

AUS Senator Report
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AUS:

- worked with VP Academic & Indigenous Access McGill (IAM) to draft motion of support for continued funding of IAM + Faculty of Arts & University working together to negotiate long-term joint funding (passed 15.01.2014)
- met with AUS Equity Commissioners on 23.01.2014 to begin drafting bylaw revisions for the AUS Equity Policy to better enable regular reporting from the AUS Equity Officers re: AUS-affiliated events
 - o consultations with VP Events and previous Frosh organizers ongoing; motion forthcoming
- Meet your Arts Reps & Senators event on February 18th (thanks to Arts Representative Baraldi for bottom-lining this!)
- Adhoc Ethical Purchasing Policy Committee (VP Finance portfolio):
 - o Not yet convened this semester

SSMU:

- drafted motion in collaboration with Senate Subcommittee on Women (SSCOW) in support of SSCOW's forthcoming Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) to create a Family Resources Coordinator to research & propose solutions to childcare & family-care concerns for McGill students, staff & faculty (passed 23.01.2014)
 - o will be following up with SSMU President Larson to confirm date at which the letter of support mandated will be completed by
- moved motion of opposition to PPP along with VP University Affairs and VP External; motion failed (concerns with faculty association autonomy appeared to be the primary source of opposition)
- Adhoc Bylaw Review Committee (President portfolio):
 - o Not yet convened this semester
- Adhoc Committee on the General Assembly (President portfolio):
 - o Not yet convened this semester
 - o GA discussion/Q&A event: January 28th (hope you attended!)
 - o GA: February 5th (motion deadline was 22.01.2014 at 17:00, but motions may still be submitted from the floor up to three hours prior to the GA)

Senate:

- Drafted & submitted General Assembly motion re: revision of the Student Handbook to mandate inclusion of Academic Rights on course outlines with working group on Academic Rights within Senate Caucus including Senator Gholmieh
 - will be forwarding copy of motion to Deputy Provost of Student Life & Learning Dyens

- Asked question at 22.01.2014 session of Senate re: Indigenous access programs and projects + question of internal funding for IAM
 - Answer focused on current Indigenous-targeted initiatives (SEDE, Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Aboriginal Outreach Coordinator, First Peoples House...); question re: IAM funding largely deflected (dependent on success of grant application...)
 - Spoke with Dean Manfredi following meeting re: joint University-Faculty funding from Ministry of Post-Secondary Education, Research & Technology grant; expressed possible interest depending on ear-marking within grant
 - Will be forwarding the Dean a copy of motion re: IAM support passed at 15.01.2014 AUS council

- Senate Sub-Committee on Women (SSCOW):
 - Collaborated to draft motion re: committee-generated SPF application at SSMU; invited committee rep to SSMU council to present (motion passed)

- Sub-Committee on Equity for First Peoples:
 - met on 21.01.2014
 - discussed plans for Indigenizing the academy projects (raising Haudenosaunee flag on National Aboriginal Day, on-campus Indigenous garden, relocating the Hochelaga Rock)
 - will be collaborating to draft supportive motions for both AUS and SSMU re: moving the rock & raising flag; invited committee reps to present & attend AUS & SSMU council when presented

- Sub-Committee on Equity for First Peoples Working Group on Traditional Territory Acknowledgement:
 - met on 15.01.2014 & 20.01.2014; presented current proposal draft to Sub-Committee on 21.01.2014
 - personally consulted with representative from the Indigenous Advisory Circle at University of Winnipeg and Office of Indigenous Affairs at University of Victoria + co-coordinator of the UVic Indigenous Governance program
 - as a whole, committee consulted U of A, U of C, U of Lethbridge, Nipissing University, and Carleton thus far; consultations ongoing

- will be presenting proposal to Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity on 27.02.2014

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Claire Stewart-Kanigan