**Report of the Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies Student Association (GSFSSA), 23 February, 2020**

**Internal Affairs**

* Advocacy and actions in support of variously marginalized groups on campus:
  + Reaching out in search of panelists in collaboration with PGSS to discuss racism and the coronavirus epidemic.
  + In communication with SACOMMS to collaborate on Sexual Assault Awareness week events.
  + Filling the petition from CJAM to hold an Arts GA regarding the climate strike this semester.
  + Working on institutional support from the IGSF and planning a larger GSFS student meeting to discuss and plan support for the climate strike.
* Gender and Women’s Studies Graduate Option Updates:
  + Three members of the GSFSSA participated in a last-minute meeting with Associate Dean of Arts Faculty Affairs, Jim Engle-Warwick, on Friday Feb. 21 for clarification of the suspension of the program and subsequent “cancellation” of the suspension process that was initiated.
  + Continuing to share information and links to the open letter and testimonials with the larger McGill community.

**Upcoming**

* Meetings and Advocacy:
  + We plan to represent the students in GSFS programs at another meeting with Associate Dean of Arts Student Affairs, Lucyna M. Lach, on Monday Feb. 24.
  + We will also send as many bodies as we can to the special Arts Faculty Council meeting on Tuesday Feb. 25 to support our faculty representatives.
* Community Events:
  + We have confirmed that our invitee, Mohamed Abdulkarim Ali, author of *Angry Queer Somali: A Complicated Memoir*, will visit and speak to students about his book, scheduled for Thursday, March 19th. Seeking additional funding.
  + Bake Sales are in the works.
  + GSFS Wine and Cheese also in the discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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