



Madeline

Senate - Met on 9/12

- **Motion Regarding Divestment from Fossil Fuels - PASSED**
 - So did motion allowing this discussion - that Senate, "given its academic mandate finds it necessary or desirable to express an opinion on a matter already discussed by the Board of Governors"
 - Principal Suzanne Fortier now must bring topic of divestment back to Board of Governors, who are able to make the final decision
- Report of the Senate Nominating Committee
 - Approval of appointees to University Committees
- Annual Report on the Policy of Harassment, Sexual Harassment, and Discrimination Prohibited By Law
 - Increase in number of reported incidents of sexual harassment - Angela Campbell (Associate Provost of Equity and Academic Policies) believes because of decreasing stigma
- Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services
- Annual Report of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity

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

- Received a presentation from Marc Richard (Member of Senate from Libraries) on how to prepare Senate Questions
- Looking into continuing Reddit AMAs

Committees

- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee
 - Met on 9/4 (I was absent)
 - Exploring possibility of involuntary leave policy - University temporarily removing students from school if they pose an imminent danger to themselves or others - not in serious stages of consideration, just an idea
 - Student reps pushing back a bit
 - **Drafting a McGill Cannabis Policy** in light of federal legalization
 - Most likely, will be illegal on campus in all forms
 - 10/2 meeting cancelled - Fabrice LeBeau (chair) out of town
- Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising
 - Has not met yet, has not reached out to me
- Faculty of Arts Committee
 - Met on 9/25

- Passed Motion to Add Opt-outable Waitlists to Courses in the Faculty of Arts
(more below)

Personal Projects

Waitlists

- Passed motion above! Finally!
- Next steps: meeting with interim Associate Dean of Student Affairs (Arts) Miranda Hickman soon to adapt motion into university policy. Will disseminate to all administrative members of Faculty of Arts and will be following up to ensure policy is enforced. Ideally, all courses for which a professor does not explicitly opt out of adding one to, will have a waitlist soon beginning Winter 2019.

Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- Working with Science Senator Monique Morin to develop sets of OERs for specific classes in Arts and Sciences
- Will be targeting specific classes, asking profs if they're interested, and hiring students through the SSMU Library Improvement Fund to help compile the resources
- Hope to pilot in a class for Winter 2019, PHYS 101 in Fall 2019

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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 gage 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.

- **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 . Just a reminder that the deadline to submit nomination packages for honorary degrees is always approximately three weeks before the committee meets, the deadline for the first meeting has passed.

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.
- We are looking to have a proposal ready by the end of November.