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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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Committee Work:

ESAAC mets on March 12

- Assessment Policy review method and timeline - working group over the summer, I submitted my name
- Involuntary Leave Policy will likely come to Senate next fall
- Update from Subcommittee on Fall Reading Break
- Waitlists as default

Faculty Updates :

AUS Council met on 3/20

- Frosh equity report
- Passed amendments to German, Sociology, Caribbean and Latin American Studies Constitutions
- Amended Frosh and Accountability bylaws
- Endorsed “Yes” vote on Legal Information Clinic Existence Referendum

Personal Project Updates :

OERs

- Student assistants for MATH 140/1, ECON 208, HIST 213, and CHEM 110/120
- Held check-in meetings with assistants - MATH and CHEM accidentally only mapping the first course - we'll be applying to LIF again
- HIST doing cool stuff, never met w/ECON

Food Insecurity

- Roundtable meeting tomorrow

Academic Accommodation Policies

- Met with Associate DoS

Miscellaneous Updates:

Submitted Motion on Steering Committee Document Confidentiality

- Was rejected at steering
- But nobody will know what it said



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- Because rejected steering documents are confidential
- Big Suze called Axel and I in for a meeting
 - SF said, and I quote, that “Senate is not for playing games”
- Please scream into my [void](#)

Talked to the Trib for an article about GA attendance

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Committee Work:

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)

- Nothing to Report
- Meeting on Feb 21st was moved to March 28th

Academic Policy Committee (APC)

- Various courses have been created and approved in Islamic Studies and Religious Studies
- Proposed student exchange partnerships:
 - Between the McGill Schulich School of Music and the Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing China(CCoM).
 - Between the McGill Faculty of Engineering and the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA) de Rouen Normandie, in France.Change in the procedures in approving exchange partnerships
 - The Associate Provost (International) be authorized to propose to prospective partner universities the expansion of Faculty-specific Student Exchange Agreements (SEAs) to include additional faculties.
 - Criteria to select exchange partner institutions will be the same as used in previous years
- 1. Interest in the partner as demonstrated by McGill Faculties and students.
- 2. Language compatibility (specifically course offerings in English or French).
- 3. Course offerings that are complementary and/or include relevant courses that are not offered at McGill (ex. indigenous studies).
- 4. Potential to complement or further existing collaborations between the institutions.



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- 5. Safety and security of the partner’s location. Note that McGill does not engage in student exchange programs in countries under high security and safety risk travel

Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee

- Nothing to Report.
- Meeting on March 14th moved to May 8th

Faculty Updates :

Nothing to report

Personal Project Updates :

Nothing to report

Miscellaneous Updates:

Nothing to report

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) will meet tomorrow• 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">• Transitioning my successor
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee on Enrolment & Student Affairs (CESA) meeting happened on 19th March<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Unfortunately, I could not attend● CESA's next meeting has been rescheduled from the 9th to the 16th April which a rough date for me (have a final on the day and the next)
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) General Assembly happened on 13th March● Engineering Board of Governors (BoG) meeting coming up on 30th March<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ I will be presenting the policy I wrote with regards to Awards for Engineering Students in Leadership with the Faculty of Engineering○ Will also present it to EUS Council on the 27th of March
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Running for EUS Board of Governor for the upcoming year

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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> <p>I was also present at the March 14 LC. This council saw the approval of multiple referendum questions pertaining to fee increases, notably the Student Services ancillary fee increase with passed with amendments, as well as the proposed increase of the SSMU base fee by a large percentage.</p>



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Committee Work:

UHSC

- Concerns about the implementation of the University's smoking policy were raised at at March 4 meeting
 - Wayne Wood, in his report, listed a number of concerns
 - Concerns were also brought up at the meeting by other committee members
- UHSC wishes this policy to be effectively implemented and asked that we consult our "constituencies"
 - Majority in 2016 were in favor of McGill being completely smoke free
- Smoking is "prohibited outside of designated areas" as a transition measure to be phased out in maximum 5 years
- Questions to ask to everyone:
 - Some well-travelled locations outside designated smoking areas continue to be favoured by smokers, such as outside the McLennan Library Building. Given the discomfort and health risks this poses to our community, would you be in favour of McGill becoming completely smoke free in 2019 (*except at Residences*)?
 - If not, given the nuisance for the Redpath Museum occupants created by the smoke traveling east from the designated smoking area located next to Morrice Hall, would you be in favour of the elimination of this designated smoking area?
 - Do you have any other comments or suggestions that would facilitate McGill's transition toward smoke-free campuses?
- Cannot report because next meeting is April 29 and I have a final that day);, but I will send my remarks, can anyone else go to meeting?

CSAB

- Nothing to report, no meetings



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Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am the next NUS VP External, so will hopefully be a good addition to legislative council this year!• No one ran for Nursing Senator, we will hold By-Elections soon, will promote the position within NUS
Personal Project Updates :
Running into a small issue with current nursing students working as PABs wanting to be “grandfathered” into the program and JGH refusing to do it because of difficulty of rearranging “hierarchy”
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy concerning alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs draft sent out, feedback wanted by March 29• I wish all luck who are running for SSMU Exec positions!• I can’t come to SSMU Senate March 29 unfortunately, am presenting a project that day in class during that time!

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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/>