Break approved at Senate (for 2018-2019) • Form committee on academic accommodation policies • Launch online advocacy resources on UA website



EQUITY

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Equity Policy

- *Motion Regarding Revisions to Equity Policy* postponed to March 9th Legislative Council meeting

Equity Committee

- Social Justice Comedy Night with Hari Kondabalu planned for Monday, March 20th; Facebook event coming soon!

Accessibility & Universal Design (UD) Advocacy

- SQ – Collecting accessibility resources for UA website (related groups, funding sources, etc)
- Rescheduling Director of OSD for Senate Caucus to discuss Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Racialized Student Support Resources

- SQ – New Community Projects Manager (Racialized & Ethnic Students) has been hired; will be fleshing out SSMU collaboration (e.g. student mentorship network) over remainder of term

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Indigeneity & Solidarity Week

- Providing social media, promotional & logistical support for annual event series

Indigenous Solidarity Policy

- *Motion Regarding Revisions to Indigenous Solidarity Policy* postponed to March 9th Council
- Awaiting updates on preliminary report of the Indigenous Education Taskforce & 2017-2018 budget allocations at March 22nd Senate meeting
- Following event series, Indigenous Affairs Commissioner & Committee will work on developing Indigenous Affairs guide for student groups & consultation for course content advocacy

Equity Goals – Winter 2017

- Equity Policy revisions approved at Legislative Council
- Implement UD standards in capital funding committees
- Launch Accessibility webpage on UA website
- Indigenous Solidarity Policy revisions approved
- ~~Create Indigenous course content advocacy plan~~
- Develop Indigenous Affairs guide for student groups
- Develop framework for McGill diversity enrolment plan

SSMU-WIDE

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Board of Directors

- Meeting this Monday, March 6th to review applicants for vacant director positions
- Will be consulting Board on improved sexual violence prevention & response measures



Governance Documents

- *Motion Regarding Revision of Internal Regulations of Governance* tabled to March 9th Council
- *Referendum Question Regarding Constitutional Amendments* also tabled to March 9th Council
- Will be writing *SSMU Equitable Hiring Policy* in the coming weeks based on consultation

SSMU Policy Against Sexual Violence

- Met with Community Disclosures Network on February 24th; meeting again this Tuesday, March 7th
- Meeting with Office of Sexual Violence Response, Support & Education this Monday, March 6th
- Planning meetings & consultations with SACOMSS, SSMU governance bodies & administration

Staff Hiring

- Currently implementing improved employment equity statement & manager training; will be developing formalized policy & reviewing all job descriptions into summer months
- Revised Academic Research Commissioner (now Policy & Advocacy Research Commissioner), Library Improvement Fund Commissioner & Equity Commissioner job descriptions
- Launching hiring this week for new University Affairs Secretary General & Equity Commissioners

External Affairs Delegation

- Created project delegation plan; currently contacting student staff to assess progress & needs
- Managing email account, Facebook page, provincial representation & union relations
- Overseeing some campaigns staff projects; will also provide support for hiring & transition period

Executive Transition

- SQ – Working on University Affairs exit report, transition schedule & revised mandate letter
- May develop some External Affairs transition materials & project plans (e.g. for provincial representation) – time permitting

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

University Affairs Communications

- March University Affairs listserv will go out later this week
- Still finalizing new UA website content (i.e. additional advocacy, research & equity resources)

SSMU-Wide Goals – Winter 2017

- Approve Internal Regulations for Board of Directors
- Formalize *SSMU Equitable Hiring Policy*
- Develop *SSMU Policy Against Sexual Violence*
- Launch University Affairs staff hiring
- Send monthly University Affairs listservs
- Prepare transition documents & training schedule
- Develop long-term student staffing plan

Cheers,

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