

16 Feb QM Weekly Meeting

1. Check in: Grey, VC, Jordan, Sydney, Fern Lou, Natan
2. All
 - Ongoing projects
 - Gender & Sexuality Commissioner
 - Fulfilling resource orders
 - McGill application
3. Admin
 - Gender and Sexuality Committee
 - Grey is commissioner
 - Needs a QM member representative
 - Vote on if VC should be representative
 1. Yes: 5
 2. Abstain: 1
 - JBSCE Queer Subcommittee updates
 - Have a meeting on Thursday where they will discuss McGill application issue
 - Also working on ongoing project with Wellness Hub to make more trans and queer-affirmative
 - Wellness Hub had a presentation to respond to feedback and improve
 1. They do have a feedback form that they look at
 2. Have plans to work on addressing problems
 3. Hopefully with this new collaboration, there will be improvement with regard to deadnaming and misgendering Wellness Hub users
 4. Nothing concrete, but this was a preliminary meeting
 5. Will meet again in March
 - Participant call out email
 - Email from person who wants participants for a study with LGBP participants, VC sent an email asking for explanation for excluding trans folks
 - Received comprehensive response explaining that the justification for not including trans people in the study is because trans people coming out about their genders is a different experience from people coming out about their sexuality
 - Person running the study is trans
 - VC generally feels comfortable with it not being a transphobic study
 - VC will forward email to Fern for Fern to promote
 - Bill 64 (CW: sexual violence mention)
 - From last week
 1. Open letter advocating for the QC gov't to change privacy law so that complainants in cases of sexual violence can be made aware of sanctions regarding the perpetrators of their sexual violence
 2. Would like us to sign as individuals and/or as an organization
 3. Will vote on it next week after we've all had time to read the letter
 4. Vote to sign as an organization:

- a. Yes: unanimous
 - b. Also welcome to sign as individuals
- Mental Health at McGill
 - Outlining a report on how McGill could better foster mental health on campus
 - Want to specifically address needs of marginalized communities (ex. queer/trans communities)
 - Would like to consult with us on how to improve mental health of queer students on campus, with credit to QM for the ideas if included
 - No deadline given to us for our recommendations
 - VC will make a shared google doc that we can add things to
- JBoard/BDS Hearing
 - We have a hearing regarding a decision about BDS made 2-3(?) years ago
 - Two years ago, QM submitted a question to the JBoard about whether or not we are allowed to have a public position on BDS
 - 1. Our argument was that as a political organization we should be allowed to have political positions
 - 2. Then JBoard fell apart for a year and now are catching up
 - SSMU submitted the question on QM's behalf
 - 1. Brooklyn is representing the SSMU representing QM
 - 2. The UGE and the Students for Palestinian Human Rights applied to be able to speak at the hearing as interveners (each get 20 minutes to speak)
 - a. Agreeing with us that we should be able to have a position on BDS
 - b. Since QM did not know that interveners were a position that exists, we are not allowed to speak at own hearing
 - This does not mandate us to have a position on BDS, it just allows us to take a position on BDS
 - Hearing will be on Friday evening
 - 1. Is supposed to be public, but VC is not supposed to forward the link to anyone
 - 2. We do not need to go, but Grey will go
 - Wait 2-5 weeks for a response
- 4. Finance
 - New changes and updates for service finances:
 - Now called service finance coordinator, similar to VP finance as far as we're concerned
 - Service credit cards
 - 1. Current ones will be cancelled in May 2021
 - 2. Don't know when new ones will be issued (need all signing officers)
 - Finance and accounting procedures
 - 1. Accounting things will be online starting next year
 - 2. Means reimbursements will probably be paid through direct deposit
 - Budgets

1. No budget review from SSMU this year
2. Just need to send our current budget to service finance coordinators
3. Service budgets now need to be prepared by May 2021
 - a. Means current finance coordinator needs to prepare budget for incoming finance coordinator
- Student fees
 1. Not being changed this semester
 2. They need more time to figure out how to implement it
 3. Services will be consulted again before it's put in place
- Have some recommendations
 1. New legislative council powers (now have power to take corrective and punitive actions)
 - a. Ex. freeze fees from being charged,
 2. Process changes - changing fees need robust financial evaluation
 3. Committee changes
 - a. Will be a committee for constant overview of how recipients receive funds
 4. Fee consolidation isn't happening this year
 5. Increased accountability and reporting standards
- We have not spent very much money this year
 - Might have as much as a \$30,000 surplus
 - Please tell me what to buy - we will make a meeting about this specifically to decide what to buy
 1. Books
 2. Furniture to replace what SSMU lost
 3. Stim toys
 4. Mass resource order
 5. Spend money on online promotions

Events

- Palentines gay went super well! Thank you those who came
 - Events on fb still kinda hard to find, rip
 - The algorithm is screwing with us
 - D&B coming up but still a small ways away
 - Come by, dress up
 - Not much, going okay
5. Comms
 - No updates
 6. Resource
 - Queer sex ed
 - Natan got approved for Baking Night but hasn't heard back about Queer Sex Ed
 - Order updates
 - When was the last time orders got shipped out?
 1. Sydney shipped things out last week
 2. One person still hasn't gotten their order (#24), probably just needs to wait another week

- Breast forms probably got received by the office
- Baking went well and was fun

7. Closing remarks

- Don't forget to fill out the when2meet
- Don't forget to contribute to the mental health improvements document
- Have a great week!

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9. Points of action

- Sydney:
 - Meet with Fern to promote things
 - Do finance things
- Jordan:
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- Grey:
 - Send BHM facts for listserv
- Fern:
 - Meet with Sydney to talk about paid promotions on Facebook
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- Natan:
 - Buy books from qtbipoc authors
- VC:
 - Make document to share ideas for improving mental health for report
 - Make when to meet about how to spend budget
- Everyone:
 - Add things to google doc if we have ideas for improving mental health for queer/trans students on campus