



Senate

Joint Board-Senate Meeting on November 14

- Topic: How could McGill transform itself for a world of lifelong learning?
- Lifelong learning: skills unique to humans (bc robots are taking our jobs), that humans can apply to all things in their life (eg. critical thinking skills, emotional intelligence, innovation)
- Employable skills
- Outcome: need for an audit of the university's current pedagogical practices, how to make the university more accessible to all, need for university to decide whether its primary purpose is the cultivation of knowledge for its own sake or the cultivation of critical thinking/employable skills through knowledge

Senate met on November 21

- Senate Question on McGill's progress in addressing Indigenous curriculum content and equitable recruitment (Calls to Action 39 and 45 in 2017 Provost's Task Force)
 - Response: Some Faculties/Schools already have modules for the inclusion of Indigenous curriculum content (Law, Education, Social Work, Medicine, Nursing)
 - TLS initiative to assist professors in integrating Indigenous course content into curriculum and network of local Indigenous facilitators
 - Search committees have been provided with support and training to ensure equitable recruitment (I have emailed asking for elaboration)
- Open Discussion on Principal's Task Force on Respect and Inclusion in Campus Life (Mission, Trust, Governance)
- Report of the Academic Policy Committee
 - 23 new programs, 243 new courses / 43 program retirements, 62 course retirements
- 2 Senators (Chris Buddle and Nicholas Dunn) temporarily added to CAMSR
- Presentation of 2019 Strategic Research Plan
- Revisions to Code of Student Conduct brought for notice - likely will be voted on during December Senate meeting
- Report of Senate Committee on Physical Development
 - Takeover of Royal Victoria Hospital site
 - Stewart Bio North Block reno 2021, South Block reno 2024
- Report of the Committee on Student Discipline
 - 264 total cases in 17-18, 257 adjudicated by Disciplinary Officer, 7 adjudicated by CSD
 - 35.6% increase in academic cases, 44.2% decrease in non-academic cases
- Report of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs

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

- Had presentation from 3 student reps to Committee on Teaching Staff-Student Intimate Relationships

Madeline

Committees

- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee - Meets next on 12/4

Personal Projects

Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- HIST 213, MATH 140/1, ECON 208, CHEM 110/120 have agreed to participate in our project!
- Need to locate funding for CHEM 110

SHHS projects

- Food insecurity
 - Met with Martine Gauthier (Director of Student Services) - she's v interested
 - Met with Oliver de Volpi / Eva (?) at SHHS - their finances rely on the assumption that not all students will use all of their meal plan - either need more funding or increase prices
- Mandatory Meal Plan changes
 - Money issues, also they're convinced that a very small number of students actually want this - need consensus

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Committees

- **McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)**
 - Nothing to Report
 - Strategic Planning lunch on December 3rd
- **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**
 - The APC meeting for the 15th November was cancel due to no new business on the agenda
 - The next meeting will be taking place on December 13th
- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
 - Nothing to Report. Our next meeting is on March 14th

Personal Project

African Studies program reform

- Will be looking into enrollment statistics for AFRI Studies courses through mercury evaluations/minerva - have received the info and is sorting it out

Inclusive Hiring

- Meeting with Professor Adelle Blackett this week to discuss this issue *waiting on confirmation*

- Topics that will be discussed
 - Tenure Track positions vs Course Lecturers
 - Approaches used in the Faculty of Law
 - The best way to approach departments about this issue