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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

JANUARY 15- JANUARY 29, 2017

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NO REPORT WAS SUBMITTED

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Discussions with Faculty:

- AUS Council last Wednesday
- Faculty of Arts Committee
 - Tomorrow

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators

- Met with SHHS!! It will be part of my policy brief but [here](#) is a little report/summary of the meeting, data and comments I received.

Committees:

- CESA
 - Latest meeting was also cancelled (what's new)

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)



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January 18th - MARAB

Varsity Council

- canned drive at Hockey game, will repeat next weekend (basketball and track meet)
- first meeting Tuesday
- new student athletes appointed to councils

Student Athletics Council

- SAC constitution changes
- safety in locker rooms
- women only hours at Fitness Centre
- bags and boots policy

Facilities

Projects at the moment:

- door issues
- repairs/minor renovations to pool (looking at spring 2019)
ceramics changed —> Mertha pools
- Molson stadium

MacDonald Campus

- upgrade to our fitness centre this summer —> 400,000
- looking at a new building eventually —> 10-15million

Sports Programs Report

- 20 treadmills out
- old squash courts repurposed as private/small group workout areas —> by Spring

Nutrition Lab

- performance nutrition research
- others
 - vegan
 - diabetic
 - weight loss etc

-balance between varsity athletes and other needs is important

Referendum

- going to referendum in upcoming months (budget)
sport program group within Varsity look at programs annually

Staffing Update

1 new hire in varsity office, and new manager of business office

Next meeting: April 5th, 2018



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Committees:

- Subcommittee on Undergraduate Advising (SUSA)
 - Discussed the continuation of the Advising Discretionary Fund
 - Someone from MAUT brought up the First Time Final Exam Deferral Policy
 - Brought up concerns about the increased administrative work regarding grading deferred exams in the context of “administrative overload.” No support is being given the following semester in grading all of the deferred final exams
 - We saw a draft of the involuntary leave policy that I am pasting to the bottom of this report if people are interested in taking a look at it. I thought some process points needed to be clarified but I think the policy is pretty strong and fair. I trust the intentions behind it.

Discussions with Faculty:

- Getting ready for our two big interdisciplinary research conferences coming up this semester!

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators

- Meeting with Ram Panda (Board of Governors Chair) and Edyta regarding changes to CAMSR ToR

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Committees:

- Course Evaluation Advisory Group
 - Meeting soon : not scheduled
 - Meeting last semester
- Discussed about how to increase student evaluation for courses
 - Health Advisory Board
 - Meeting on February 5th
 - First meeting of the 2017-2018 year

Discussions with Faculty:

- Events Happening
 - Talent Show
 - U1 Games



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Committees:

- The Committee will be meeting shortly to decide on next steps after receiving the University's response.

Discussions with Faculty:

- LSA Council meeting:
 - New [website](#) is up!
 - Motion was brought by a student to inform all law students via email at the start of each Student Fees Opt-out period, and a reminder 48 hours before the end of each Opt-out period - concern that the deadlines were not adequately brought to the attention of students
- Outreach re Senate reddit AMA and docs via Law Senator Facebook page

Projects worked on/meetings had with administrators

- Working with the Task force - please get the word out on group submissions to the Task Force and individual submissions as well!
- Waiting for research report from Aishwarya...

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Senate/McGill Admin Work:

- Spoke with Nahal today at the commemoration of the Quebec City mosque shooting (joint event for the Equity Committee and the MSA) and it went really well!
- OERs
 - Tomorrow (Jan 30) is the first day of our social media campaign to raise awareness about OERs
 - Feb 1 is the presentation day for the general public

Committees:

- SUSAs
 - Meeting was last Friday but I was absent as I had a mandatory lab
 - The meeting minutes weren't sent out so I couldn't ask questions about the conversations but Jed would be able to tell you more (so sorry :())

Science Undergraduate Society

- Academia Week is coming up!!
 - AsapSCIENCE is a guest speaker (I'm STOKED!!!!!!!!!!)
- Science Games was a success!!
 - I asked Buddle about how it went today and he said he "heard nothing and that's always a good thing"

NAHAL FANSIA (NURSING SENATOR)

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Committees

- ❖ Senate Committee on Physical Development:
 - Last meeting January 18, 2018: was not able to attend because meeting time conflicted with another scheduled meeting and a mandatory class.



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Replacement could not be found since meeting confirmation email was sent the night before.

- Will read the meeting minutes and keep ya'll posted.

Discussions had with Faculty

- ❖ Grad Gala coming up
- ❖ NUS fees might be changing -> will discuss at next GC.
- ❖ A healthcare professional event coming up. Will be taking place at Simulation Centre.
 - High school students will be shown basic medical techniques like phlebotomy.
- ❖ Met with WELL office consultant.
 - Nurses are not aware of the WELL Office. Ways to publicize it were identified.
 - Future plan is to integrate stress reduction, study skills, etc workshops within the curriculum. The consultant will be meeting with the faculty regarding this.
- ❖ Met with Student Widening Participation Committee
 - Healthcare professional for a day is coming up in end of April 2018.
 - Is more oriented towards highschool students of African American background, those of low socioeconomic status, etc.
 - Goal is to show them the variety of healthcare professions that exist and hopefully spark an interest.
 - I am in charge of the nursing station (recruiting nursing students for volunteering, getting the resources, etc).

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