



SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 4- SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

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Committee Work:

- Attended the Enrollment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on September 4th
 - Interim Cannabis Rules on Campus: “conservative approach”, smoking/consumption in any form banned on campus, final rules will be finalized late 2018 with student input
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- Attended the SSMU Legislative Council meeting on September 13th
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 - Wrote the entire Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee
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Missing SSMU Representative + other positions, elections coming up

Personal Project Updates :

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Miscellaneous Updates:

- Established my Office Hours for this semester!
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-2 PM in the Arts Lounge (Leacock Basement)
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Committee Work:

None of my committees have met yet.
 The Academic Policy committee was supposed to meet last week, but that meeting was cancelled because there was no business on the agenda to discuss.
 My first meeting with the Honorary Degrees and Convocations committee will be taking on October 16th . Just a reminder that the deadline to submit nomination packages for degrees is on the 25th of September at noon.
 MARAB has not met yet, however I did attend a meeting with the directors of McGill Athletics with Tre last week Wednesday and we discussed students concerns regarding athletics. As well as how the



department could be more active on campus and interact with the student body to update them on the new improvements and programs they have been implementing to make the athletic and recreation facilities more accessible.

- They now have a gender neutral changing room
- Individual work out pods that are fully equipped and can be booked

Faculty Updates :

I will be attending the first Arts Faculty meeting of the semester on the 25th of September.

Personal Project Updates :

I have met with the Chair of the African Studies program, Professor Medani, and discussed concerns surrounding the lack of courses offered in the program as well as the requirement to supplement said degree with courses in Political Science, IDS, Anthropology, etc.. that fail to adequately engage with the topic. We also discussed student concerns regarding the continued deterioration of the program which first started out as its own program but was then demoted to an interdisciplinary program under IDS. We will be meeting with ASSA later this week to discuss what courses have been lacking in terms of the material being taught as well as new courses to add to the degree.

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Committee Work (Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning – STL):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awaiting release of agenda for meeting on Nov 20 - Topics on previous reports that may be relevant to us: - Dentistry: lack of physical space for undergraduates - Science: exam schedule too tight - Lack of Ed Tech tools in classrooms
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of council members; elections coming up - Raising awareness of paid final stage (Is it happening? How do students apply? Who is eligible?)



- Construction is disturbing for classes and taking away from the limited space we had to begin with

Personal Project Updates :

- Spoke with Lisa Starr: she is passionate about supporting students during their stage and resolving any problems and open to discussion
- Still looking for projects to pursue

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Committee Work:

- Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) met September 11, 2018
 - Vote to open enrolment in graduate certificate programs to students who had completed precursor courses passed
 - Vote to approve two non-template awards passed
 - Discussion on approval of Faculty of Medicine scholarship for student athletes of colour not concluded
 - Race and colour have not been accepted as preferences or restrictions on awards
 - Topic of strategic recruitment demographics was raised
 - Further clarification of what constitutes an acceptable dimension for consideration (e.g. geography, gender) needed
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policy (SSAP) has not met

Faculty Updates :

- Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs for the Desautels Faculty of Management has changed
 - Prof. Patricia Faison Hewlin is the new Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs
 - Prof. Liette Lapointe is now Vice-Dean, Programs
- MUS to hold first GA of the school year on September 25, 2018

Personal Project Updates :

- Nothing to report

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Nothing to report



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attended first meeting for Committee on Enrollment and Student Affairs (CESA) on 11th Sept 2018<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Emphasis of the discussion was around specific student awards and whether they should be renewable or not○ Tabled discussion on having scholarships restricted by race, gender etc.
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Participated in the Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting on 9th September 2018 Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) is undergoing constitutional changes as the President along with other executives are reimagining the complete document.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The EUS Wiki is finally up-to-date and holds all relevant information relating to the EUS and affiliated bodies (Link: https://wiki.mcgilleus.ca/)● The EUS had their start of the year conference on 16th September 2018<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Purpose of the conference is to welcome all new executives and give them the essential tools to work within the EUS● Elections coming up for missing SSMU Rep
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Met with the Dean of my Faculty, Jim Nicell, on 14th September 2018 to better understand the administration's view on divestment before the first Senate meeting of the year● Working with Jacob on entrance scholarship renewal policy● Met with Bryan Buraga (Arts-Science Senator) to discuss Fall Reading Week ideas
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● According to the new EUS constitution (which will soon be in force after being agreed upon by the EUS BoG, office hours for the Engineering Senator have been cancelled.● Attended SSMU Equity training on 8th September 2018● Created the Facebook page (Link: https://www.facebook.com/engineering senator.mcgill) for the Engineering Senator so as to serve as an effective medium of communication for future Eng Senators and the engineering community.



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Committee Work:

Committee on Student Services (CSS) (Wednesday, Sept. 19th)

- Student Services is currently in “flux” with the Rossy Student Wellness Hub Project, an Interim Deputy Provost (Fabrice Labeau)
- New Director of Communications which started earlier this year. Currently working on a communication strategy for SS.
- Peer Support Manager (Health and Wellness) (New position), which started last week.
 - Connection between student groups or associations and student services (or fix the lack of such connection). This person will offer trainings and workshops around campus. Martine is very open to hear about what role that person may also have within their portfolio.
- Mapping of Student Services around campus (within and off-campus) ongoing in collaboration with the Dept. of Geography. Will be ready by next summer.
- They are also working on a “Virtual Hub” - From approx. 20 websites dedicated to student services, their goal is to have only one.

Committee on Physical Development (SCPD) (Thursday, Sept. 20th)

- Campus Planning and Development Office is working on a new Master Plan for McGill, which will be presented at Senate in 2019 (end of our mandate).
- The Board of Governors went forward with the RVH project. They will work on the planning and the different plans in 2019.
- TLS received an additional amount of 7.1 millions for its lab projects.
- Funds are available via the McGill Office of Sustainability
 - We should advertise that as half of the budget comes from students, the other half coming from Administration.
- Macdonald-Stewart Library (Schulich) will be closed for 2 years, starting in June 2019 for major renovation (HVAC, more bathrooms, exterior and interior walls, etc.)
 - Libraries are working on a mitigation plan to relocate the approx. 800 seats in this library.

Faculty Updates :

- Fall Elections are ongoing - First LSA Council expected to be at the beginning of October.
- Hiring process to find an Assistant Dean (Admissions & Recruitment) to replace Gillian Nycum (now Interim University Registrar & Executive Director, Enrolment Services) and an Assistant Dean (Strategic Planning) to replace Prof. Véronique Bélanger (now McGill’s Chief-of-Staff at the Principal’s Office).



Personal Project Updates :
Local Wellness Advisor (LWA) Meeting - Faculty of Law (Tuesday Sept. 18th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting #2 - Processes and Procedures. Ad-hoc Joint Board-Council Committee for Compressive Governance Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The motion will be debated this Thursday at the Legislative Council.
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with LSA VP External, will meet with her biweekly so we can update each other on different projects oriented toward External Affairs. She is also a member of the <i>Commission des affaires francophones</i> at SSMU, we talked about the use of French at SSMU.

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Committee Work:
Could not attend CSS meeting 2018-09-19 due to clinical duties.
Faculty Updates :
Spoke informally with Dean David Eidelman about my role as student senator this year. Fall elections have been completed at the MSS.
Personal Project Updates :
Nil.
Miscellaneous Updates:
<p>Contacted Gillian Nycum, incoming interim registrar, to invite her to caucus; she is available for October 15, 18:00, but will discuss different availabilities with us once she assumes her position on October 1.</p> <p>Upcoming motion at Legislative council returning from last year re affiliation to far-right groups; motion would ban individuals with “formal or informal links” with far-right groups from running for SSMU positions, and would compel SSMU to sever ties and restrict funding to groups with “formal or informal ties” with far-right groups; far-right groups defined by unclear RationalWiki definition, and meaning of “formal or informal ties” undefined.</p>



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Committee Work:
University Teaching Labs Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting coming up on 9/25; Agenda hasn't been released - Currently accepting submission for requests for lab improvements by October 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual meetings to review each request submitted Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has yet to meet or contact me
Faculty Updates :
none.
Personal Project Updates :
OERs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finished compiling OERs for PHYS101 with Jacob over the summer. A bit too late for Ragan to fully check over and integrate, however he is still very open to using them. Will recontact Winter semester to ensure they're used for 2019-2020 year - Meeting with Madeline to develop strategy. Plans to meet with Jessica Lange, library admin who has helped with OERs in the past. Professional School Advisor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had some meetings with advisors and CaPS gathering information in the summer - Will reach out again to administration contact who didn't get back to me

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Committee Work:
Teaching and Learning Technology Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting scheduled for Oct. 19, agenda/schedule not posted yet Course Evaluation Advisory Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting to be scheduled later this Fall - Invited to Fall lunch for student leaders Nov. 8
Faculty Updates :
Ad Hoc Jazz Area Equity Committee created this Fall MUSA has yet to meet Looking for SSMU Associate Senator
Personal Project Updates :
Still refining goals - depends on MUSA needs/goals



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UHSC has its first meeting before caucus, will provide updates at caucus. So far agenda is as so, with updates from the previous meeting in April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cannabis at McGill was discussed at UHSC, a member talked about his involvement with working group and setting up boundaries ○ Standing reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ University Laboratory Safety Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing of note besides making plans to move wet labs out of Strathcona and put more emergency showers in ■ Regulatory Agency Interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asbestos found and fixed, other safety issues fixed ○ Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High Humidity in Cold Rooms of Life Science Complex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expensive and not energy efficient to use heater, needs immediate action ■ MyHealthy Workplace Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Psychosocial wellness program ● Silver certification ○ New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Temperatures in Redpath Museum ■ Lab Evacuation Procedures ■ Cannabis at McGill ● Counselling Service Advisory Board still has not sent out any information
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Talked briefly with Dean Eidelman at nursing ceremony (informal) ● Nothing of note to report. Not able to attend council meetings very regularly due to courses, but brought up Associate Senator position to council 9/22, will be advertising in first year nursing pages. Only question from council was if the associate senator would need to attend council meetings, I said no.
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contacted and joined Equity Committee of NUS to see if I can partner with them in implementation of the mobile STI project



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- Very slow moving so I'm not sure if this will be viable, but was encouraged by other committee members
- NUS has also partnered with a condom brand to promote safe sex and the brand, have contacted project lead from the brand and have a video meeting to see if there are any possibilities that we could work together
- Will be reaching out to other professors as I have gauged their interest level in helping McGill, there is a lot of new hires and many teachers are course lecturers that aren't particularly vested

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