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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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Committee Work:
<p>ESAAC meets next on 2/5</p>
Faculty Updates :
<p>AUS Council met on 1/30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved \$306K allocation to capital improvements in Leacock, Arts and McLennan buildings from the Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund - Approved course fee for LLCU 301/POLI 344 Italian Summer Course - Did not approve course fee for POLI 339 Summer Course in Israel (motion may now go to SSMU for approval) <p>AUS Elections nomination period now over - campaign period begins Feb 7</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, and CHEM 110/120 <p>Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked Oliver about food waste - response: there isn't much - Will likely be meeting again soon -
Miscellaneous Updates:
<p>Met with candidates for Arts Senator</p> <p>Submitted 2 Senate Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 on divestment w/Profs. Mikkelson and Shor - 1 on steering document confidentiality w Bryan



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Committee Work:

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)

- Nothing to Report
- Meeting is on the 24th of January was moved to Feb 21st

● **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**

- Nothing to report
- Meeting this month cancelled, online voting instead
- Next meeting Feb 14th

● **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**

- Nothing to Report.
- Meeting is on March 14th

Faculty Updates :

- Info Session about running for AUS positions taking place on Tuesday

Personal Project Updates :

African Studies program reform

- Have discussed the possibility of creating an African Studies institute with Prof. Medani
 - Key points that I will be researching are:
 - Funding
 - Procedure to do so
 - Enrollment stats in AFRI majors, minors, joint-honours

Inclusive Hiring

- Waiting to hear back from Professor Blackett

Miscellaneous Updates:

Nothing to report



BRYAN BURAGA (ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<p>Attended Building Operations and Management Committee (BOMCOM) meeting on January 23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attended SSMU Legislative Council meeting on January 24th- Attended SSMU Steering Committee on February 2nd- Attended SSMU Board of Directors meeting on February 3rd
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attended BASiC meeting on January 29th
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chaired committee meeting on January 26th<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reaching out to Associate Senators to help with focus groups- JED Consulting currently working on reaching out with other university and analyzing the survey- Attended ESAAC subcommittee meeting on January 29th<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Currently focused on a week-long reading break- Analyzing effects of starting one week early and extending class times
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 Science student- Met with SSMU President



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 :
<p>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning – STL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nothing to report; next meeting Feb 12
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nothing to report
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections - Working with VP academic (EdUS) to make a document to help people in our positions next year.
Miscellaneous Updates:
Nothing to report



SARIM MALIK (ENGINEERING SENATOR)

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Committee Work:

- Scholarship & Student Aid Office (SSAO) Advisory Board meeting coming up 11th Feb
 - Messaged Cailey Jackson, the coordinator, to add faculty specific entrance scholarship renewal data to the agenda
 - Also requested her to make the data accessible to students in the meeting
- Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA) meeting coming up on 19th Feb

Faculty Updates:

- Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) Council meeting happened on 30th Jan
 - The EUS passed a motion to submit recommendations to the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) on behalf of the EUS
 - Link to statement:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CubVlxlonzlf2StnAhX7Q1iuEsHvHSV02sqMUf46Uno/edit?usp=sharing>
- Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting happened on 2nd February

Personal Project Updates:

- Scholarship Renewal Policy
 - Haven't heard back from the office of scholarships and student aid. Hoping to discuss this at the coming SSAO Advisory Board meeting
- Engineering Student Employment Fund (ESEF)
 - Presented the idea to the EUS Executive Committee
 - After brainstorming and analyzing the pros-cons of levying a student fee to create work-study positions, we concluded that such a framework does not work for the EUS
 - Instead, to encourage students in leadership, I drafted an alternate plan to create awards under the faculty to recognize students in leadership
 - Presented the proposal to EUS Council on 30th Jan and EUS Board of Governors on 2nd Feb - received thumbs up from both
 - Planning on reaching out to Dean, Jim Nicell, and solidify the conversation further



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Miscellaneous Updates:

- Recommended a topic for open discussion at Senate regarding course evaluations
- Reached out to EUS Equity Commissioners to attend the session happening on the 15th for mandatory consent training for McGill staff - one of the Equity commissioners will be attending
- Need help writing a senate question, want to ask a question but too scared to write one lol

REGINAL LABONTE (LAW SENATOR)

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Committee Work:

- Committee on Student Services
 - January 14th at 3:00 - 5:00pm (left 20 mins early)
 - Presentation on the reports of the SS Advisory Boards

Faculty Updates :

- LSA Council on January 15th
 - Discussions on upcoming amendments to the LSA Constitution.
 - Faculty-level discussion on a Degree conversion from LL.B. to J.D. like most Law School in North America
 - Discussion on the arrival of the Local Wellness Advisor

Personal Project Updates :

- Meeting with Tre Monday morning (Jan. 28th) to set a game-plan for the upcoming meetings from now until the end of March.
- Meeting of the Governance Committee tomorrow morning at 10.

Miscellaneous Updates:

- NA



ANDRE LAMETTI (MEDICINE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
No meetings to report during the reporting period.
Faculty Updates :
No pertinent items to report
Personal Project Updates :
N/a
Miscellaneous Updates:
I was present at LC this past Thursday. There is no pertinent business to report on at Senate.

MONIQUE MORIN (SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
UTWLG is meeting next Monday - someone pls go in my absence :(Undergrad student advising committee never hit me up :(
Faculty Updates :
SSMU Rep resigned - will be sending proxies to the rest of the LCs SUS elections are coming up - associate senators take my position!!
Personal Project Updates :
OERs - CHEM110/120 hire secured today - waiting on funding, but going forward w the project



- Going to reach out the PHYS 101 again to see if mine+Jacob's work in the summer can be incorporated next year
- Pre-med advising
- I am getting ghosted by the director of science undergrad student advising - might just loiter outside her office

SOFIA GADBOIS (MUSIC SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
CEAG - Jan 30 Faculty Council Jan 31
Faculty Updates :
Schulich Buddy System - Practice room bar to be winter semester re-introduction of system. Prospective date Feb 7 Musicians Yoga - led by music student certified yoga instructor. 2\$ per class to help cover costs
Personal Project Updates :
n/a
Miscellaneous Updates:
Equity discussion at Jazz Forum (new initiative for jazz faculty and students to have presentations, discussions, masterclasses, and other events. Every friday.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One presentation from equity advisor, Meryem Benslimane, and other student led discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation included equity education in general, we also went over discrimination within the music community - Formal representation is not required, but MUSA wants jazz reps to be involved in this



- Did not attend student led discussion, but was informed many students are still struggling with Minerva issues, community building, who to reach out to when they need help of any kind ect. Working with MUSA to make us more accessible to students.

ANNALISE PATZER (NURSING SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<p>UHSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 21 meeting was canceled <p>CSAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report, no meetings
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 • Election timelines established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be honest I see no one running for this position - can't really gauge interest but we'll see if it pops up in By-Elections
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on nursing student trainee program with Jewish General Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be having a "lunch and learn" in the upcoming days ○ Hopefully will be having nursing students work as PABs during school year and summer then become Candidate to Profession of Nursing in third year or fourth year, then seniority after graduation transferred to their new Nurse Clinician position
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know your Rights campaign announcements made! • Was in hospital again Thursday for same issue as last semester so sorry for this bad report



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