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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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Committee Work:
N/A
Faculty Updates :
N/A (AUS Council meets next on 10/31)
Personal Project Updates :
<p>Waitlists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Associate Dean (Student Affairs) Miranda Hickman to check in on waitlist progress - She wants to pilot in Winter 2019 only with 200-levels, I'm politely pushing back - Continuing to compile resources for administrators, expect a relatively smooth rollout <p>OERs (w/Monique)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solidified application with the library for 3 students, working 60hr each, to compile OERs for 3 participating classes - Currently drafting email to professors and will be sending out shortly <p>Food insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with employees from Food & Dining services along with all SSMU execs (minus Jacob) - Project 1: combating food insecurity on campus - not sure how yet but looking into w/Tr - Project 2: students given the option when registering for their mandatory meal plan whether they want to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A: Meal plan expires after second year, not taxed in first year, taxed in second year (status quo) - B: Meal plan never expires but taxed the entire time - Have reached out to financial officer following meeting, haven't heard back
Miscellaneous Updates:
<p>Met with Axel (MAUT) following his comments about the tenure process and students' calls for inclusion of the disciplinary record in the tenure dossier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had a productive discussion, main point of contention is still that Axel does not believe that tenure should involve a moral consideration (I disagree) - Will be looking into (read: looking for an associate senator to look into) specifically how the disciplinary process for professors works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hope to convince Axel that there is no way someone could be penalized (on the disciplinary record) for an intellectual disagreement - Big picture: Believe that convincing him will be easier than going straight to Angela Campbell?? (correct me if wrong)



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Committee Work:

- The APC met on October 25th and voted on three proposals
- One was a new exchange program with three new partner universities: École Polytechnique of the Université Paris-Saclay, Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, University of Haifa in Israel
- The second proposal was a change in the approval process for new exchange partners
 - Prof. Oxhorn, Associate Provost (International), proposed to be permitted to expand the exchange programs with already existing partners without having to come before the APC every time.
 - The committee voted against this for the time being because we wanted to be able to see what criteria he would be using to make such calls
- The second proposal was changing the name of the Department of Ophthalmology to the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
 - This passed unanimously
- The last part of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion surrounding the new student code of conduct and our thoughts on the changes made, it is not finalized yet it is still being worked on
 - An important change that is being made is the University's definition of University Context, previously McGill only considered matters that happened on its campuses a University Context now the definition has been expanded to include the following
 - (o) *The "University Context" means circumstances occurring:*
 - (a) *on University premises; or*
 - (b) *within a University-sponsored program, event or activity whether on-campus or off campus; or*
 - (c) *off-campus, including online or in social media, where the conduct has consequences that may be reasonably*
 - *seen to adversely affect:*
 - (i) *the security of students, academic, administrative and support staff while on campus or while participating*
 - *in a University-sponsored program, event or activity; or*
 - (ii) *the right of a member of the University community to use and enjoy the University's learning or working*
 - *environment.*

Faculty Updates :

- A motion to endorse the Varsity Name Change passed

Personal Project Updates :

- Nothing to report



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Steering Committee on October 14th, 22nd, and 28th - Attended the SSMU Legislative Council meeting on October 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion on responsible representation was voted down - Attended Building Operations and Management Committee (BOMCOM) meeting on October 18th - Attended Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) Committee on October 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee asked for student input re: new Minor in Global Experiential Learning - Tl;dr new minor for students who go on exchange - Concerns around “pay-for-access”, non-academic rigour, etc. - Ask your faculty councils re: this and their opinions
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended BASiC meeting on October 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We signed onto the Redmen name change open letter!
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall Reading Break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for members to fill committee, getting prelim work done on background - Committee is at 7 members now!
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 former Social Work Representative - Met with FYC VP External - Met with Senator Mikkelson

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Committee Work:
<p>Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) to meet on November 13, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Followed up with Fabrice Labeau, Interim Deputy Provost (SLL) on getting an updated version to review at our next caucus meeting ● Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policy (SSAP) has not met



Faculty Updates :

- MUS Board did not hear motion on supporting the Change the Name campaign

Personal Project Updates :

- MUS may post a land recognition on their website in the future
 - MUS Board did not hear a motion to institutionalize it

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Committee Work:

- Second meeting for **Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA)** happened on 16th Oct
 - Continuation of the same conversation from last meeting regarding terms of reference for scholarships
 - Will vote on amended terms of reference for scholarships in the next meeting
- **Career Planning Service (CaPS) Advisory Board** meeting happened on 25th Oct
 - MyInvolvement (co-curricular transcripts) is now under CaPS and they are trying to revamp the forum
 - CaPS office in Brown Building is changing their book loaning policy
 - They don't have a circulation system so can't put holds on accounts
 - They normally take student IDs or \$20 security deposit
 - Books are worth much more than \$20 deposits and so there have been cases where students have not returned the books despite warnings via email/call
 - Trying to communicate with Student Accounts Office to develop an effective policy
 - Increasing loan time to one week instead of the current overnight rule
 - A lot of the issues in CaPS are because of lack of funding
 - CaPS organized a survey (10% participation rate from 7000 students) and found that most students have use their services at some point in their university life
- **Scholarship and Student Aid Office (SSAO) Advisory Board** happened meeting on 26th Oct
 - Most members were new, so the meeting was basically an overview of SSAO's services
 - Presented us with a statistical report on last three year's performance
 - Next 12 months are crucial as the University is going to decide how much money goes to SSAO because of the tuition fee deregulation



Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) Council meeting happened on 3rd Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeremy Garneau, will be my replacement for this semester ● Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting happened on 21st Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board approved the EUS budget for the upcoming year
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scholarship Renewal Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met with Cara Piperni (Director, Scholarships & Student Aid) on 19th October ○ She reassured me that the office values equity in granting scholarships ○ Agreed to compile faculty-specific data after which I followed up with Myrosia Cap who will be compiling this data ○ She mentioned how it will take time to compile this data ○ I assume from our meeting that she will get back to me by the latter part of November after which we can analyze the data and start working on an alternate policy (if one is needed) ● Fall Reading Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicated with EUS VP Academic, Niloufar Seraj, to nominate one of the departmental VP Academics from Engineering on the Ad-Hoc Committee
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will meet with EUS VP Student Life, Marion Oliver, and VP Academic, Niloufar Seraj, to talk about a potential EUS-work study/scholarship program for Execs based upon the existing model placed in the AUS

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Committee Work :
<p>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning – STL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Symposium for instructors: <i>Beyond Grading: Effective Assessment Strategies for Better Learning</i> on Dec 7 at 8:30am – 3:30pm. Many administrators will be there including: Chris Buddle and Fabrice Labeau. Extended invitation to everyone on STL so I will be going! - Next meeting Nov 6 at 1:30pm – 3pm
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoted Change the Name campaign on our listserv. EdUS unanimously voted in favor to endorse the campaign and sign onto letter. - Joined the EdUS Sustainability Committee: fundraising for homeless in Montreal, access to education around the world.. (Socktober and MetoWe)



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Personal Project Updates :

N/A

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Reach out to Phillip Howard about #ChangetheName

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Committee Work:

- Committee on Student Services met on Tuesday, October 30th (12:30 to 2:00).
 - I was there for the last 25 minutes of the meeting, I have a class until 1:30.
 - From my understanding (Jacob can confirm), most of the meeting was on the Rossy Wellness Hub. People on the committee had a lot of questions on the matter.
 - Martine Gauthier said she will send us information on the different Advisory Boards for this huge project by the next meeting. The Committee will also go back on some concerns at the next meeting, with presentations.

Faculty Updates :

- LSA Council on Friday, November 2nd 2018.
 - We were a bit rushed as one person had to leave the meeting early, but without that person we did not have quorum. Next Council is expected to be longer and more substantive than the one on Friday.

Personal Project Updates :

- I missed the Governance Review Committee on Friday, November 2nd. The next one is scheduled to be on the week of November 12th.
- I reached out to Manon Gadbois, coordinator for the promotion of French at McGill at the Communication and External Relations Office (CER) of the University. Was supposed to be part of a new committee on the *Comité de coordination pour la promotion du français à McGill* but did not receive anything since our last conversation on October 11th.



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Committee Work:
No meetings to report.
Faculty Updates :
Unpaid internships: in pair with MSS Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee president, we are reaching out to other health science faculties regarding the CUTE campaign. We have been in touch with SWSA, the first and so far only faculty association to take action. We have also reached out to MASH, the interprofessional association here at McGill. McGill-MSS MOA: s.q. MSS held a retreat Sunday, November 5.
Personal Project Updates :
An updated statement on copyright was sent out; I am satisfied with the nuance.
Miscellaneous Updates:
No notable motions at SSMU LC, beside VP UAs motion regarding mandate to support S/U option. I voted against mostly on principle, as the motion did not directly concern the true underlying question but rather the existence of a mandate, which is by virtue of election and not of legislative action.

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A REPORT WAS NOT SUBMITTED

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Committee Work:
Course Evaluation Committee Lunch Nov 8
Faculty Updates :
1st MUSA “Practice Room” bar on Thursday Nov 1 MUSA officially endorse Code of Conduct
Personal Project Updates :
n/a



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Committee Work:
<p>UHSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How communication can be improved between safety units and staff at McGill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Get into contact with security to have more information ● Robert Couvrette (Associate VP University Services) gave briefing about McIntyre fire, but MUNACA and AMUSE wanted more info briefing (unaware). ● SOP was changed to reflect wishes for cleaning staff to not blow fuse ● W. Wood generated lab orientation video for graduate students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bring safety program up to 2018 standards ● Smoking at Tanna Hall resolved with use of barriers and security cameras ● WHMIS 2015 will now have been implemented with all relevant employees by December
Faculty Updates :
<p>NUS drafted letter in support of Change the Name and included information in Listserv. Brought class complaint against massive amount of guest lecturers in one course to NUS and to Open Forum, will be addressed with professor</p>
Personal Project Updates :
<p>Just received message from Jacob about working with associate senator on STI project. Will communicate with Reem to coordinate plans Meeting with Concordia - STI testing is done at Health Services while only HIV testing is done at a pop-up clinic. Currently STI mobile testing is an initiative, but the HIV testing is very successful. Chlamydia/gonorrhea are currently what can be tested at mobile clinics across Canadian unis What we need to look at: How much does STI contribute to backlog? Will addition of Rossy Hub decrease this number? (i.e., usefulness of clinic) While pop-up clinic should be relatively ‘anonymous’, promotion would need to be done in terms of outreach events.</p>

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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/>



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