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# SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

## FEBRUARY 27- MARCH 19, 2018

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### **MICHAEL NWABUFO (ARTS SENATOR)**

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#### **Committees:**

- CESA
  - No meetings
- McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)
  - No meetings

#### **Discussions with Faculty:**

- AUS Council last Wednesday
  - I had a midterms :/
- Faculty of Arts Committee
  - Midterms :/

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

- FRESHII OFFICIALLY ON ONECARD
  - Working on Basha and Teo Taxi
  - Any suggestions?

### **JED LETENSKY (ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR)**

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#### **Committees:**

- SCTP met last week
  - Changes to math and statistics major
  - Added aerospace eng minor

#### **Discussions with Faculty:**



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- Working on a motion for Arts Sci council to make senators and ssmu reps part of the executive to increase transparency and collaboration between executives and reps

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

- Presented to Board of Governors at the Board Student Forum

**QI YUE HE (PT/OT SENATOR)**

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- **Committees have you met with**
  - Course Evaluation Group
    - Meeting on 16th of March but not able to attend
    - Have asked other members of the committee to tell about the details of the topic discussed
      - No replies yet
- **Discussions had with Faculty**
  - POTUS elections happening
    - Students can apply to one position
    - Nomination period March 13-19.
    - Period to submit video March 20-24.
    - Period to vote (in class) March 27-29
  - PTOT career fair was on March 12th
  - Integration of the Qualifying Year with U3
    - A solution to facilitate the integration of the QYs with the U3s is to have a sort of "Premaster Orientation Week" , where non-formal activities would be held (e.g. soccer games, beer pong, bar, etc.) and both U3 and QY students would be invited. The U3 reps would be the ones organizing these events, which bring me to my second point.
    - U3 reps are usually voted at the beginning of the fall semester. It was brought up that they should instead be voted at the end of the Winter semester at the same time as POTUS elections. This way, organizing activities can be done before the semester begins.
    - Results
      - 1) Holding an Orientation Week for QYs
      - 2) Electing U3 reps at the same time as POTUS elections



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## **FATIMA ANJUM (LAW SENATOR)**

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### **Committees:**

- The Committee will be meeting on March 21st

### **Discussions with Faculty:**

- LSA Council meeting:
  - Missed the one in February because I was sick
  - The one right before Winter break was cancelled
- Meeting with the SAO on Wednesday with VP Academics to discuss recent curriculum changes and the way forward

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

- Task Force work is coming along nicely
- Met up with different members of the McGill community to discuss efforts to support First Generation students
  - Interesting stuff in the works - trying to put together an event during a frosh for first generation students (goal: to make visible the different avenues of resources for students and professors/admin that are also first gen)
  - Follow up meeting scheduled for March 21st (will be unable to make it because of the Advisory Council on the Charter of Student Rights meeting)
- Scheduled a meeting with Martine for March 20th to discuss the embedded advisor at the faculty of law pilot project

## **AHMER WALI (MEDICINE SENATOR)**

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- Senate Committees:
  - Committee on Student Services (CSS)
    - Feb 28th Meeting
    - Discussion around Terms of Reference,
      - and how a platform is needed to coordinate student services across the campus, e.g. Rez, Faculties, Athletics, etc. CSS would either morph



- into an advisory committee, similar to the individual units have, or grow to become campus wide committee/platform.
- Concern that CSS is also a place where students can hold S2 accountable for its use of student fees, and future structure would have to incorporate that.
  - Discussion will be sent to Senate to see their recommendations regarding the fate of CSS
  - Innovation Fund Reports reviewed, most closed as no more funds remaining.
  - EDSS Report
    - **OVERHEAD FEES BEING ELIMINATED OVER NEXT TWO YEARS** (250k next year, and full 500k year after that).
    - **WILL GO TO REFERENDUM FOR FEE INCREASE NEXT YEAR**
    - Health Hub design is ongoing. Will be going on into January 2019. Interim place will be opening. Embedded Wellness Advisers moving forward, with 10 people over the next two years.
    - Communications director spot still open. (1 fired, 1 resigned).
  - University Health Services Committee (UHSC)
    - March 5th meeting cancelled, next one on April 30th
  - Teaching & Learning Services (TLS)
    - Met on Feb 20th
    - Discussion around Assessment Policy
      - Current policy has lots of exceptions, given different assessment measures in different faculties.
      - Revision was very difficult, thought was to come up with assessment principles that could first be adopted, to frame an actual policy.
      - 5c: no predetermined set of quotas. (roughly means no curving), and 1.x which says grading is not to compare different students
      - Very controversial for management, where class average capped at 74.99, and grades are essential for people hiring to do that comparison.
    - F/U Meeting on March 16th about assessment (many students invited)
  - MSS Matters:
    - Unmatched Student:
      - Spoke with Associate Dean regarding possible 5th year program.
      - Told it was not possible, as there isn't the capacity



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- Speaking with the FMEQ to see if pressure can be applied at the provincial government level.
- Winter GA planned for March 21st
  - Submitting motion regarding support for Unmatched students.
  - Revision of Constitution.
- MSS Alumni Network
  - Trying to establish this, starting with buddy program between graduating students and incoming students.
  - Would like to be connected with someone from MSS Alumni Association.
- Projects worked on
  - Prayer Space issue
    - Short term space possibly through EUS common room (though issue of alcohol spills/smell)
  - Alcohol Strategy
    - Requested Benchmarking by PARC (underway)
    - Spoke with Dr Perera, who linked with Health Promo
  - Smoking Policy
    - Spoke with Perera, also with Health Promo

## **MARIANA SOSA (SOCIAL WORK SENATOR)**

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### **Committees:**

- Still waiting to hear back about sitting on the CaPS Advisory Board (first email sent a week ago)
  - Second email went out Monday; still waiting for a response

### **Discussions with Faculty:**

- SWSA meetings
  - U1 and U2 student who were approved for a panel at the CASWE conference in Regina in May (this is HUGE!) were denied funding by the School of Social Work due to a lack of budget (despite having the monies to fully fund the trip for 5 profs, 2 of which are non-essential...)
  - Other funding sources were applied for and AVEQ came in for the win
  - Students will be presenting on the rampant transphobia that the School of Social Work is participating in by denying trans and GNC students, staff and faculty the right to access the bathroom in safety

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

- Ppl experiencing homelessness on campus and their interaction with on-campus security



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- Surprising no on, there is nothing
- Continuing research on other CNDian unis and what they have in place; to see if there is a working model that we can adopt at McGill

## **SALMA YOUSSEF (SCIENCE SENATOR)**

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### **Committees:**

- None as of now :(

### **Discussions with Faculty:**

- SUS
  - The Factory -- hope to work with the EUS to allow science students to access the hardware design lab
- Spoke with chair of Biochemistry department about online videos for up and coming upper-level biochemistry topics presented by the professors who research it
  - A part of my OER project

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

- Meeting with Professor Ragan in a week (he's not at McGill right now) but I'm feeling hopeful so hopefully the work will start soon

## **NAHAL FANSIA (NURSING SENATOR)**

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### **Committees**

- No meetings

### **Discussions had with Faculty**

- Grad Gala coming up -> currently in deficit
- NUS constitution changed
- NUS elections done

### **Other cool stuff:**

- Sent email to Concordia health center for more information on STI mobile clinics
- In contact with WELL Office and promoting mental health workshops within nursing school.



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