



SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 6, 2017

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Senate Committees:

- CSS → Met Tuesday, October 24th
 - Appointed Student Co-Chair for the Committee
 - Received S2 budget presentation; asked to receive more information regarding a clear-cut breakdown of where money goes in Student Services
 - Executive Director's report → Health and Wellness Strategy was brought to P7, and a revised strategy will be coming out on Friday
 - Student Services is looking at how to make better use of students' time spent in service areas (outlets in waiting rooms, for example)
 - Reaching out to student associations to try and get consultation
 - Will be setting up two 2-hour "visioning" processes
 - Renovations coming next summer
 - Results of the Audit will soon be releasing a report of the internal audit and steps that will be taken to address issues found in Student Services
 - Next meeting is November 29
- ESAAC → met on Tuesday, October 3rd
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7th

AUS Committees:

- Accountability Committee → Met today, October 30th
 - Reviewed time sheets; finalized accountability survey; discussed the creation and content of an Accountability "Handbook" to be presented to students interviewing for AUS roles in order to inform them of their rights and for feedback to be given following interviews
- Faculty of Arts Committee → Still have not heard back about the next meeting, hopefully it will happen before the end of the semester

SSMU Committees:

- *Steering Committee* → attended on Friday, October 27th
- Notable Legislative Council happenings:
 - AVEQ motion tabled indefinitely; Motion to create a Provincial Representation Committee will be coming this week to allow for the exploration of UEQ and AVEQ by the VP External and those interested
 - SPF Bike Centre question voted to go to Fall Referendum



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- Read the rest of the agenda [here](#), and if you have any questions, I can update orally!
- Next meeting is Thursday, November 2 (agenda will be available soon online)

Discussions had with Faculty

- Updates from AUS Council:
 - Met October 25th, 2017 (motions linked here)
 - [Motion to Reinstate WSSA](#)
 - [Motion to Amend the Role of the Arts Representatives to SSMU via Referendum](#)
 - [Motion to Lower the Arts Computer Lab Fund Fee via Referendum](#)
 - [Motion to Increase the AUS Base Fee via Referendum](#)
 - [Motion to Lower Quorum for the AUS General Assembly via Referendum](#)
 - [Motion to Improve the Good Governance of the Society via Referendum](#)
 - [Motion pour améliorer la bonne gouvernance de la société par référendum](#)
 - [Motion to Appoint Campaign Committees](#)
 - [Motion to Amend the Accountability Bylaws](#)
 - [Motion to Approve the Arts Undergraduate Society Budget \(see Appendix A\)](#)
 - [Motion to Condemn Quebec National Assembly Bill 62](#)
 - [Motion to Accept Revised Interpretation of Definition of Executive Committee](#)
 - Will update on these orally if anyone has questions
 - Agenda with Appendices is available [here](#)
- 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)! → should know after midterms are over (they never end?!?!)

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators

- Looking forward to working with the CSS Co-Chair to bring important discussions to committee

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Senate Committees:

- Course Evaluation Advisory Group
 - Meeting soon
 - Scheduled on the 14th of November

Discussions with Faculty:

- POTUS Meeting on 15th of November 2017
 - Topics
 - Frosh budget
- Answers from Dr. Laurie Snider
 - OT Psych courses issue : will have spots reserved for PTOT next year

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:

- Having an office for PTOT

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Senate/McGill Admin Work:

- Meeting with Chris and Ollivier went ok
- Whole process is going to take longer than anticipated
- Meeting with Bianca tomorrow to talk about trainings

Committees:

TLSWG

- Haven't had a meeting since, SQ

CSS

- Discussed everything that CSS is currently struggling with
- Isabella talked a lot about this during her report last week, everything else is SQ

SSAP

- SQ

Library Improvement Fund Committee

- Receiving proposals to improve the libraries!
- Would like each of you to take the proposal to your faculty and to disperse it through your councils

EUS:



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- Looked at drinking culture in EUS
 - Initial motion brought to the table for that
- EUS GA is this Wednesday, will be lit
- BoG meeting this Saturday
- E-Week planning has begun, theme will be v cool

SSMU Legislative Council:

6 motions were present at council, 4 of them were placed on the agenda about 2 days prior

1. Motion for BoD selections to be made with names kept anonymous --Passed
2. Motion for special referendum period --Tabled
3. Motion in support of Nov. 10th mobilizations --Passed
4. Motion regarding endorsement of Daily --- Failed
5. Motion regarding the immediate contestation of bill 62 -- Passed
6. Ad Hoc Committee for Provincial Representation -- Passed

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Committees:

- Nothing to report
- Still waiting on a response from university

Discussions with Faculty:

- Update: VP Academics has informed me that the Faculty is looking at its budget to inform their decision re hiring counsellors
- Bill 62 - mobilization at the faculty, LSA and VP-External voted for the motion at SSMU
- LSA Council meeting:
 - First meeting of the semester
 - A lot of feedback for Focus Week to the SAO (students generally not happy with mandatory attendance and disproportionate workload)

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators

- Working on getting counsellors to sit at the faculty - asked Aishwariya to help out with some research

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No report submitted.



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Smoking Policy:

- Govt of Quebec says we can put that in place only as temporary
- More specific recommendations from Govt
- Yves Beauchamp will meet with Principal next Tuesday

Radiation Safety:

- Action Items: Cyclotron is borderline within radiation limits.
- **Possible Action Item:** Get engineering students to get robotics (push back because can be expensive)

Law Library Panic Button:

- Pierre Barbarie: follow up being done with libraries.

Faculty Discussions:

- Strategic Plan developed last year
- Planning large changes and restructuring to governance structure, to be presented at new Fall GA
- Financial issues carried over from last year (poor records, behind on audits, no clear funding policy)

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Committees:

- Nothing to report.

Faculty:

- Academia Week plans are under way.
- Hype Night!!
- Grad fair was this past Thursday! Was a huge success!
- AVEQ gave a presentation at General Council two weeks ago.

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:

- Isabelle and I are starting a workgroup
 - We had 20+ applications! Trying to narrow them down.
 - Going to make a group for raising awareness and another group to present to individual professors



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- Spoke with the Dean of Science who is fully supportive of OERs
 - He offered to read our one-pager to professors
 - Preparing a presentation for the end of the month (general audience) and presentation to one-on-one meeting with profs -- want to hear things from their side too
 - Going to start with science faculty and expand from there
 - Dean of Science offered 10 mins to present to the faculty department heads
- Isabelle and I met with the Dean of Libraries, Colleen Cook this past week to discuss the OER movement

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As SSMU Executives, Isabelle Oke and Muna Tojiboeva reports to the SSMU Legislative Council every two weeks. Their reports can be found among the other Council Meeting documents at [this link](#).