



Medicine Senator — Mid-year summary

Senate Activities

The McGill Senate is the highest academic body of the University and is thus the ultimate arbiter for matters such as program approvals, degrees and academic policy. It also occasionally advises the McGill Board of Governors (the highest administrative body) on other matters from time to time.

Notable issues for medical students included student-teaching staff intimate relationships and the modified policy on sexual violence, with more developments to come in the new year, as well as development projects for the University on the site of the former Royal Victoria Hospital as well as the Powell site (Peel/Dr. Penfield).

Other topics of discussion at Senate involved the University's finances, divestment from fossil fuels, the granting of honorary degrees, and the evolution of the University's academic mission in the coming years.

All of these topics are discussed in advance at the SSMU Senate Caucus, which groups together all the student senators, including the SSMU President and Vice-President, University Affairs. Much of my role was offering my advice and speaking on behalf on medical students and the MSS both in Senate and Caucus.

By virtue of my role as Senate Caucus representative I have also attended SSMU Legislative Council. In this role I am not strictly speaking accountable to medical students, but in a strict sense to the Senate Caucus and in a broad sense to all McGill students. Reports on the Legislative Council is thus better left to the MSS SSMU representative. I will note however that on occasion, I will provide opinions or debate on behalf on medical students and the MSS if relevant circumstances arise in which I possess a certain expertise or experience.

Through this role I also have had the opportunity to discuss matters with members of the MSS and SSMU executive. However, I am bound by confidentiality agreements on these matters and thus will not comment further here. The subject matter of these discussions usually eventually becomes public.

MSS Activities

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My involvement in MSS activities has been more limited and I will hold myself to those most pertinent issues.

I have reviewed the MSS-McGill MOA, expiring May 31, 2019, and shared my analysis with the MSS board. Further negotiations with the interim DPSLL (Deputy Provost, Student Life and Learning), who is responsible for this file on the administration side, are ongoing.

I have collaborated with the MSS GAAC president around the issue of unpaid internships and the CUTE referendum at the MSS, and I continue to be involved in this file.

I otherwise chaired the General Assembly of the MSS on December 4, 2018.

Annexes

A copy of my reports to Senate Caucus follows.

My log of meetings is available separately.

The minutes and documents of Senate are well-maintained and can be accessed at <https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2018-2019>.

The minutes of Senate Caucus are available upon request to myself or the SSMU Vice-President, University Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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SENATE CAUCUS BIWEEKLY REPORTS

[SEPTEMBER 24, 2018]

Report Submitted by: André Lametti, Medicine

Committee Work:
Could not attend CSS meeting 2018-09-19 due to clinical duties.
Faculty Updates :
Spoke informally with Dean David Eidelman about my role as student senator this year. Fall elections have been completed at the MSS.
Personal Project Updates :
Nil.
Miscellaneous Updates:
Contacted Gillian Nycum, incoming interim registrar, to invite her to caucus; she is available for October 15, 18:00, but will discuss different availabilities with us once she assumes her position on October 1. Upcoming motion at Legislative council returning from last year re affiliation to far-right groups; motion would ban individuals with “formal or informal links” with far-right groups from running for SSMU positions, and would compel SSMU to sever ties and restrict funding to groups with “formal or informal ties” with far-right groups; far-right groups defined by unclear RationalWiki definition, and meaning of “formal or informal ties” undefined.

SENATE CAUCUS BIWEEKLY REPORTS [OCTOBER 8, 2018]

Report Submitted by: André Lametti, Medicine

Committee Work:
Could not attend Health Advisory board meeting 2018-10-14 due to clinical duties.
Faculty Updates :
I am now in lead of the process for the renewal of the MSS-McGill MOA, expiring May 31, 2019, in conjunction with the MSS board.
Personal Project Updates :
Nil.
Miscellaneous Updates:
Was in contact again with Gillian Nycum for an eventual visit at Senate Caucus. Legislative council motion on far-right groups discussed at September 24 caucus was postponed <i>sine die</i> but is expected to return.

SENATE CAUCUS BIWEEKLY REPORTS [OCTOBER 22, 2018]

Report Submitted by: André Lametti, Medicine

Committee Work:
Health Advisory board meeting 2018-10-18 was apparently rescheduled.
Faculty Updates :
No progress on the McGill-MSS MOA front for now. I am working with the MSS Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee regarding the issue of unpaid internships, especially mandatory stages in the context of a growing movement in some professional faculties of Quebec.
Personal Project Updates :
A newsletter item regarding copyright violations was sent out to medical students which seemed to imply that all reproduction of copyrighted works was illegal, ignoring fair dealing dispositions that are relevant to students. The statement was retracted after I complained, and an updated statement will be issued later. McGill's copyright policies have long been baffling to me and this may be a good subject for a question.
Miscellaneous Updates:
Today is my birthday, and sadly I will be spending my evening in the psychiatric emergency room.

SENATE CAUCUS BIWEEKLY REPORTS

[NOVEMBER 5, 2018]

Report Submitted by: André Lametti, Medicine

Committee Work:
No meetings to report.
Faculty Updates :
Unpaid internships: in pair with MSS Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee president, we are reaching out to other health science faculties regarding the CUTE campaign. We have been in touch with SWSA, the first and so far only faculty association to take action. We have also reached out to MASH, the interprofessional association here at McGill. McGill-MSS MOA: s.q. MSS held a retreat Sunday, November 5.
Personal Project Updates :
An updated statement on copyright was sent out; I am satisfied with the nuance.
Miscellaneous Updates:
No notable motions at SSMU LC, beside VP UAs motion regarding mandate to support S/U option. I voted against mostly on principle, as the motion did not directly concern the true underlying question but rather the existence of a mandate, which is by virtue of election and not of legislative action.

SENATE CAUCUS BIWEEKLY REPORTS [NOVEMBER 19, 2018]

Report Submitted by: André Lametti, Medicine

Committee Work:
No meetings to report.
Faculty Updates :
Unpaid internships: referendum to join the CUTE campaign passed by a narrow margin (56% in favour). However, we will not be going on strike as other faculties are. McGill-MSS MOA: s.q. Serious issues regarding past audits are putting the Society at financial risk. MSS to hold a GA on December 4. Probable motion to ban members from receiving compensation for coaching students to get into med school.
Personal Project Updates :
N/a
Miscellaneous Updates:
Many notices of motion given at previous LC, concerning IR changes, formal mechanisms for LC to override executive decisions, and the consolidation of freedom of information regulations into one bylaw.