



Madeline

Senate - Meets next on 10/24

Senate Caucus (all 13 undergraduate student senators, meets once a week)

- Will be hosting Reddit AMA week of Monday, October 22 - Friday, October 26th
 - Generic: What do you want to see senators advocate for this year?

Committees

- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee - Meets next on 11/6
- Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising
 - Has not met yet, has not reached out to me

Personal Projects

Waitlists

- Drafted a Faculty of Arts policy adapted from motion
- Collecting information for a package to be sent out to administrators in early november

Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- Working with Science Senator Monique Morin to develop sets of OERs for specific classes in Arts and Sciences
- Looking at Arts: PSYC 100, ECON 208, POLI 200, POLI 210, RELG 204/7
- Science: PHYS 101/2, BIOL 215, BIOL 202, COMP 202, MATH 203
- Need to meet with Library to begin hiring students to compile these OERs
- Will be reaching out to profs soon to see if they're interested
- Created a fact sheet for professors explaining what OERs are, their benefits to students and prof, and how they can get involved with our project

Tenure Policy Revisions

- First goal is to revise tenure regulations to mandate the consideration of disciplinary records
- Second goal will be to secure a regular avenue for student input
- Have reached out to Angela Campbell to discuss further

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Committees

- **McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)**

- While the MARAB has not met yet I attended a meeting with Tre on September 19th with the director of the Athletics department. We discussed students concerns regarding athletics. As well as, how the department could be more active on campus and interact with the student body to update them on the new improvements and programs they have been implementing to make the athletics and recreation facilities more accessible.
 - They now have a gender neutral changing room
 - Individual work out pods that are fully equipped and can be booked
- We are currently working on a survey to send out to all SSMU members to gauge what other kinds of projects and services they would want to see implemented within the Athletics department as well as any other improvements that can be made around its facilities
- The Athletics department directors were very receptive to concerns brought up by Tre and myself regarding their lack of presence on campus and their lack of engagement with the majority of the student body. They very much wish to work on improving their interactions with students and have an open channel of communication with students on a more consistent basis. They are working on a media campaign as well as reaching out to faculty associations to gain access to their listservs and be able to inform students of all the changes and improvements being implemented within McGill Athletics.

Updates since the last council

- Met with SSMU environment commissioner, Alison, to discuss an agreement the Athletics department agreed to last year but have failed fully implement
- Will be bringing forward said concerns at the first meeting of the MARAB on nov. 7th
- **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**
 - The APC was supposed to meet last week, but that meeting was cancelled because there was no business on the agenda to discuss.
- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
 - My first meeting with the Honorary Degrees and Convocations committee will be taking place on October 16th .

Personal Project

African Studies program reform

- I met with the VP Advocacy of the Black Students' Network (BSN), Mohammed Odunsunya, as well as SSMU Equity commissioner Andreann Asibey to discuss the proposed program of Africana/Black Studies
 - The BSN is forming a committee to work on this initiative and will be reaching out to all relevant departments such as ASSA, and other campus groups such as MASS and CSS. I will also be a member of said committee
- I met with the Chair of African Studies, Professor Khalid Medani, and discussed the key faults in the current program that have left many students unsatisfied with the quantity and quality of courses being offered. It was a productive meeting and we are working on proposed courses to

add to this degree as well as taking into account the teaching staff available to teach said courses.

- We also discussed concerns surrounding the lack of courses offered in the program as well as the requirement to supplement said degree with courses in Political Science, IDS, Anthropology, etc.. that fail to adequately engage with the topic. In addition, we discussed student concerns regarding the continued deterioration of the program which first started out as its own program, but was then demoted to an interdisciplinary program under IDS. I will be meeting with one of the Presidents of ASSA, Andreann Asibey, to discuss what courses have been lacking in terms of the material being taught as well as new courses to add to the degree.

Updates since last council

- We are looking to have a proposal ready by the end of November.
- The committee has been formed (we are still accepting a few more student members. We met last week Wednesday and discussed the input we received from the various professors and faculty members we met with.
- I have started working on a survey for all AFRI majors, minors that will be sent out next week to gather student opinions on what courses they would like to see added to the minor and what areas have been lacking.
 - A discussion group (town hall) will also be held to discuss changes and dissatisfactions with the program towards the end of October.
- I will also be meeting with Professor Blackett from the Law Faculty who spearheaded the need for more diverse hires within her faculty, to discuss how the methods she used can be applied to the Faculty of Arts