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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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MADELINE WILSON (ARTS SENATOR)

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Committee Work:

ESAAC meets next on March 12 (tomorrow)

Agenda:

- Recruitment and Yield Working Group Proposal
- Assessment Policy review method and timeline
- Involuntary Leave Policy
- Update from Subcommittee on Fall Reading Break
- Waitlists as default

Faculty Updates :

AUS Council met on 2/27

- AUS Secretary Generals presented report on POLI 339 findings and routine AUS Executive Accountability Survey
 - Executive vote deemed unconstitutional
 - So far, no additional resignations, impeachments
 - Still unsure if DPSLL will actually rescind Exec Committee vote (and course fee approval)
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- Passed amendments to EASSA (East Asian Studies), CSAUS (Canadian Studies) and PSA (Psychology) Constitutions
- Passed guidelines for departmental opt-out of SimplyVoting and Elections AUS system
- Passed Ethical Student Employment Policy - effectively prevents groups like AISEC (voluntourism) from using AUS resources such as table booking
- Sending to referendum, Motion to:
 - Add AUS VP Services position - to elect or appoint next year
 - Change BASiC's name (run through SUS)
 - Amend AUS Constitution to prevent official ExComm votes on social media platforms, prevent ExComm from voting on matters that Leg Council has already voted on
 - Amend FIO (course fee) bylaws - departmental consultation process

AUS Electoral Period over - congrats to Chloe Kemeni and Henrique Mecabo on their election as next year's Arts Senators!



This week is [EmbrACE week](#) (Arts Community Engagement committee) - check it out!

Personal Project Updates :

OERs

- Student assistants for MATH 140/1, ECON 208, HIST 213, and CHEM 110/120 working hard

Food Insecurity

- Setting up large meeting

Academic Accommodation Policies

- Meeting with Associate DoS sometime next week

Waitlists

- Bringing to ESAAC tomorrow to discuss faculty-level implementation

Miscellaneous Updates:

Met with Angela Campbell on PASV amendments
 Attended (most of) TLS Course Evaluations meeting 3/11

- Heads up: Policy on Course Evaluations (??) renewal next year @ Senate

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Committee Work:

Committees

- **McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)**
 - Nothing to Report
 - Meeting on Feb 21st was moved to Feb 28th
- **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**
 - Nothing to report
 - Meeting on Feb 14th was cancelled due to a lack of business
- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
 - Nothing to Report.
 - Meeting on March 14th cancelled and moved to May

Faculty Updates :



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUS exec voted in
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report

BRYAN BURAGA (ARTS & SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC) meeting on February 5th - Attended APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) meetings on February 7th and 21st - Could not attend SSMU Legislative Council meeting on February 7th, proxied by Madeline Wilson, Arts Senator - Attended SSMU Board of Directors meetings on February 17th and March 3rd - Attended SSMU Steering Committee meetings on February 17th, 24th, and March 10th - Attended Building Operations and Management Committee (BOMCOM) meeting on February 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSMU Master Plan presented by SSMU President - Attended SSMU Legislative Council meetings on February 21st and 28th
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended BASiC meetings on February 12th and 26th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voting Period March 11-14 - Referendum on name change to Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) - No one running for Arts & Science Senator
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee:



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- Chaired committee meetings on February 17th and March 10th
 - Final report completed with JED Consulting's survey analysis and focus group data
 - Referendum question and report to be presented to SSMU Legislative Council on March 14th
- Attended ESAAC subcommittee meetings on February 15th and March 11th
 - Currently focused on a week-long reading break
 - Analyzing effects of starting one week early and extending class times
 - Might hold off Referendum question for further consultation with stakeholders
- Met with McGill Tribune reporter alongside SSMU President and Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) to discuss a Fall Reading Break

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Changed Office Hours for this semester!
 - Only by appointment
- Attended SSMU General Assembly on February 25th
- Met with SSMU President
- Met with Editor-in-Chief of McGill Tribune
- Met with Executive Editor of The Bull & Bear
- Met with Managing and Coordinating Editors of the McGill Daily
- Met with Rédactrice en chef of Le Délit and the Chair of the Daily Publications Society
- Met with Macdonald Campus student
- Met with Student Representative on McGill's Sexual Violence Policy Working Group

COLIN DONAHOE (MANAGEMENT SENATOR)

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Committee Work:

- Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) met February 19
 - Sarim can speak to this
 - Student Awards guidelines were updated at December 18 meeting
 - Disappointed that it was done when no one was around but it was a good document (I only found out when we adopted the old minutes)
 - Report on Scholarships and Student aid to be presented to Senate in March



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Generally a good document with lots of information ○ Discussed at length 3.7 minimum for renewable awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Will be revisited at future meetings with further data ■ Good discussion with plenty of input and openness to diving deeper ■ Thanks Sarim for bringing it up ● Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policy (SSAP) has not met
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MUS Executive have concluded
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Survive midterms

ZI HUANG (EDUCATION SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<p>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning (STL):</p> <p>Office of Science Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New initiative; specialist in science faculty - Want to engage students with meaningful questions about teaching and learning - Encouraging teachers to try innovative teaching strategies - Students work in the office but not many student consultations happening at the moment <p>Academic Quality Standards and Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a lot of formal information on academic quality - Our professors are knowledgeable but have no training in teaching - Proposed solution: rewards/merit for profs who engage in peer-observations <p>Update on Student Assessment Policy (Buddle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timeline is two years - Wants to use STL as a foundational advisory group and wants additional student representation - Wants to change it from rule-based to principle-based document
Faculty Updates:



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Election period extended. Mu Rong (education rep this year) is the only one running for the position.

Personal Project Updates:

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Nothing to report.

SARIM MALIK (ENGINEERING SENATOR)

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Committee Work:

- No committee meeting has happened since last Caucus
- Next Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA) meeting on 19th March

Faculty Updates:

- Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) General Assembly coming up on 13th March
- Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) coming up on 12th March

Personal Project Updates:



- Scholarship Renewal Policy
 - The scholarship statistics will be discussed with the grade distribution at next CESA meeting
- Awards for Engineering Students in Leadership
 - Met with the Dean, Jim Nicell, on the 25th Feb and the Associate Dean, Prof. Frost, to discuss feasibility of the awards
 - Agreed upon a plan of action
 - Wrote a policy regarding the creation of said awards
 - Working with EUS Executives to finalize the details after which will follow-up with Dean

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Wrote a question for Senate (27th March meeting) with Reggie
 - Link to question: [Course Evaluation Question](#)

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Committee Work:

- CSS on February 25th 2019
 - Orientation for first year students

Faculty Updates :

- LSA Council was cancelled on March 1st - no quorum.

Personal Project Updates :

- Governance Committee is meeting tomorrow at 10:00am (last meeting was February 12th - the one at the end of the month was cancelled)

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Course Evaluation meeting earlier today at 1:00pm (linked to the question Sarim and I drafted)



ANDRE LAMETTI (MEDICINE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
No meetings to report during the reporting period.
Faculty Updates :
<p>MSS: Strike General Assembly was held on March 6. Two students from the School of Social Work were present to answer questions. We easily reached quorum, but the motion failed at secret ballot by 9 votes. As a consequence, we did not go on strike on March 8. However, we remain in favour and affiliated to the CUTE campaign.</p> <p>MSS MoA: I have met with Kareem Halabi of the EUS to discuss their experience renegotiating their MoA with McGill last year.</p>
Personal Project Updates :
N/a
Miscellaneous Updates:
<p>I was present at both February LCs these three past weeks. Schedules were heavy and mostly revolved around the approval of referendum questions. I voted in principle against both McGill-initiated referenda for fee increases beyond inflation on the basis that they are in effect hidden tuition fee increases. I also moved and supported a motion in favour of a moratorium on the deregulation of international student fees and more importantly on the end of redistribution towards regional and francophone universities.</p>



MONIQUE MORIN (SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
Reggie attended UTWLG for me a couple weeks ago and reported on that in his biweekly :)
Faculty Updates :
Nomination period for SUS is happening rn -- currently 4 people running for Senator!!
Personal Project Updates :
<p>OERs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scheduling meeting w Fabrice re what McGill's OER initiative is (Manfredi briefly touched on this) - Funding applications and finding courses for students to do over the summer
Miscellaneous Updates:
My laptop broke the night before back to back midterms - lost all my notes wooo

ANNALISE PATZER (NURSING SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<p>UHSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report, no meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cannot attend meetings but have ensured other student representation <p>CSAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report, no meetings



Faculty Updates :

Campaign period has begun for NUS, I am running for VP External (a position which sits on legislative council!)

- Unknown if someone is running for Nursing Senator yet
- Big issue with reaching quorum for NUS general council meetings because there are so many different schedules and clinical days

Personal Project Updates :

- Trainee program interviews are proceeding
 - Starting March 14!
 - Plan to be an on-call PAB for 3 months, then full time

Miscellaneous Updates:

- None to report, but sorry I cannot be there, urgent family issue came up and I wasn't in Montreal this weekend to deal with it
- As for DPSLL hiring process, I believe writing letters like council would be best. Although I would like to say a student letter writing guide could really get people activate in joining together their voices and thoughts about what exactly we need from this process, I don't expect to gain much acknowledgement of letter writing. I believe council letters would be more effective
 - Op-Eds are also really valuable and Madeline I read your satire/comedy (?) piece and I think you would be really great - you have a good knowledge of the framework and you are definitely qualified
- Also): on lease renewal for PM (not sure if I read that in the minutes right), it is very overpriced and McGill could really do with a Tim's (more affordable) or a student-run coop to give students positions and ensure more sustainability

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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



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