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4.1 LICM Presentation

Documents to be added shortly.

4.2 E4D Pub Night: Naylor Report Discussion, Thursday, August 17 at 6:30-9 PM @ Mckibbin

Please join us on Thursday, August 17th for an evening of socializing and science advocacy!

As part of the Summer for Science and Evidence for Democracy, we are organizing a pub night and informal discussion around the Naylor Report - the recent Canadian Fundamental Science review set out to redressing funding imbalances, focusing funding on researcher driven initiatives rather than the priority driven model of previous years, and coordinating boards to provide oversight and guidance across the Tri-Councils and CFI.

We will start the night off with a brief introduction to the key points of the Naylor Report, followed by an informal discussion and brainstorming session on how to prioritize its recommendations and take action. We hope to bring together a diverse range of science policy advocates, both to build the community in a casual environment and to come up with some long-term goals.

Evidence for Democracy (E4D) is the leading fact-driven, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization promoting the transparent use of evidence in government decision-making in Canada. Through research, education and issue campaigns, we engage and empower the science community while cultivating public and political demand for evidence-based decision-making.

The pub night is free, but please RSVP as we’ll be buying some appetizers and have some door prizes!

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/e4d-pub-night-naylor-report-discussion-tickets-36297313241

5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 Secretary-General Report to August Council

2017-08-10 Secretary-General Report to August Council
6.2 (2017-AUG-16) PGSS Student Support Commissioner - Report to August 2017 Council

Please find attached a summary of my student support commissioner activities from June 22, 2017 until August 9, 2017.

2017-08-08 (2017-AUG-16) PGSS Student Support Commissioner - Report to August 2017 Council

6.3 Environment Commissioner Report and 2017-2018 Workplan

Hi everyone -

I’ve outlined the main projects that will shape the 2017-2018 Environment Commissioner Portfolio. I’ve primarily been busy supporting/leading those projects as needed and would be highlighting a few key developments at Council.

I look forward to any questions or concerns as needed.

–Amir

2017-08-04 Environment Commissioner Report and 2017-2018 Workplan

6.4 (2017-AUG-16) PGSS Equity Commissioner - Report to AUG 2017 Council

To the PGSS Council - please find attached a report summarizing my activities as PGSS Equity Commissioner from June 22 to August 7, 2017. For any questions, please get in touch with me via email at equity.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Emil Briones

2017-08-07 (2017-AUG-16) PGSS Equity Commissioner - Report to AUG 2017 Council


6.6 IAO Report to August Council

2017-08-10 IAO Report to August Council

6.7 (2017-AUG-16) PGSS External Affairs Officer - Report to August 2017 Council

2017-08-09 (2017-AUG-16) PGSS External Affairs Officer - Report to August 2017 Council

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9.1 Motion: Offering "Empower Me" for September 2017

Whereas there is a growing need for increasing resources to address students' mental health.
Whereas in the summer of 2017, StudentCare has partnered with an external organization, Aspiria, a Canadian company, to supplement concerns for mental health access and has introduced “Empower Me” to various Canadian academic institutions.

Whereas Empower Me is designed to complement existing on and off campus resources and fill the gap during currently under-serviced times – ex. Evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Whereas not every person seeking help or advice is in need of multiple length sessions ranging anywhere from 8-10 hours of counselling.

Whereas Empower Me is a 24/7 accessible service, with confidential counselling on various topics including: relationships, family care, pressure & stress, depression & anxiety, financial, educational conflict, nutrition, and addictions.

Whereas it is student-focused which allow them to choose their preferred method to seek help such as video conferencing, calling collect to schedule a telephone session, email, or in-person sessions.

Whereas Empower Me counselors have a minimum of Master’s degree in Social Work, Psychology, or related field, with 5 years of post-graduate clinical experience, and in good standing with professional regulatory body. Empower Me is designed to be multi-lingual, culturally sensitive, and gender and faith inclusive.

Whereas the conversation with McGill Student Services to possibly implement and offer this new initiative to support existing university services will begin in August 2017.

Whereas upon introduction of this new service during the Summer 2017, Student Associations have seen the value of including Empower Me for September 1st, 2017.

Whereas the existing PGSS Health and Dental Insurance Plan currently offered to McGill graduate students has reserve funds to cover the cost of Empower Me for until August 31st, 2018.

BIRT a one-time annual cost of $4.20 + tax per student for the academic year, September 1st 2017 to August 31st 2018 be used from the PGSS Dental Insurance reserve fund.

BIFRT the Member Services Officer will provide a comprehensive report for the General Meeting in March 2018 about the statistics and usage of Empower Me by McGill University and all other institutions that have chosen to implement this service for September 2017.

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