



SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 26- OCTOBER 9, 2017

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Senate Committees:

- CSS → met on Wednesday, September 27th
 - Discussed the mandate and upcoming activities of the committee for the year → thinking of running to be the Student Co-Chair for the Committee this year
 - Updates from Martine Gauthier on the projects coming to Student Services, including:
 - The state of the Eating Disorder Program,
 - The results of the internal audit (can update orally),
 - McGill Wellness Strategy (can also update orally for details)
- ESAAC → meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd
 - Will be discussing the Student Assessment Policy at length, please let me know if you have any questions you want addressed!

AUS Committees:

- Accountability Committee
 - Met on Monday, October 2
 - Introductions and orientation for the Committee's mandate and goals for the year → will update orally at Caucus on any notable topics for discussion
- Faculty of Arts Committee
 - Met on Tuesday, September 26th
 - SQ

SSMU Committees:

- *Steering Committee* → as of Thursday, September 28th, I have been appointed to the SSMU Legislative Council's Steering Committee
- I will try to keep everyone updated either on the motions coming to Council or I will use this space in my report to just do a quick update of notable Legislative Council items, since Steering Committee just makes the to-be-approved agenda[©]

Discussions had with Faculty:

- Updates from AUS Council:
 - Voted to double a fee for a first-year, required Geography course, and will be putting the Executive from this Department in contact with administration to discuss how to provide forms of financial aid to those who cannot afford this



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extra cost for a program requirement if these do not already exist (Executive was unsure as to whether or not aid is available)

- Approved a motion to mandate all AUS Executives, Departmental Executives, and Arts Senators to be trained in equity and inclusivity by the second week of October each year.
 - I motioned to amend this to include the Senators, as SSMU does not currently provide this training, and it allows us to be better trained to interact with our Faculty
- Working 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)!

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:

- None to report as of late, but hoping to get in contact with several different people across the community

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Committees:

- Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA)
 - Tuesday September 12th, 2017
 - Discussed and approved the CASPer Test as an additional entry requirement for Faculty of Medicine & School of Nursing
 - Now, admission would depend 80% on GPA and 20% on CASPer result
 - Also discussed a proposed scholarship for students who are legally blind
 - Was approved pending certain revisions
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, October 10th
- McGill Athletics Recreation and Advisory Board (MARAB)

Discussions with Faculty:

- AUS Council:
 - Frosh
 - Incredibly smooth this year (suave) SPVM sent in a note applauding the efforts this year
 - Profit of just over \$8,000
 - Motion approved to transfer any Frosh surplus from FEARC to EPiC
 - Equity
 - Motion approved to mandate all departmental execs and senators, along with AUS execs, be trained on topics of equity and inclusivity

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:

- Currently working on my OneCard expansion plan (L)



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- starting off with trying to get AUS SNAX bar under onecard so we'll see how that goes
- have contacted SHHS office about future meeting date to discuss improvement/expansion of onecard

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Committees:

- SCTP
 - Approved changes to Materials, and Software engineering programs regarding coops
 - Approved Doctorate of Philosophy in Urban Planning

Discussions had with Faculty:

- A lot of concerns on involuntary leave plan
- Starting to develop plans for BASC 201

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators:

- None yet but hoping to schedule a meeting soon with Cindy Smith, Chair of SCTP about new BASC 201 course
- Submitted question to senate on academic decision making to senate
 - Going to pursue this even though it didn't make it on the agenda
- Facilitating meeting between Glen (As. DoS) and some members of BASiC assembly who had concerns about involuntary leave

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Committees:

- Trying to reach the Health Advisory Board
 - No answers
- Course Evaluation Advisory Group
 - Received first email from Justin Fletcher
 - Meeting later this semester
 - Meeting 3-4 times
 - 60-90 minutes

Discussions with Faculty:

- Scheduled a meeting with Danny Dinh : VP External Affairs
 - Met on Friday 29th September
 - POTUS



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- Asking to sit on POTUS
 - Will meet POTUS president this week
- Meeting once a month
- Scheduled a meeting with Brandon Azimov: U1 Rep (PT)
 - Met on 09/26/2017
 - Nothing particular
 - Events holding
 - Clothing sales of faculty
 - OT day happening (october 5th)
 - OTPT games 2018
 - UdeM
- Discussion with students in OT
 - Unable to register for PSYCH courses
 - All reserved for psych students
 - OT needed to take psych courses for their program
 - Psychology department said to keep trying
 - Not sure about if the issue will be resolved next year

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Senate/McGill Admin Work:

- Met with all fraternity presidents at this point, met with 2 of the 4 (possibly 5 now) sorority presidents
- Had a meeting with Chris Buddle two weeks ago about how to pursue this, meeting with him October 10th with Bianca
- Scheduled meeting with Chris Buddle, Olivier Dyens October 23rd
- Main goals → Put a spotlight on hazing in McGill greek life as well as sexual assault
 - Have a concrete deterrent system in place, that will hopefully last a really long time
 - Once Greek life is finalized, I will move onto athletics
- Any contacts or just spreading the word helps

Committees:

TLSWG

- Had basic orientation for the committee
- \$2 million budget, \$600,000 operating
- Key date is end of October when improvement requests are submitted
 - Improvements include IT/AV, furniture, and full room renovations
- Met with committee chair today to talk about improvements that students would want to see (check out reddit post/form)
 - Students talked about power bars in MCC204/304



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- **Pass this form around to your constituents for more feedback:**
 - <https://goo.gl/forms/LuQtbjwAhCa629E3>
 - Final inputs will be submitted Oct 31st
- Full improvements from last year can be found here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByHpCdYHsztUSG1zajRMMHIXMjBvSFZZUx6Q0liaVpFWHFn/view?usp=sharing>

CSS

- Had second meeting about two weeks ago
 - Discussion over mental health and stressors that students face
 - Left meeting early, missed the last half hour

SSAP

- Lengthy discussion on the first time deferral policy
 - Worries on how students are using it
 - Looking for stronger overall implementation

EUS:

- First council meeting is Tuesday October, 10th
- EUS Board of Governors is in its first year of operation, we have currently filled our 13 person team for this year
- Fall Budget Review meeting on October 11th

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Committees:

- Received an update from the Advisory Council re investigation
- Reviewed some documents to send to university administrators

Discussions with Faculty:

- Got access to the Law Senator Facebook Page
- Shared the Building (SSMU) closing information session
- Spoke with HLM and made them aware of the rez counsellor situation a couple of years ago

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators

- Trying to put together a framework where law students have easier access to counsellors and therapists (considering the results of the HLM survey)
- Drafting a proposal for SEDE - a cafe collab? Tension at the faculty re freedom of speech and maintaining/safeguarding safe spaces
 - Attended the Marie Henein talk and found it productive

Other interesting but misc news:



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- Focus week next week (essentially a week off from regularly scheduled classes for intensive workshops - graded pass/fail, worth 1 credit, optional - on more practical topics)
- First time happening at McGill law (or any law faculty across the country)
- It's optional for 3L and 4L students, but mandatory for 1L and 2L students

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Senate/McGill admin:

- OERs
 - Working on a Powerpoint presentation -- am looking to hold an information session in November (the date is TBD) to spread the word about the OER movement
 - Spoke to SUS VP Academic about a workgroup
 - Will email all the departmental VP Academics to gauge interest in a workgroup (it's too much work to do alone, guys)
 - Looking to meet with Colleen Cook (Dean of Libraries) to see what work has already been done and what work we can do still
 - Is anyone interested in helping?

Committees:

- ESAAC - Oct 3
 - First meeting
 - Was basically a discussion session for the Assessment Policy
 - Making them guidelines leaves too much room for interpretation -- should we make it a policy? And have adaptations at the faculty level?
 - Expand item 4 and more wordsmithing



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- The Provost will decide on pathway forward
- Might start a workgroup
- Is not brought to Chairs yet -- more work to be done
- Talked briefly about the BoEd secondary math program
 - Students applying are not made aware that it's a math intense program (but they're supposed to be trying to teach math???) and have high expectations so they do badly and have to drop the program because they didn't take the CEGEP/high school courses (I guess uni is more difficult)
 - The conclusion was that they would make some math courses pre-reqs so they don't have to take them at McGill
- Discussed introducing A+ at McGill -- thoughts?!
 - It was apparently brought to Senate before and was opposed to by the student Senators -- go figure

SUS:

- General Council meeting
 - Did not attend (had a date with CHEM 302)
 - Informed VP Internal of "university context" and Science Games -- will follow up on it this week
- My exec meetings are the exact same time and Senate Caucus so I never make them -- need to read the minutes

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Committees:

- **Senate Committee on Physical Development**
 - September 21, 2017
 - Master plan for Royal Victoria Hospital.
 - October 11-13 2017: presentation of the master plan at the Y intersection.
 - Library project: remodeling of McLennan and Redpath Libraries.
 - Millions of books rather than hundreds-> would be stored offsite
 - Plan to improve better access from Roddick gates to the library
 - Officially full ownership of 680 Sherbrooke
 - Plan to make the building more academic like rather office like



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- 3 floors for Ingram School of Nursing-> was done to due to accreditation requirements.
 - Psychology and Medicine to move to 2001 McGill College in future
 - West block of Stewart Bio
 - Being reconstructed from the inside.
 - MacDonald Harrington building
 - Work being done on roof, water infiltration, and windows.
 - Leacock Terrace
 - Being rebuilt. Improved outdoor space, more useable space
 - No schedule for the renovation
 - Rutherford Building
 - Ventilation system being installed in labs
 - Roddick Gates
 - Exterior part of the gates have been renovated
 - Planning to renovate the inner phase
 - Installation of bike racks on the West side
 - Extension of new generator / energy on campus
 - Bike centre
 - Pending, SSMU Legislative Council to vote on this
 - Will be a bicycle parking garage in University Centre
 - 1.9 million dollar project
 - MacDonald Campus of McGill University
 - Final stages of engagement center on the farm: could be used for conferences, there will be classrooms. Will also be used for welcoming primary and kindergarten students. Old barn that will be transformed. 2.5 million dollar project
 - Britain Hall: a new initiative with John Abbott College
 - Potential project: store 3-4 million books in a new building
- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
 - E-vote on the conferral of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Learning (HDCC17-01)
 - Committee approved of this recommendation
 - Recommendation was presented at the Senate on September 19, 2017 for approval
- **Discussions had with Faculty**
 - Elected to be nursing representative on:
 - The Faculty of Medicine Council
 - Student Widening Participation Committee
 - Research funds being provided for nursing students
 - Free pharmacology tutorials for second year nursing students



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- **Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators**
 - Nothing to report

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<https://ssmu.ca/governance/ssmu-legislative-council/>