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SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2- SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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CHLOE KEMENI (ARTS SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<p><i>Subcommittee on Women</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still waiting on the first meeting date - Doodle was sent out today for the second week of October - Received Fédération québécoise des professeures et professeurs d'université (FQPPU) notes on McGill's Sexual Violence Policy <p><i>Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Meeting: September 17th, 2019 - Meeting cancelled due to lack of business <i>McGill</i> <p><i>Athletics Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still waiting on first meeting date
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Legislative Council took place September 10th - Next is September 18th - Grad Fair happening November 6th in New Residence -Dealing with Leacock Closures; no real update on what the timeline will be
Personal Project Updates :
<p>Black Students' Bill of Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafted the skeleton of the bill over the summer - Consulted with Madeline over the summer and last week on how to structure the bill and pass it through Senate - Meeting Angela Campbell and Chris Buddle September 25th to discuss Bill - Consultations happening in person and online later this month through Black Students' Network - Reached out to First Peoples' House for consultation on their similar framework - Received a list of Black academics at McGill and reached out to organize a roundtable discussion on Bill - Looking to pass Stoles for Graduation at Senate <p>Research on Barriers on Admissions Into McGill For Black Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with two Deans listed above - Reached out to QPIRG McGill - Annotated and compiled previous data from McGill Diversity reports - Consulting with BSN, Our Shared Spaces, McGill Black Law Students, Racialized Grad Students Informal
Miscellaneous Updates:



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Committee Work:
<p>Senate Committee on Libraries: no signs of life yet, but first meeting only scheduled for December (as per the STL website) might explain it</p> <p>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning: reviewed document package, looking forward to Dean Buddle’s presentation on how the University Student Assessment Policy working group will be structured for this academic year</p>
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AUS Legislative Council discussed possibilities for the upcoming Climate Strike on the 27th, as Senate rejected our motion. AUS General Assembly is to be held this Wednesday, the 25th. - A motion passed at AUS Legislative Council edited Article 10 of the standing rules, which ruled over the possibility (or lack thereof) of recordings during council meetings. This “recording ban” is now lifted for a specific list of campus media organizations listed on the rules - such specificity might be problematic. This will further be addressed in the next AUS Legislative Council meeting.
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cap on final examination weight (change to USAP): structuring research process to collect data on assessment policies from other leading North American institutions, sentiment on campus and final exam weight distribution of currently offered courses at McGill - Conversion of S/U to regular GPA marks: no progress
Miscellaneous Updates:
Nothing to report.



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Committee Work:
SCTP committee meeting (September 5 th): <ul style="list-style-type: none">● School of Continuing Studies proposed a program “Professional Development Certificate in Collaboration and Productivity<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee voted in favor of the program, so per my understanding of the program approval process, this program will get passed onto senate next● Discussed 0-credit courses at length and determined that Deputy Provost will aim to begin process of discontinuing allowance of 0-credit courses by end of semester● Approved proposal of revised SCTP mandate which aimed to clarify purpose of committee
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee recruitment is happening● VP Finance resigned last week and someone new has already been appointed● Next council meeting is tomorrow
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Still having trouble choosing a personal project
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report



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Committee Work:
Committee on Student Services (CSS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting to set a meeting date
Academic Policy Committee (APC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting to set a meeting date
Faculty Updates :
First Legislative Council: September 10 th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reoccurring every two weeks
Welcome back events such as Grill cheese fest and Detention Den. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nice turn out rates - Collaboration with SAPEK - Collaboration with MEdUSA
Soctober: week of Oct. 1 st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charity and raise awareness in homelessness
Career fair FEBRUARY 17th, 2020 @ New Res Ballroom
Personal Project Updates :
N/A
Miscellaneous Updates:
N/A



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None to report
Faculty Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the memorial in the honor of the recent death of Professor Donovan• Bi-weekly BOD meeting taking place this week• Activities night was a success
Personal Project Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decided upon which points of my candidate platform will try to implement as my personal project
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None to report



JEREMY GARNEAU (ENGINEERING SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
SSAO: No signs of life STL: Received agenda today, meeting tomorrow the 24th CSD: Meeting the 3rd
Faculty Updates :
-EUS Council Retreat last weekend, fun times -EUS Council agreed to use social medias and other platforms to promote and support the Climate Change Strike -EUS Board of Governors meeting the 29th
Personal Project Updates :
Open Education Resources (OER): Meeting Librarian Jessica Lange the 24th Intra/Inter Faculty Transfers: Nothing, I'm slacking off sorry
Miscellaneous Updates:
-SSMU LC meeting the 26th



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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to report
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rosalie Jukier appointed Associate Dean (Academic) • No LSA Council meeting has been called • Will be volunteering at Coffeehouse on September 19th.
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to report
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized and tabled for SSMU Know Your Rights campaign* • Attended Senate Orientation, September 9th 2019 • Completed SSMU Equity and SSMU GSVP training, September 14th 2019*

**Paid time in capacity as Students Rights Researcher and Advocacy Commissioner*



ANDRE LAMETTI (MEDICINE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
CSS/Rosy: I have not yet been contacted.
Faculty Updates :
As previously mentioned at Caucus, the MSS has voted to go on strike on the 27th to join the global climate strike. The first General Council of the year was held 09/17, and the provisional budget was adopted.
Personal Project Updates :
Outaouais campus: the Executive President of the MSS will be organizing focus groups with all four classes for their input. Furthermore, we have obtained insights from other schools with a satellite campus regarding the organization of their student societies.
Miscellaneous Updates:
There is an upcoming Legislative Council meeting on 09/26. I have submitted two questions to the President which are unrelated to my Senate caucus duties. Motions to be discussed include the creation of an Indigenous fund and a motion to support climate actions at McGill.



KEERTH RAVEENDRA (SCIENCE SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
N/A; ESAAC first meets Sept. 19th (today is 18th); Committee on Student Discipline meeting date TBD
Faculty Updates :
I will be in contact with individual departments w/in Science to have those without intra-departmental mentorship programs to consider it. Waiting a bit b/c things still fluid as year has just started.
Personal Project Updates :
B21 has agreed to pilot the U3-instructed 1-credit S/U classes in special interest topics. Will open discussion with admins @ ESAAC. Faculties have already expressed interest when issue raised last year and small working group formed; not very active, however.
Miscellaneous Updates:
NTC slip digitization project underway with approval from CopiEUS and CTF. CTF working on it currently; meeting to be held third week of September.



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Committee Work:
APC <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report, no meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Have not yet received any information Honorary Degrees and Convocations <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report, no meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Have not yet received any information
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● MUSA is running elections to fill the roles of 1st Year Rep, President, VP Internal, VP Health and Wellness and VP External<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No one is running for VP External● MUSA has yet to formally meet. One informal meeting took place during the 1st week of school
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Divest McGill<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attending a meeting with Divest on Thursday, September 26th● Advocating for Music students “gigging” rights on campus<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reading up on policies and researching
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nothing to report.



LUCILLE XIANG (PTOT SENATOR)

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Committee Work:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SKILLS21 Steering Committee met on Thursday, August 15, 2019.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussed: Update on Communications, Overview on Registration for SKILLS21 Courses- Committee on Student Discipline — no meeting held yet.
Faculty Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- First POTUS meeting will be held on September 25, 2019.
Personal Project Updates :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Associate Senator Applications sent out to all faculty listservs.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Timeline has been set (worked with Nathan for training session) → should be selected by October 1- Presentation to Senate Caucus on September 30 on roles of SSMU Senators in relation to the Associate Senator Program
Miscellaneous Updates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Completed SSMU GSVP and Equity Training on September 14, 2019.



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