

**Date:** 06.29.21

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** BoG Rep 2021/2022 Report 5 - **Loose Ends at the Board**

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Dear Council,

### **Board Meeting**

1. This last meeting of the year before next September involved cleaning up loose ends on projects Board members and/or committees have seen several times (e.g. Federal Government Relations Strategy, Retreat Agenda, Academic Restructuring Metrics, Board Bylaws).
  - a. I raised a Councillor concern regarding administrative readiness for supporting students back on Campus this fall; the VP Facilities and Operations said they are aware of the need and are also preparing to go back online if necessary.
  - b. There were 2% increases in international student tuition rates for several undergraduate programs, which will apply to new degrees beginning in 2022 as per the international student Cohort pricing model<sup>1</sup>. This happened because Cohort model international tuition rates *were not* increased at this year's March 12th Board meeting where the Board approved tuition increases for Fall 2021 and onwards; Legacy model<sup>2</sup> tuition rates *were* increased at that Board meeting.
    - i. President Ley voiced concerns with undergraduate international tuition increases at General Faculties Council's Academic Planning Committee, where the proposed increases were first conceived, before the proposal came to this June 18th Board meeting.
    - ii. There were also increases and decreases in several Master's programs' tuition rates.
  - c. Academic Restructuring Metrics included:
    - i. Financial reduction of \$29M by 2022 in cost related to administrative staff and academic leader salaries and benefits.
    - ii. Quality of shared services as costs are reduced, measured by monthly surveys to key stakeholders.
    - iii. Interdisciplinary performance as measured by what could be written reports from each college at the end of 18 months, which is not standardized because administration feels interdisciplinarity looks too different in each college to measure college performances by common interdisciplinarity metrics.

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<sup>1</sup> Same price for 4-5 years of a degree.

<sup>2</sup> Different prices for each year of a degree, which changed to the Cohort model with students starting their degrees in Fall 2020.

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2. I did not send out a Google Form for student input to this meeting because the content we covered has been included in previous forms.

**Other Meetings**

1. I am continuing to meet with Councillors and had a check in with AUFSJ's VPX; we discussed the Save Saint-Jean campaign, fundraising opportunities for CSJ and plans going into September.

Thanks for reading!



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