



## Senate

[Senate](#) met on December 5

- Annual Report on the Financial State of the University (for 2017-2018 academic yr)
  - Four distinct funds: Operating (Unrestricted), Restricted, Plant, Endowment
  - Net operating surplus: \$14M
  - Long, but interesting read - also includes many general stats about university
- Budget Planning 2019-2020 Report I
  - Still can't fully predict effects of tuition deregulation but continue to promise increased funding for "student support"
  - Most new capital going to deferred maintenance projects
- Report of Senate Nominating Committee
  - 2 advisory committees for selection of Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning (DPSLL) and Ombudsperson, respectively
  - Membership has been set - both have student representation (mostly SSMU)
- Appointment of two new assessors under Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment, and Discrimination Prohibited by Law following two resignations and one term completion
- Consolidation of Sustainability Policy and Environmental Policy [PASSED]
- Annual Report of the Committee on Libraries
- **Report of the Ad-Hoc Senate Committee on Teaching Staff-Student Intimate Relations**
  - Did not recommend a full ban on such relationships across the university, despite this being the collective position of all student members on a committee that was half student/half academic staff
  - For this reason, students with posters occupied the back row of Leacock 232 and chanted - dismissed by Fortier
  - Instead recommends "teaching staff-student intimate relations [be] prohibited within the same academic unit and, beyond the unit, where teaching staff has a supervisory/evaluative/teaching role over the student" subject to a list of exemptions
  - Will be considered by committee revising Policy on Sexual Violence, which may be brought to Senate for info in Feb, vote in March

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

- Nothing to report

## *Madeline*

## Committees

- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee - Met on 1/8



- ESAAC subcommittee on Fall Reading Break has been formed, will begin working with SSMU committee
  - SSMU committee survey has over 4000 responses!
- Presentation on principles of assessment at McGill, hope to begin (long, ~2yr) process of revising and re-evaluating the University Student Assessment Policy
  - 5 Principles:
    - Commitment to healthy teaching and learning environments
    - Assessment practices uphold high academic standards
    - Assessment practices are pedagogically sound
    - Faculty receive support to develop effective and meaningful assessment and feedback strategies that are sustainable
    - Assessment practices allow for valid and reliable judgements about individual student performance
- Scholarships and Student Aid Office pilot project of Enhanced Educational Opportunity grant funding
  - Grants for opportunities, can cover direct costs, travel, housing, food, opportunity cost of not choosing a different paid summer job etc
  - Last year spent \$345K on 105 disbursements
  - Will be continuing and expanding
- CBRC - 1/9
  - Electoral bylaw amendments

## **Personal Projects**

### Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- Have chosen student for HIST 213
- Currently interviewing students for ECON 208, MATH 140/1
- Will be hiring shortly for CHEM 110/120

### Waitlists

- Winter 2019 rollout not as smooth as expected
  - Why do people hate change! Why has this now taken 1.5 years! Why does admin constantly insist that they don't systematically stall student change when this is a shining example to the contrary!
- Will be more of a hardass bc full rollout still happening for all classes in Fall 2020 honey

## ***Ommu-Kulsoom***

### **Committees**

- **McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board (MARAB)**
  - Nothing to Report
  - Meeting is on the 24th of January



- **Academic Policy Committee (APC)**
  - Nothing to report
  - Meeting this month cancelled due to a lack of business on the agenda
  
- **Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee**
  - Nothing to Report.
  - Meeting is on March 14th

### **Personal Project**

#### **African Studies program reform**

- Schedule a follow-up with Professor Medani once arrives back in Montreal this week, likely to take place this Friday

#### **Inclusive Hiring**

- Waiting for to hear back from Professor Blackett











