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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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Committee Work:
<p>ESAAC met on 11/6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created ad-hoc subcommittees on Fall Reading Week, Involuntary Leave Policy, and Cannabis Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall Reading Week subcom will include representation from varied faculties and from students - Cannabis Policy to be reworked into one overarching policy on smoking, drugs, alcohol, etc. - Open discussion on S/U option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data was gathered on current usage of the S/U option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1600 total usages in Fall 2018 - 54% at the 200 level - Most courses taken in Arts by students from a wide array of faculties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses in FRSL, ECON, GEOG, etc. - Want to make sure this is a one-time decision (eg. can't change back to S/U) and that the reverse can't happen (no letter grade → S/U) - Science leans no <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would want courses originally S/U (even if switch to letter grade) to count to percent of total courses in degree a student can take S/U - Fabrice is in favor, some Assoc. Deans skeptical - First-time exam deferral w/o documentation update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Want to add disclaimer notifying students of the consequences of deferring - Code of Student Conduct being revised, Buddle wanting to bring notice to Nov Senate, for vote in Dec.
Faculty Updates :
<p>AUS Council met 10/31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voted to endorse Change the Name movement, submit written statement to renaming committee <p>AUS Fall Referendum happening next (this) week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question is to amend Constitution to remove the permanent removal of departmental funding after missing a certain number of Council sessions by adding a method for regaining it
Personal Project Updates :
<p>Waitlists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put me out of my misery - It's just a fuckin waitlist - Why



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- Do
- People
- Argue
- About
- Everything!
- Meeting with Arts Student Affairs Officers (~10) on 11/5 on best practices for implementation
 - Became a counterproductive argument about waitlists but I don't care, this is happening

OERs

- HIST 213 and MATH 140/1 confirmed to participate in project!
- Meeting with ECON 208/9 and CHEM 120 still

Miscellaneous Updates:

Met with Associate Senator Lauren!

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Committee Work:

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)

- The committee met for the first time on November 7th
- Varsity Name Change
 - The Director of Athletics ruled that it was not allowed to be discussed
 - Waiting on report from the Working Group on Principles of Commemoration and Renaming
- Hazing Policy
 - As far as they are concerned no incidents have occurred since they started doing workshops on Hazing
 - Every newly admitted varsity athlete attends this mandatory training
 - Captains have to attend a tailored training
 - Varsity athletes present suggested that since they are not really opportunities for team bonding, a funded trip per teams to bond would be a good way to ensure that hazing culture is completely abolished at McGill
- Strategic Planning lunch on December 3rd
 - Members of MARAB, Alumni, and KPE Professors
 - The reason for the meeting is to receive input on the student-focused strategic plan they have decided on with the firm LBB Strategies they hired
- Athletics Improvement Fee Renewal Referendum
 - 10\$/semester



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- McGill’s Athletics facilities need to be renovated due to deteriorating conditions
- below is the list of items on their reno list as well as new additions to the facilities that will be financed through the renewal of the fee;
 - A new Lounge / Study area near the current equipment room.
 - Renovations and refurbishing of Men’s and Women’s Locker/Change rooms
 - Development of additional Individual/Small Group workout spaces (adjacent current PODS)
 - Field House resurfacing
 - Nutrition Lab
 - Pool Renovations
 - Air Conditioning in the Gyms and Fieldhouse
 - Creating an additional multi-purpose activity room to be booked on a first come first served basis by student clubs (free)
 - Refurbishing of area adjacent the MAC Paddle Shack at Macdonald Campus

Faculty Updates :

- A motion to create the People of Colour Committee passed
- Working on a restricted involvement policy
 - A motion to form a subcommittee to do this passed

Personal Project Updates :

- Waiting on a response from Professor Blackett to meet to discuss inclusive hiring

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Committee Work:

- Attended Steering Committee on November 11th
- Attended the SSMU Legislative Council meeting on November 1st
- Attended Building Operations and Management Committee (BOMCOM) meeting on November 2nd
- Attended Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on November 6th
 - Fall Reading Break, formation of ESAAC subcommittee
 - Cannabis Policy
 - S/U -> Graded Option
 - Deferred Exam Pilot Project
 - Changes to Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures



- Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) Committee meeting on November 8th was cancelled
Faculty Updates:
- Attended BASiC meeting on October 30th
Personal Project Updates:
- Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for members to fill committee (8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts, Law, Management, Medicine, Music, PT/OT, Science, Social Work - Met November 2nd and November 11th - Elected Chair! - Currently working on survey to be sent out shortly
Miscellaneous Updates:
- 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with President - Met with Speaker of the Legislative Council - Met with Chief Electoral Officer

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) met an hour ago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No vote on revisions to policies on award restriction/preferences ○ Following up on notes from Jeremy as Sarim also couldn't make it ● Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policy (SSAP) has not met
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MUS Board did not hear motion on supporting the Change the Name campaign ● MUS Board voted not to sign onto the letter
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report



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Committee Work :
<p>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning – STL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 6 meeting cancelled - Symposium on Effective Assessment on Dec 7
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pushing to standardize lesson plan templates - Loosen up the policy to request a French school for last stage (now case by case) - Fundraising for Movember
Personal Project Updates :
Miscellaneous Updates:
<p>#ChangeTheName</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philip Howard seems invested in this issue, he thinks it's an important issue but not sure that he would want to take initiative. Suggested that I speak with Janine Metallic (she is Mi'gmaq from Listuguj and she is an assistant professor teaching Indigenous Education). - Emailed Janine: she is passionate about the issue and willing to take initiative to add momentum

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Third meeting for Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA) rescheduled to an alternate date which I unfortunately can't make ● First meeting for SSMU Fall Reading Week Ad-Hoc Committee happened on 2nd Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All members researching specific universities in Canada with workable Fall Reading Week ideas ○ Bryan drafting a survey to be sent out through SSMU



Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) Council meeting happened on 31st Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EUS endorsed the Redman campaign, Tomas came in and gave an interesting presentation ○ The EUS mandated me to represent their stance on the university wide forums ● EUS Referendum is under way with the new constitution being one of the two questions under consideration ● Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting happened on 4th Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New board members have joined and there is a new Chair for the BoG ○ Transition phase is almost over ○ We will have two more meetings before the end of semester
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scholarship Renewal Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting on Scholarship and Student Aid Office (SSAO) to get back with the entrance scholarship data in the latter part of November ● Fall Reading Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed above in the Committee updates ● Engineering Student Employment Fund (ESEF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actively working with EUS VP Academic, Niloufer Seraj, and VP Student Life, Marion Oliver, in bring this fund in to existence ○ Also raising this topic with McGill Engineering Student Centre (MESC) to get them on board ○ Communicated with SSAO office to work on a plan for Engineering ○ Communicated with AUS VP Finance in understanding the AUS's existing model for this fund ○ Goal is to draft a bylaw over the winter-break and then do all the necessary work to bring it to the EUS winter referendum

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● My committee meetings are this week (SCC tomorrow and SCPD Thursday).
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Faculty hired two new assistant deans (Strategic Planning & Admissions and Recruitment).



Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I attended the last Governance Reform Committee on Friday, November 16th. • I missed the last LWA meeting. Still waiting on the Secretary to send me the report which was discussed on this meeting and possibly the minutes.
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I briefly talked to Louis Arsenault (Vice-Principal, Communication and External Relations) at the Joint Board-Senate meeting last Wednesday. I will get to know him better in the next few weeks as we are both seating on the Committee on the Promotion of French.

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Committee Work:
No meetings to report.
Faculty Updates :
<p>Unpaid internships: referendum to join the CUTE campaign passed by a narrow margin (56% in favour). However, we will not be going on strike as other faculties are.</p> <p>McGill-MSS MOA: s.q. Serious issues regarding past audits are putting the Society at financial risk. MSS to hold a GA on December 4. Probable motion to ban members from receiving compensation for coaching students to get into med school.</p>
Personal Project Updates :
- N/a

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UTWLG will be meeting again near the end of the month -
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By-election for VP External -
Personal Project Updates :
<p>OERs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HIST 213 and MATH 140/141 will be participating - Meeting with ECON 208 and CHEM 120 soon - LIF secured \$\$ to pay for students finding the relevant OERs



<p>Pre-med advisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with the the director of science undergraduate advising - Working to create workshops and seminars for students considering med schools
<p>Committee Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UTWLG will be meeting again near the end of the month -

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<p>Committee Work:</p> <p>Attended Course Evaluation Committee (Teaching and Learning Services)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of Anonymity for Music Students - Share course eval info with faculties! (will email resources) - Encourage students to fill out Course Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In class announcements - Listservs and social media - Graphics provided
<p>Faculty Updates :</p> <p>Met with Music Building Director, Peter Whipemen New additions projected for spring semester and next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New pool table - Re-painting music cafe, possibly music related mural. - New stands and mirrors for practice rooms - Lounge in New Music Building
<p>Personal Project Updates :</p> <p>n/a</p>

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<p>Committee Work:</p> <p>UHSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>CSAB still has not met or emailed.</p>
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Faculty Updates :
NUS will be supporting unpaid internship walkouts and protests but will not be going on strike. Will be hosting Naloxone training after social work has hosted training.
Personal Project Updates :
None to report

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