



Senate

- Senate Met Nov 19:
 - McGill is facing a further \$4.8 million cut from government
 - Question clarifying effect on students of budget reductions announced at open forum on McGill's financial situation
 - Seems some services will be cut, but still unclear which ones. Pledged to consult with students when deciding so any 'pressure points' wouldn't face cuts
 - Suboptimal response because Provost was absent
 - Question Regarding McGill's Approach to Community Engagement
 - Question originally pointed to the omittance of local, non-business-oriented community endeavour prioritization by the University
 - Response pointed to how we have many kinds of community partnerships, but without saying it explicitly, indicated that although we *do* work with the local community in a philanthropic sense sometimes, the majority is by far industry-based
 - Was noted that the answers to all of our questions are consistently sent out late, not considerate/respectful
 - Question about McGill's support for interdisciplinary programs
 - Tabled to next Senate (Dec 3) because Provost absent
 - Had open discussion on undergraduate research opportunities
 - Annual Report of the Committee on Student Discipline
 - More plagiarism and less other offenses have been occurring, although the fluctuation wasn't huge
 - Asked what resources are dedicated to students committing offenses that may need support (vulnerable

- group) - response was that they are followed through the rest of their academic career through advising
 - Plagiarism is an issue that faculty are targetting
- Next Senate meeting is Dec 3rd. We're asking the postponed question on support for interdisciplinary programs and another on McGill and student-run businesses, especially food services

Jacob

- Committees
 - **Senate**
 - **Note:** more detailed reports on these committee meetings are available--please ask us if you are interested in them!
 - i) Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee
 - Next meeting Dec 2
 - ii) APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs
 - Next meeting Dec 4
 - iii) Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising
 - Next meeting Dec 4
 - iv) Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policies (SSAP)
 - Discussed several ongoing policy changes: to late withdrawal policy, to recognition of transfer credits and pushing back the late withdrawal deadline
 - Highlighted several issues with Assessment Policy, which will be compiled into list for future discussion
 - Also two new issues with Assessment Policy: students failing a class because they failed one component and unfair word counts between students writing papers in french vs. in english
 - Next meeting Feb 11
 - v) Dean of Libraries Selection Committee
 - Meetings are confidential, so I can't report on them
 - **Faculty of Arts**
 - i) Faculty of Arts Council
 - Met Nov 25 (oral report)
 - ii) Curriculum Committee
 - Met Nov 17 approved several new LLCU, RELG, POLI and GLIS courses & talked about D1D2 courses
 - Next meeting Dec 1 (if there's sufficient business)
- McLennan-Redpath Library Food and Noise Policy Working Group
 - SQ--still waiting to hear when I will present to HSSL advisory group
- Know Your Rights
 - Research
 - Met Nov 14 and 21 to go over our work for this year. We will be providing student input to Dean of Students' planned



- revisions of Charter of Student Rights and also will be helping write content for SSMU (academic) rights website
- Outreach
 - Met Nov 14 and 21 to work on several outreach projects
 - SSMU (academic) rights website: developing a simple, easy to use, comprehensive website for students to visit when they have academic rights related issues. Site will list many common issues, the rights students have around them, the procedures to resolve these issues (ie. who to talk to) and link to the relevant McGill policies. We've purchased the domain name studentrights.info and SSMU will host the site.
 - Developing academic issues survey to support website work
 - Advocacy
 - Meeting with Associate Dean of Students to compile a 1-2 page list of our proposed revisions to the Assessment Policy
 - Renaming JD and Champagne Rooms
 - Questions will be on the same ballot as AUS referendum
 - AUS Participatory Budgeting Idea
 - Will submit motion for this initiative at first Council in January
 - Fall Reading Week
 - Will be meeting with Enrolment Services (hopefully before the end of semester) to figure out what the exact scheduling tradeoffs would be and what bureaucratic process this would need to go through.
 - Also having SSMU researcher look up peer institutions' practices

Kareem

Committees (please send me an e-mail if you'd like any of the reports from committee meetings - working on finding a platform through which we can make all of them public - artsssenator1@ssmu.mcgill.ca)

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i) the Committee on Student Services (CSS)

- Met on Nov 21, Jacob subbed in for me as I had another committee meeting at the same time

ii) the Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities

- Met, lots of projects underway (spearheading a Sustainability Projects Fund application for a researcher on the importance of universal design in the classroom & hoping to do research on what peer institutions are doing with the help of the SSMU Academic Research Commissioner)

iii) the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA)

- Committee meeting was cancelled again, have not met yet

AUS

iv) Faculty of Arts Council

- Meeting this Tuesday, shall update orally



SSMU

i) Accountability Committee

- Meeting Thursday for the 3rd time this semester

ii) Sustainability Committee

- SQ;

- Working on the QPIRG referendum for next semester

Other

- Helping coordinate the ECOLE Community Hours Launch Week
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1534095263474472/?fref=ts>
- Course evaluations video to be postponed indefinitely due to insufficient participants

Respectfully submitted,

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Arts Senators