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3 Speaker’s report

4 Announcements

4.1 Progress report on the Vision 2020

Presentation from Francois Miller at McGill Office of Sustainability.
Progress report on the Vision 2020

4.2 Presentation: TRaCE

A brief presentation from Dr. Paul Yachnin, Project Director of TRaCE

"TRaCE will enable exchanges among humanities researchers inside and outside the academy in ways that will benefit faculty members, other academic PhDs, PhDs in non-academic careers, and doctoral students, and in ways that will reorient the culture of the university toward a more dynamic relationship with the world outside the academy. The benefits of these exchanges will flow both ways—from doctoral-level teaching and research into many sectors of non-academic work and action and from knowledge and knowhow in business, media, the professions, and public and political work into humanities departments and programs."

Presentation: TRaCE

4.3 Presentation from iNNERSHiP

Presentation from Emily regarding a new project called iNNERSHiP

4.4 Annual Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Welcome Reception

Everyone is welcomed to IGSF’s sure-to-please-wine-and-cheese reception, where we introduce new faces and greet old friends.

When: Wednesday, September 23rd, 4pm-6pm

Where: Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, 3487 Peel St.

Stay posted on IGSF’s events: https://www.mcgill.ca/igsf/events

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5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 Report from the Board of Directors

2015-11-25 Report from the Board of Directors

6.2 2015-12-02 Member Support Commissioner Report To December Council

Ongoing initiatives

● Motion to protect students working with private corporations

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6.3 2015-12-02 Health Commissioner Report - December - Council


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6.5 2015-12-03 Member Services Officer Report to December Council

Spread the word:
McGill Mental Health Hub
http://mcgillmentalhealthhub.ca
Federal Government Career & Networking Trip
6.6 Report from the Academic Affairs Officer

Business as usual.

2015-11-24 Report from the Academic Affairs Officer

6.7 2015-12-02_SecGen_Report-to-Council

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7 Question Period

8 Discussion

8.1 McGill student sued for destruction of his Master’s Thesis by a private corporation

To raise awareness and to seek suggestions for practical actions that PGSS can take to protect students in future.

8.2 What is the purpose of PGSS?

What do you think the priority of PGSS should be? What annual "deliverables" would you like to see PGSS provide?

8.3 Update from AGSEM

I will reporting back from a meeting with AGSEM. Although PGSS does not represent graduate students in their role as TAs, I ask that you bring any questions you might have regarding the employment of TAs within your department.

8.4 Discussion: Topics of Interest for Provost Manfredi

The Provost will be presenting at our January council meeting, the purpose of this discussion is to determine what we, as a council, are expecting from his presentation and help frame the discussion that will follow.

9 New Business

9.1 PGSS actions to protect students working with private corporations

WHEREAS the recent legal case of a former McGill student being sued for destruction of his Master’s Thesis by a private corporation affiliated with the student’s former supervisors and having his doctoral studies terminated by a dispute with a private corporation: « À la suite d’un différend, NeuroRX met fin aux recherches de M. Gedamu et ce dernier est incapable de terminer ses études doctorales. »

WHEREAS this case highlights the need for actionable policies at the University level to protect students when they become affiliated with private companies.

BIRT Council approves the drafting of a proposed policy regarding the involvement of private corporations in which a supervisor has a financial interest, with the goal of having the policy become an official McGill policy approved by the McGill Senate. The policy would be based on the following:

- the obligation of professors to disclose affiliation with private companies to the university and their students
- the requirement of a departmental pre-approval process before students become involved with a company, with clear criteria to protect student intellectual property and rights.
- the implementation of a university process to protect student rights, notably involving periodic audits of partnerships between professors, companies, and students.

BIFRT the policy be submitted to the Policy and Structural Advisory Committee for review and returned for approval by the February Council.

BIFRT that PGSS prepare a press release highlighting the challenges raised in this case and the need for new actionable policies to protect students in their dealings with private companies.
BIFRT that PGSS present this issue and our recommended policies at the next GU-15 meeting seeking Canada-wide support for actions aimed at protecting student rights in similar cases.


10 PGSA Announcements