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# SENATE CAUCUS REPORT SEPTEMBER 5- SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

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No report due to the report schedule. Please see next week's Biweekly Report for this Senator's first report.

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#### **Committees:**

- SUSA (Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising)
  - Discussed advising mental health, the Dean of Student's new involuntary leave policy, and the potential impacts of provincial marijuana legalization on McGill advising
  - Also, talked about the pilot program on first time exam deferrals and decided to continue the pilot program another year and gather more data on last year's results

#### Discussions had with Faculty:

- $\circ$   $\;$  Funding for an additional BASC 201 course in the 5 year strategic academic plan  $\;$
- MyCourses issues

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

• None yet but hoping to schedule a meeting soon with Cindy Smith, Chair of SCTP

### **TRE MANSDOERFER (ENGINEERING SENATOR)**

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#### Senate/McGill Admin Work:

- Have continued to work on the groundwork for an MOU between McGill and Greek Life
- Have met with all fraternity presidents except ADPhi at this point, currently reaching out to sorority presidents
- Scheduled meeting with Chris Buddle this Tuesday, should be for a half hour
- Ollivier Dyens messaged my eus account, myself, him, and Chris Buddle have a meeting scheduled for October 23rd
- Main goals  $\rightarrow$  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
- Thinking of launching a survey through the sororities gauging how bad it currently is, just so admin understands the severity

#### Committees:

TLSWG

- Had basic orientation for the committee
- \$2 million budget, \$600,000 operating
- Key date is in mid October where I submit and budget 3 improvements I want in classrooms
- In depth personal take on the meeting can be found here: <u>https://docs.google.com/a/ssmu.ca/document/d/1GfEwEjWNUySeVkSwb3OMZRUfMCp</u> O2W0m77VrnzvJI5Y/edit?usp=sharing

CSS

- Fairly brief orientation, not a ton of important things happened
- Discussion on mental health improvements, how classrooms can help
- More important meeting for CSS is later in the week
- In depth personal notes for the meeting: <u>https://docs.google.com/a/ssmu.ca/document/d/1Fo-WRdLOGM3vdDspj6rhDgllvDcsxJZ</u> <u>8Ut2B3u8gZi0/edit?usp=sharing</u>

#### SSMU Legislative Council:

- Two motions came up in the first meeting
  - First one set Robert's Rules for the year
  - Second motion removed SSMU councillor requirement on SSPN
- Future motions
  - AVEQ will be discussed for referendum again
  - SPF fund
  - FYC funds

EUS:

- Had EUS conference two Sundays ago
  - 6 hour conference catching everyone up to speed on the EUS



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- OAP made over \$200 k in revenue this year, improvement of \$30k in revenue from last year
- EUS execs are currently planning to provide meeting spaces for clubs when they are displaced from the SSMU building
- EUS BOG is pretty dope, once a month meetings
- Missing EUS retreat this weekend :(
  - First EUS council is next Tuesday though! :)))

# FATIMA ANJUM (LAW SENATOR)

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#### Committees:

- Met with the Advisory Council on the Charter of Student Rights
- Set up a plan of action regarding a request to review a claim of Charter violations

#### Discussions with Faculty:

- Met up and discussed goals for the year with VP-Academics
- Met up and discussed goals for the year with Dean Leckey
- Met up and discussed ideas with Law Senator from last year
- Received a quick de-brief regarding the results of the Healthy Legal Minds survey
- Key discussion points in conversations:
  - How to eliminate/diminish the stressors at the faculty in context of academic policy
  - How to effectively use the mental health resources available [navigating through this odd merger of health services] tailored to the needs of law students
- Updated the Women of Colour Collective and Dean Leckey re: team name senate discussion in context of atrium art piece

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No report submitted.



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