



REPORT OF THE ARTS SENATORS TO AUS COUNCIL

Senate - Next meeting is 2/20

Policy Against Sexual Violence Revisions [Feedback Form](#)

- PASV revisions to be brought to Senate for info in Feb, vote in March

Working Group on Principles of Renaming and Commemoration (on changing the R*dmn name)

[Feedback Form](#)

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

- Nothing to report

Madeline

Committees

Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee - met on 2/5

- Potential for running [student-led seminars](#)
 - Only some faculties interested, stressed importance of making sure student leading seminar receives some compensation for their labor
- Dean of Students (DoS) Office circulated initial draft of Involuntary Leave Policy
 - Students raised concerns about a number of points
 - As per feedback, DoS will be revising to specify “student in crisis”, refocus goal on the student re-entry into university, ensure support network in place for student put on involuntary leave, ensure that it is explicitly clear and guaranteed that this is the very last resort - only to be used in extreme circumstances
 - Will be returning to ESAAC with new draft at next meeting, feedback incorporated
- Reported IT feasibility of S/U grade uncovering project

Personal Projects

Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- Have hired students for HIST 213, ECON 208, MATH 140/1, CHEM 110/120
- Will be reapplying to SSMU Library Improvement Fund to run same project in Summer and Fall 2019
- [Strategic Plan](#)
- [Quick Facts](#)

Academic Accommodations Policy/Procedures Review

- Going over current accommodations policies and procedures and looking for opportunities to institutionalize

Food Insecurity Project

- Waiting to hear back from Head Chef Oliver about meeting request

Other

Submitted two formal Questions to Senate

- 1. Why are Senate Steering Committee documents confidential? (w/ArtsSci Senator Bryan Buraga)
- 2. Why were the two Senators appointed to CAMSR at the November Senate meeting not invited back to CAMSR after they initially appeared as invited in December? (w/Prof Greg Mikkelson [ENVR/PHIL] and Prof Eran Shor [SOC])

Met with candidates for Arts Senator

Attended [SSMU Legislative Council](#) on 2/7 as proxy for ArtsSci Senator Bryan Buraga

- Passed amendments to Family Care Policy
- Passed amendments to Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda (abstained)
- Passed councilor proxies from SUS and BASiC (exemption from standing rules) and reinstatement for Music
- Will not be running VP Operations and Sustainability position for election this year, but will encourage incoming SSMU Executives to consider for the following year

Ommu-Kulsoom

Committees

- **McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)**
 - Nothing to Report
 - Meeting is on the 24th of January was moved to Feb 21st
- **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**
 - Nothing to report
 - Meeting this month cancelled due to a lack of business on the agenda, next meeting Feb 14th
- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
 - Nothing to Report.
 - Meeting is on March 14th

Personal Project

African Studies program reform

- Have discussed the possibility of creating an African Studies institute with Prof. Medani
 - Key points that I will be researching are:
 - Funding
 - Procedure to do so
 - Enrollment stats in AFRI majors, minors, joint-honours
- I have met with Prof Medani and we have discussed the steps that have to be followed in preparing a proposal for the creation of an institute.
- At the APC committee meeting last term a proposal for the creation of an institute in the Faculty of Medicine was presented and passed so I have been reviewing that as a model to follow in researching and preparing the proposal
- I am reaching out to the Dean of Arts as well as the Chairs of relevant departments that currently house African Studies courses such Poli Sci, Anthro to gage if this is a project that they would support.

Inclusive Hiring

- Waiting to hear back from Professor Blackett