

**Arts Senator Stewart-Kanigan Report  
March 26th, 2014**

**AUS:**

***Ad-hoc Ethical Purchasing Policy Committee:***

- consulted with VP Academic Greenspon re: his concerns when Policy was brought as Notice of Motion (primarily lack of Appeals Clause)
- VP Academic drafted Appeals Clause; committee adjusted and integrated [20.03.2014]
- committee convened on 20.03.2014 to work through other concerns brought up by VP Academic & others at Council
- submitted final draft of Policy on 23.03.2014

***Hochelaga Rock + Hiawatha Belt Flag Motions:***

- followed up with VP External Ibrahim re: writing letters of support [19.03.2014]
- will be meeting on 25.03.2014 to write letters [will report orally]
- will be presenting same motions at SSMU on 10.04.2014 w/ First Peoples House reps

**SSMU:**

***Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee:***

- met on 21.03.2014 with working group on gathering info on currently available McGill sustainability resources
  - I am tasked with outlining student-funded resources (QPIRG, CKUT...) + official McGill resources (SPF, MOOS...)
- will be meeting with working group + entire committee on 25.03.2014 (Phase 1 of committee mandate deadline)

**Senate:**

***Senate Meeting:***

- Senate convened on 19.03.2014
- open discussion of Principal's goals for term
  - I brought forward questions re: commitment to paid internships + how she plans to 'make research a part of every student's undergraduate experience' in the Faculty of Arts when there is no incentive for profs to take on independent reading courses
- Deputy Provost Dyens presented his report from the Joint Senate-Board Meeting on Mental Health from November
  - report very sparse; I brought forward questions regarding lack of dates on projects/resources listed (unclear which projects are new and came forward from the meeting vs. which are pre-existing); will be following up
  - asked about making new Mental Health workshops available to TAs (currently only proposing to give to Faculty); Dyens responded favourably; will be

following

up

- Provost Masi delivered report re: anonymous grading
  - Senator Butler followed up w/ questions re: lack of Provost's consideration of existing studies showing grade bias based on gender, race, physical appearance to exist
- Provost responded defensively re: discrimination at McGill but will be overseeing a limited study on grading bias at McGill

***Academic Assessment Working Group of Senate Caucus:***

- completed drafting of Senate Caucus response to Deputy Provost Dyens' follow-up to insufficient answer to Question re: Academic Assessment Rights on Course Outlines with recommendations
- will be meeting with Dean of Students Costopoulos w/ AUS VP Academic Greenspon & UA Secretary General on 03.04.2014 to follow up on next steps
- VP Academic & I will be drafting proposed condensed Student Assessment Rights course outline component this week

***Senate Subcommittee on Women (SSCOW):***

- final meeting of the year on 03.04.2014; still awaiting response on SPF application

***Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP):***

- met on 13.03.2014; primarily discussion of new bioresource engineering program

***Subcommittee on Equity for First Peoples:***

- met on 11.03.2014 & will be meeting again on 01.03.2014
  - planning summer projects (i.e. researching Indigenizing the Academy policies across country)
- will be meeting with Traditional Territory Working Group to make final revisions on 24.03.2014; still awaiting response from Joint Senate-Board Committee on Equity re: approval of policy