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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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Committee Work:
N/A
Faculty Updates :
<p>AUS (met on 11/14 - absent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resignation of AUS VP Internal Kevin Zhou (pour one out for a pal) - Currently in the process of revising our electoral bylaws - Passed bylaws for a people of color committee - Passed motion to stand in solidarity with the Social Work Students' Association strike against unpaid internships - Starting working group on Involvement Restriction Policy (aka event blacklist) <p>Faculty of Arts (met on 11/20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be hiring new Faculty members in Artificial Intelligence and Indigenous Studies - Retiring (but hopefully revamping) Canadian Studies major and honours programs
Personal Project Updates :
<p>OERs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHEM 110/120 has agreed to participate - still looking for funding <p>Waitlists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcements have been sent out to student affairs managers, chairs and directors - 200-level rollout for Winter 2019, full rollout Fall 2020 - confirmed <p>SHHS projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food insecurity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Martine Gauthier (Director of Student Services) - she's v interested - Met with Oliver de Volpi / Eva (?) at SHHS - their finances rely on the assumption that not all students will use all of their meal plan - either need more funding or increase prices - Mandatory Meal Plan changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money issues, also they're convinced that a very small number of students actually want this - need consensus
Miscellaneous Updates:
Met with Associate Senator Cameron



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Steering Committee on November 25th - Attended the SSMU Legislative Council meeting on November 15th
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended BASiC meeting on November 13th
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for members to fill committee (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law, Management, Medicine, PT/OT, Science, Social Work - Met November 25th - Survey is circulating! - Please share it with your networks @ bit.ly/SSMUFallReadingBreak
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still have Office Hours! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-2 PM in the Arts Lounge (Leacock Basement) - Also by appointment - Met with VP University Affairs - Met with DPSLL

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Committee Work :
<p>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning – STL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISA Ambassador Program: Mentoring FE1 students



- Fall Reading Week: EdUS seems worried about this because it would be during stage. How would stage dates play out? How will it affect our seminar?
- EdUS pushing students to do course evaluations.. They want research/proof of how course evaluations only benefit white male professors
- We are not striking for paid stages and we will not advertise for this protest

Personal Project Updates :

- Nothing to report

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Committee Work:

- Third meeting for **Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA)** happened on 19th Nov
 - Jeremy Garneau attended the meeting in my stead
 - Major changes include allowing students to use the generic name of the award on their transcripts or have the name removed altogether in order to avoid disclosure of any personal information
 - Redefining “underrepresented groups” in order to reach more students based on need and merit

Faculty Updates:

- Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) Council meeting happened on 14th Nov
 - The new EUS constitution was passed in referendum
- Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting happened on 17th Nov

Personal Project Updates:

- Scholarship Renewal Policy
 - Meeting with Myrosia Cap, Scholarships Director, on 29th Nov to follow up
- Engineering Student Employment Fund (ESEF)
 - Spoke with Dean of Engineering, Jim Nicell, about the feasibility of the fund
 - Planning to reach out to Prof. David Frost, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), regarding future steps



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Committee Work:
Teaching Lab Working Group met during an in class quiz so I couldn't attend - waiting on minutes
Faculty Updates :
Our VP External has been elected VP Academics is looking for a keynote speaker for our Academia week if anyone has any suggestions slack me :)
Personal Project Updates :
OERs - looking for funding for additional class we took on CHEM 110/120
Miscellaneous Updates:
Met associate senator Kerry! :)

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Committee Work:
<p>UHSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a meeting Dec 17, but I emailed I cannot attend due to a final at the same time ● Will add updated notes on minutes ● Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No current agenda available currently <p>CSAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSAB finally emailed and they're having a meeting Dec 4 at 1 or 2 pm, I cannot attend because I have lab during that time, but there seems to be plenty of student representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jacob is on it!!
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion Regarding SSMU's Position on Gun Control in Canada 2018-11-29. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Much debate, but passed ○ EUS recently supported a complete gun ban in Canada, VP External thinks we should adopt something similar especially in light of new movements by health care professionals in the US regarding gun violence ● Creation of mental health committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neglect of mental health in ISoN ○ Lobby to implement mandatory training for staff of ISoN that would comprise a mix of SafeTalk, resource referral and how confront students you are worried about, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Make professors more aware of resources available. ■ To get this started motioned to create NUS Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Mental Health
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unfortunately after submitting "student feedback" to Rossy Hub to the Executive Director's team I received some disappointing news <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All feedback will be "periodically reviewed" and carefully considered when moving forward on projects and initiatives. ● Not ready to move forward/consider mobile STI clinic at this time because of restructuring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In winter 2019 they are beginning to hire new professionals for the Hub and as it is a transitional period it's not an appropriate time to approach about this issue



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- They believe issue of STI-congestion is not a significant cause of congestion, and now that the Hub will serve as a “one-stop shop” for all of Student Services’ health-related activities that congestion will decrease overall
- Welcome to submit more feedback in the course of next academic year
- So I think I’m going to approach the WELL Office as they are fairly new and work with mental health within the Faculty of Medicine - another relevant subject within NUS and close to my heart

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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

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