



# SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

## OCTOBER 10-23, 2017

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### Senate Committees:

- CSS → Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th
- ESAAC → met on Tuesday, October 3rd
  - Was unable to attend due to health concerns
  - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7th

### AUS Committees:

- Accountability Committee → Met today, October 16th
  - Will update orally at Caucus on any notable topics for discussion
- Faculty of Arts Committee → Have not heard when the next meeting will be taking place, reaching out to AUS VP Academic today to find out the calendar
  - SQ

### SSMU Committees:

- *Steering Committee* → attended on Friday, October 13th (spOOky)
- Notable Legislative Council happenings:
  - AVEQ motion tabled to this week's meeting, or until representatives from other student advocacy groups can come and present
  - SPF Bike Centre motion amended as a question and voted to go to Fall Referendum
  - Read the rest of the agenda [here](#), and if you have any questions, I can update orally!
- There will be a make-up Legislative Council meeting this Thursday, October 19th

### Discussions had with Faculty:

- Updates from AUS Council:
  - Met October 11th, 2017
  - Voted to suspend rather than remove a Departmental Executive at Council for failing to attend mandatory consent training (and failing to notify anyone that they would not be attending) - suspension will be lifted as soon as a makeup session has been scheduled and completed
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  - Motion to Amend the Equity Policy (again)



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- “In order to ensure accountability, AUS Executives, Senators, and departmental executives must be trained on the topics of equity and inclusivity by a resource previously approved by the Equity Commissioners before the end of the second week of October”
- Going to advertise some personal Office Hours in the AUS listserv (and hopefully on the SSMU website in my bio) in order to promote outreach with my Faculty (and the larger student population)! → still figuring out the dates, should know after midterms are over

**Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:**

- None to report as of late, but might try to meet and work with the SPF Office to help them through the process of the Fall Referendum

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**Senate Committees:**

- MARAB → still have not been contacted about a first meeting
  - Invitation for a meeting on November 2nd was sent out then cancelled
  - Will reach out ASAP to figure out what is going on
- CESA → met on Tuesday, October 10th  
Proposed changes to current admission requirements for Bachelor of Education:
  - Changing “global” Education requirements to specific requirements for each of the 4 sections of the B.Ed
  - Changing math prerequisites from “recommended” to “required”
  - **We did not have quorum and had to approve/disapprove via email-results are not out yet**

**AUS Committees:**

- Faculty of Arts Committee → haven’t received any updates since we met on September 26th

**Faculty Discussions:**

- AUS Council:
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<sup>1</sup> Anderson, Isabella. “Senate Caucus Biweekly Report”. accessed October 16th

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*No report submitted.*

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### **Committees:**

- Course Evaluation Advisory Group
  - Meeting soon : not scheduled

### **Discussions with Faculty:**

- POTUS Meeting on 16th of October 2017
  - Missed since it is time of senate caucus
- Discussion with VP external of POTUS
  - Establish a plan on how to get the website up
    - People from other faculties (and SSMU) have no way of knowing how to contact people within POTUS since student association websites
    - Discussed during the POTUS meeting Monday 10/16
      - Should have more information after the meeting
- Will make an appointment with PT and OT school Director and Dean Annette Majnemer
  - Regarding students in OT for the Psych courses that are difficult to take
  - Some students in Psychology have trouble to take required Psych Course (even if they are graduating)

### **Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:**

- Thinking about a website for POTUS

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### **Senate/McGill Admin Work:**

- Finished meeting with every greek organization on campus, everyone said they're interested except ADPhi
- Wrote a 16 page report for upper admin to reference with Greek Life



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- Had meeting with Ollivier Dyens and Chris Buddle today
- Discussed future actions with Greek Life, how to pursue over an extended period of time
- Future meeting scheduled between Ollivier, Chris, and all greek life presidents

**Committees:**

**TLSWG:**

- Had second major meeting for TLSWG
- Discussed future capital renovations for this year (2 mil budget)
- Capital renovations will most likely be allocated to centennial (Mac), and two other buildings on campus (TBD)
- Creating final list of recommendations for operating budget classroom improvements
  - Power bars in larger class rooms seems to be the winner for my #1 suggestion
  - Will make rooms more useful/accessible for different types of classroom learning

**CSS:**

- Meeting tomorrow
- Otherwise, SQ

**SSAP:**

- SQ

**Library Improvement Fund Committee:**

- Had introductory meeting
- Launching the proposal form fairly soon
- Would like listservs of all of your faculties, to eventually send out the listserv

**Engineering Undergraduate Society:**

- EUS Fall Budget review happened
  - Took a long time, went through our entire societies budget
- BOG is still developing, we have a full BOG at this point
- EUS council is this wednesday

**Upcoming Personal Meeting:**

- CSS on October 24th
- TLSWG improvements due October 31st
- Future meeting with Ollivier, Chris, and Greek Presidents (Late Nov.)

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**Committees:**

- Reviewed documents for Advisory Council of Charter of Student Rights
- Waiting for word from the University on how to proceed
- No more details because confidential :(

**Discussions with Faculty:**

- Aung San Suu Kyi picture in the atrium has been taken down after consultations with the arts committee
- Talks of replacing picture with a picture of a woman of colour preferably a Muslim woman
- Had discussions with VP-Academics who had a chat with Dean of Academics at the faculty re hiring a counsellor for the faculty (the faculty is looking into this)
- Prayer room dilemma still up in the works - faculty specific problem
- Bill 62 - mobilization at the faculty, LSA and VP-External planning on bringing motion to SSMU
- I was tentatively scheduled for a CBC Toronto interview re Bil 62 on Sunday, but unfortunately was unable to last minute (Soumia, a Muslim Hijabi alum from the faculty took over)
- Also, Op Ed collaboratively written by law students and sent out to local media outlets re Bill 62 and this event happening today:  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/534215170263365/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%224%2%2C%22action\\_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/534215170263365/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%224%2%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D)
- Seems to be a push for democratize McGill from some peers (I personally had no clue about what this movement was until last Friday)

**Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:**

- Working on getting counsellors at the faculty
- Also a side note for my class on innovation we are working on ameliorating career counselling services to help lower the stress level of law students

**MISC but interesting news (re: Fall Reading Week):**

- This past week we had our first round of "Focus Week" (a new thing the faculty is trying out this year)
- Focus week: basically all our classes were on pause and we had the option of either taking the week off or choosing to do an intensive workshop.
- 1L and 2L students had mandatory intensive workshops as a part of their obligatory courses
- Upper years: some went out of town, some partook in intensive workshops for credit, and some just slept in
- It would be interesting to see how this would work if we additionally had a fall reading week... some students still wanted one after FW



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### **Committees:**

- Nothing to report

### **Projects worked on:**

- MUS Ambassador fund:
  - Incorporated a fee to establish a fund that will be leveraged to sponsor students independently pursuing external case competitions
  - Founded a committee to establish policies regarding the fund
    - How will recipients be selected
      - Drafting an application
    - How will money be allocated once recipients selected
      - Policies regarding max amounts/ distribution of funds
    - How will success of fund be measured (mandate)
    - Procedures for continual improvement of fund allocation
    - How to build awareness
      - clubs/profs/admin

### **Discussions had with faculty:**

- Management council - introductions and information that is specific to Management.

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Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee:



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October 10, 2017 meeting

- ❖ Spring convocation was successful: 71% participation rate
- ❖ Fall 2017 Convocation anticipated participation is 50% due to Halloween (Convocation is held on October 31, 2017)\
- 2 honorary degrees to be given on the Fall 2017 convocation
- ❖ 2018 convocations: have to call tenders because contract has finished
- ❖ McGill medal advisory committee: recommendation approved
- ❖ Some honorary degree nominations were deferred. However, most of them were approved
- Nominations will be sent to the October and November 2017 Senate
- ❖ Goodman Gala : June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Discussions had with Faculty:**

- ❖ Upcoming Professionalism Pinning Ceremony for U1 students
- ❖ Research and Initiative funds created for nursing students
- ❖ Free Pathology and Pharmacology tutorials coming up
- ❖ MNGH Upcoming Brown Bag Lunch (November 2nd, room and time TBA) “Turning Hope into Action: Youth Peer Health Education in Rural Tanzania” by George Sanga
- This project implemented a youth peer health education program in 50 primary schools in the Njombe region of Tanzania, training 500 boys and girls in leadership skills and sexual/reproductive health so that they could become youth peer health educators (YPHEs) to other children within their schools.

**Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:**

- ❖ October 24, 2017 meeting for smoking policy

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