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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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Committee Work:
<p>ESAAC met on January 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESAAC subcomm on Fall Reading Break convened, will be collaborating w Bryan's committee - Will soon be undertaking approx. 2 year-long review of University Student Assessment Policy, given development of 5 guiding principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to healthy teaching and learning environments - Assessment practices uphold high academic standards - Assessment practices are pedagogically sound - Faculty receive support to develop effective and meaningful assessment and feedback strategies that are sustainable - Assessment practices allow for valid and reliable judgements about individual student performance - Will continue promoting Enhanced Educational Opportunities (EEO) grants out of SSAO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piloted last year, awarded around \$345K over 105 disbursements - Cover direct or ancillary costs of extra-curricular educational/career-advancing opportunities
Faculty Updates :
<p>AUS Council met on 1/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - About to hold our executive elections and Winter referendum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recently removed slate option and instituted a new points-based demerit system for campaign violations instead of leaving interpretation of offenses to discretion of Elections AUS <p>Faculty of Arts meeting on 1/22 (will be sending regrets)</p>
Personal Project Updates :
<p>OERs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have hired student assistants for MATH 140/1, ECON 208, HIST 213 - Deadline for CHEM 110/120 app: Jan 28th - Will be applying to LIF for more funding for similar projects to run over summer or fall 2019 <p>Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hope to be involved in SHHS cyclical review so can find funding and/or better understand Chef Oliver's claim that student meal money cannot be transferred
Miscellaneous Updates:
<p>Angela Campbell will be sending me a copy of the PASV draft by Friday - will circulate to caucus</p>



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACP meeting cancelled due to a lack of business on the agenda ● MARAB meeting on the 24th
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently hiring for the newly created position of People of Colour Commissioner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two positions available ● As well as other various positions within the AUS executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internal Executive Assistant ○ AUSEC Commissioners (3)
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waiting on reply from Professor
Miscellaneous Updates:
Nothing to report

BRYAN BURAGA (ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Steering Committee on November 25th and January 20th - Attended SSMU Legislative Council meeting on November 29th - Attended SSMU Board of Directors meeting on December 1st and January 20th - Attended Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on January 8th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles of Assessment - Presentation of SSAO EEO support - EEO terminology - Student-led seminars - Attended Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) Committee meeting on January 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor in Global Experiential Learning dismissed unless major revisions made
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended BASiC meeting on November 27th, could not make the meeting on January 15th



Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Survey complete, 4339 responses!- Partnered with JED Consulting to do survey analysis and focus groups- Focus groups should begin in the next week or so- First subcommittee meeting will be January 29th
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Changed Office Hours for this semester!<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Only by appointment- Met with Interim Registrar and Director of Enrolment Services- Met with Director of the Office for Students with Disabilities

COLIN DONAHOE (MANAGEMENT SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) postponed to February 19● Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policy (SSAP) has not met
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report

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Committee Work :
Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning – STL <ul style="list-style-type: none">- November 6 meeting cancelled- Symposium on Effective Assessment on Dec 7



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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:
#ChangeTheName <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

SARIM MALIK (ENGINEERING SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA) meeting got canceled. Next meeting is in mid-February
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) Council meeting happened on 16th Jan<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Engineering Dean, Jim Nicell, was present. He answers questions and gave us insight into his projects/vision for the faculty● Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting happened on 19th Nov - could not attend but nothing pertinent to report.
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scholarship Renewal Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Followed up with both Myrosia & Cara. Planning on dropping by their office sometime next week.



- Engineering Student Employment Fund (ESEF)
 - Met with Cara Piperni on 20th December
 - Chalked out some basic details
 - The fund would not create TA or RA positions since Work-Study keeps wages at the minimum rate which is unsuitable for such positions
 - Still figuring out a feasible structure in engineering
 - Meeting with EUS VP Academic on 21st Jan to figure out some details

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Potential question for Senate: Course evaluations and how does the university integrate student feedback in to improving their teaching experience? What mechanisms/strategy does the uni have in place to ensure student voices are heard? (Would like some feedback on this)

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Committee Work:

- Committee on Student Services
 - November meeting was postponed to tomorrow, January 14th at 3:00pm.
- Committee on Physical Development
 - Work on Dr. Penfield expected to resume in 2019 and will be completed in 2025...
 - When Library Collection Facility will be operational, 75% of the Library collection will be transferred at this location (only the books that students and staff use the most often will remain in the different branches).
 - Macdonald-Stewart (where Schulich Library is located) will close in the summer of 2019, as discussed in previous meetings.
- Comité sur la promotion du français à McGill
 - First meeting was in the end of November. We are working on its mandate.

Faculty Updates :

- LSA Council on November 21st 2018. Next one is happening this Wednesday, right before Senate.

Personal Project Updates :

- I sent an email to the members of the SSMU Governance Committee inviting them to meet within the next two weeks.

Miscellaneous Updates:

- NA



ANDRE LAMETTI (MEDICINE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
No meetings to report during the reporting period.
Faculty Updates :
VP Finance at the MSS is being replaced. Arduous process given backlog in audits. MSS GA held December 4: multiple interesting motions passed, most notably in support of renegotiation of physician salaries and advocacy for ban of admissions counselling services for material gain on the part of students or other members of the faculty. Various interventions at the level of individual course administrators that are not germane to this report.
Personal Project Updates :
- N/a

MONIQUE MORIN (SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching Lab Working Group next meeting is during a mandatory class for me. If anyone is interested in taking my spot let me know! It's a quick hour long meeting - Feb 11 @2pm - Given up on hearing from the Undergraduate Advising committee
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of our SSMU reps quit :(we will most likely be sending proxies for this semester rather than holding another by election. -
Personal Project Updates :
<p>OERs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hired students for HIST 213, MATH 140/141, ECON 208 - Sent out hiring post for CHEM 110/120. Hoping to have a hire by early Feb
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SOFIA GADBOIS (MUSIC SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
CEAG in February - no set date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding updates (confidential) Music Faculty Council January 31
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MUSA 1st meeting soon -
Personal Project Updates :
N/A

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Committee Work:
UHSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting upcoming Jan 21 CSAB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tried to meet once but no one is available
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can't attend any NUS meetings this semester ● CFO (chief financial officer) and COO (chief operating officer) resigned, will have to delegate responsibilities to council members ● Nothing so far, haven't met yet
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to contact other senators about helping with their projects as I am looking for something else to do



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