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# SENATE CAUCUS REPORT

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<b>Committee Work:</b>
<b>Subcommittee On Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 27th</li></ul>
<b>Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cancelled due to lack of business</li></ul>
<b>McGill Athletics Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 6th</li></ul>
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
<b>Black Students' Bill of Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drafting The Bill</li><li>• Meetings scheduled with Prof Adjetey and Prof Hewlin (McGill Ombudsman this coming week)</li><li>• Reaching out to Fabrice Labeau and Chris Buddle this week</li></ul>
<b>Admission Into McGill For Black Students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met with Gillian Nycum; creating a partnership through the BSN to develop outreach strategies to recruit more local Black students</li><li>• Creating a list of schools that have a high percentage of Black Students (anglo and franco)</li><li>• Looking to Ryerson and U of T for successful recruitment strategies</li></ul>
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>



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<b>Committee Work:</b>
<p><b>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning:</b>          Met on Tuesday, November 19th, and discussed what data is available to be explored for future learning analytics initiatives at McGill (e.g. better understand students' results in courses when instructors change, average GPA of students in different conditions or from different backgrounds, etc; pretty interesting), what has been going on at the USAP Reviewing Committee (apparently, not that much) and the possibility of non-tenure-contributing peer evaluations for Professors.</p> <p><b>Senate Committee on Libraries:</b>          First meeting set for December 13th, 2019. Finally received invitation on my regular McGill email.</p> <p><b>Scholarships &amp; Student Aid Advisory Committee Meeting:</b>          Replaced Jeremy at this meeting on Friday. Amazing meeting; the Scholarships &amp; Student Aid Office is a model to be followed by other McGill offices, in my opinion. Extremely organized, helpful, caring and prepared staff. Answer students questions about their numbers and take students' inputs seriously.</p>
<b>Faculty Updates:</b>
<p><b>AUS Legislative Council:</b> further discussion about the Hillel Israel trip expected for this upcoming Wednesday.</p>
<b>Personal Project Updates:</b>
<p>Haven't made progress over the last two weeks, sadly. Survey will likely be left for next term.</p>
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>
<p>After being silenced by the McGill Senate chair at the last Senate meeting, I submitted a question to Senate about Senators' rights when speaking, the possibility of obstructions and interruptions, the role of the chair and the possible necessity of chair neutrality, and the circumstances under which the Principal, when occupying the position of chair, can express her personal opinion during Senate meetings. Have consulted other student senators and McGill Secretary-General Rogowska (after she contacted me about my question).</p>



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<b>Committee Work:</b>
CSS: No meeting APC: No meeting
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening of the Wellness Hub (has an office within ISA)</li><li>- Bill 40 coming out on December 6<sup>th</sup></li><li>- Arrival of a new career advisor</li><li>- Bill 21: what are other faculty's stance on this?</li></ul>
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>



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<b>Committee Work:</b>
Can't attend because of class with mandatory attendance
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
We replaced our VP competitions who stepped down
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
None to report
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>
None to report



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<b>Committee Work:</b>
<p><b>Scholarship and Student Aid Advisory Board (SSAO):</b> Met 22nd</p> <p>-Thank you Henrique for going in my place, I didn't ask about what happened yet</p> <p><b>Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning (STL):</b> Met on 19th</p> <p>-Management grader policy: just completed it, the goal is to, among other things, keep the identity of the grader secret to students and forbid graders of exiting their building with papers/exams/assignments</p> <p>-Data Analytics: discussion mainly on what data would be useful and how could the data be used considering ethical/legal responsibilities, no concrete actions</p> <p>-USAP: they got data from enrolment services of the types of assessments and value according to the level of the course and the faculty. They're also planning to meet every faculty (faculty members and some students) to understand what their practises are</p> <p>-Peer Observations: discussion on summative vs formative evaluations, who would be appropriate evaluators, mixing junior and senior profs, many profs expressed their desire to have formative observations and for it to be more for the prof's development and less for the dossier</p> <p><b>Committee on Student Discipline (CSD):</b> Next meeting date TBD</p>
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
<p><b>EUS Council:</b></p> <p>-nothing</p> <p>-register to eweek</p> <p><b>EUS Board of Governors:</b></p> <p>-all-faculty irp coming</p>
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
<p><b>Open Education Resources (OER):</b></p> <p>-</p> <p><b>Intra/Inter Faculty Transfers:</b></p> <p>-</p>
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>
<p><b>SSMU Leg Council:</b> I wrote a motion, I sent my <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>its cold outside</p>



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<b>Committee Work:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NA</li></ul>
<b>Faculty Updates:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nov 13th:</b> LSA meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Did not meet quorum</li><li>○ Talked generally about the decision-making structure at the Faculty</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Nov 18th:</b> Participated in Lunch with the Dean<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Concerns raised about grading scheme, especially implications for students doing ON and NY recruitment</li><li>○ Questions about bilingual requirement for the law degree</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Nov 27th:</b> Ottawa Career Day</li></ul>
<b>Personal Project Updates:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Know Your Rights:*</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Copy is currently being translated and designed for new pamphlets</li><li>○ Watch your inboxes for volunteering requests, Senators :)</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Student Rights website revamp:*</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Currently in the middle of focus groups (AMUSE, FYC, Senators completed - meeting with LICM Nov 26th)</li></ul></li><li>• <b>University Student Assessment Policy Research:*</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Finalized sources with Madeline</li><li>○ Will be starting research in earnest during Exam period</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nov 14:</b> Attended Joint Board-Senate Meeting</li><li>• <b>Missed Senate Nov 20th due to class</b></li></ul>





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<b>Committee Work:</b>
CSS/Rossy: Eventful CSS meeting: discussed budget, HR situation, contacting students who complain on Twitter and privacy concerns - demands of protesters to be addressed at next meeting.
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
Ratification of IRP referred to committee at MSS General Council Upcoming GA with several motions
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
Outaouais campus: status quo.
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>
LC: Upcoming motion on free trips to Israel to be discussed in M. Garneau's motion, as planned last week and via Facebook vote.



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<b>Committee Work:</b>
No updates. Substituted for CSS for Mu Rong; refer to Andre's report for more fulsome details. ESAAC for Nov. 19 cancelled. UTLWG reconvenes in 2020.
CSS Nov. 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic plan for next three years being developed           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Forecasting increasingly worse depression, anxiety, suicidality amongst students</li> <li>○ Redefining what student services means</li> <li>○ Highlighting key issues like that the world is becoming an increasingly complex and less navigable place for students and unprecedented stressors are testing students' resilience</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Budget           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ student -derived funding has slowly accounted for a lesser proportion of their total funding</li> <li>○ Total expenditure has more than doubled (I believe) in last 10 years</li> <li>○ # of physicians 19-&gt;23, counselors 26-&gt;40               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ But are these FT (-Andre)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Have been running deficit for last 3 fiscal years</li> <li>○ University has committed in writing to matching SSMU</li> <li>○ University is also waiving the "tax" they've traditionally levied on standalone units               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The bookstore has to pay McGill a certain overhead</li> <li>■ This releases 400k for SS</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
None to report.
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
None to report.
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>



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No updates.
<b>Faculty Updates :</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- McGill Interprofessional Global Health Course Registration has officially started — 13th edition of the free, not-for-credit winter semester student-led course (PT/OT, medicine, dentistry + nursing collaboration) - I'm the PT/OT course coordinator:)</li> <li>- Follow-up to Project Renaissance: McGill Faculty of Medicine Name Change Survey has been sent out to all faculty, staff + students asking for input (deadline: Thursday, November 21, 2019)</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Project Updates :</b>
None to report.
<b>Miscellaneous Updates:</b>



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