



REPORT OF THE ARTS SENATORS TO AUS COUNCIL

Senate - met on 2/20 (*Same as last report, but copied here for ease of reference*)

- Question and Response Regarding Board-Senate Collaboration on Divestment (Madeline, Prof Eran Shor, Prof Greg Mikkelson)
 - Non-answer, but in my opinion, point of question was to continue to apply pressure re: divestment from fossil fuels, and less about getting a productive response
 - Still calls into question exactly how CAMSR has been deciding who to invite and when to invite them
- Question and Response Regarding Senate Steering Committee Documents
 - Will be bringing a motion to next Senate to make them publicly available
- Report of the Academic Policy Committee
- Notice of Revisions to Policy Against Sexual Violence
 - Madeline will be meeting with Angela Campbell tomorrow to discuss detailed amendment suggestions
- Notice of Revisions to Policy Against Harassment, Sexual Harassment, and Discrimination Prohibited By Law
 - Removal of Sexual Harassment (which will soon be encompassed by new PASV)
- Update of Calls to Action of the Report of the Task Force for Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education
 - Asked a handful of questions prepped by Tomas Jirousek (SSMU Indigenous Affairs Coordinator)
- [TABLED] McGill University Staffing Report
 - [Side-by-side comparisons](#)
- Report of the Ombudsperson for Students
 - Difference between Ombudsperson and Dean of Students?
 - Dean of Students - formal resolution
 - Ombudsperson - informal resolution

Next Senate meeting on 3/27

- Madeline and Axel Van den Berg (MAUT President) bringing motion to make rejected/amended Steering Committee documents available online (currently not public info! Wow! Not good!)

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)

- Presentation from Martine Gauthier, Director of Student Services regarding Student Services Fee Increase coming to SSMU Referendum
 - Introducing 2 more counsellors, 4 more general practitioners, 1 trauma-informed counsellor (already hired)

Other

Congratulations to Chloe and Henrique, next year's Arts Senators! Good luck!

Madeline

Committees

Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee - met on 3/12

- Working group on Assessment Policy review will begin meeting over the summer
- Involuntary Leave Policy to come to Senate next fall after consultation process
- ESAAC and SSMU Subcomms on Fall Reading Break have both found starting earlier in year to be most feasible solution - support coming to SSMU Referendum soon
 - [ESAAC FRB Subcomm Consultation Document](#)
- Waitlists at the University level - gauging contexts

Personal Projects

Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- Have hired students for HIST 213, ECON 208, MATH 140/1, CHEM 110/120
- Check in meetings happening soon, meeting with administrators to discuss future steps
- [Strategic Plan](#)
- [Quick Facts](#)

Waitlists

- Beginning discussion at university level (see notes on ESAAC)

Academic Accommodations Policy/Procedures Review

- Meeting with Associate Dean of Students on 3/18

Food Insecurity Project

- Big roundtable meeting happening on 3/26! Optimistic!

Other

CBRC met on 3/14

Faculty of Arts Council meeting on 3/12

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Committees

- **McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)**
 - Nothing to Report
 - Meeting on Feb 21st was moved to March 28th
- **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**
 - Various courses have been created and approved in Islamic Studies and Religious Studies
 - Proposed student exchange partnerships:
 - Between the McGill Schulich School of Music and the Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing China(CCoM).
 - Between the McGill Faculty of Engineering and the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA) de Rouen Normandie, in France.
 - Change in the procedures in approving exchange partnerships
 - The Associate Provost (International) be authorized to propose to prospective partner universities the expansion of Faculty-specific Student Exchange Agreements (SEAs) to include additional faculties.
 - Criteria to select exchange partner institutions will be the same as used in previous years
 - 1. Interest in the partner as demonstrated by McGill Faculties and students.
 - 2. Language compatibility (specifically course offerings in English or French).
 - 3. Course offerings that are complementary and/or include relevant courses that are not offered at McGill (ex. indigenous studies).
 - 4. Potential to complement or further existing collaborations between the institutions.
 - 5. Safety and security of the partner's location. Note that McGill does not engage in student exchange programs in countries under high security and safety risk travel
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- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
 - Nothing to Report.
 - Meeting on March 14th moved to May 8th

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
 - Enrollment stats in AFRI majors, minors, joint-honours

- Awaiting a response to meet with Dean of Arts to discuss this further

Inclusive Hiring

Finally able to schedule a meeting with Prof. Blackette for this Thursday and what will be discussed is the methods she used to promote diverse and inclusive hiring at the Law Faculty and how she has been able to ensure that her proposals were actually implemented.

