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Council Report of the AUS President

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Intro

We had a great time bonding and planning this weekend at Exec Retreat! Thanks as well to all of you who came out to Departmental Orientation on Monday! I look forward to a great year.

Events

Arts Health and Wellness Week

AHAW is a new mental health awareness project jointly organized by the AUS and Arts OASIS. AHAW originated out of ArtsDAR's Seeds of Change campaign last April. It stands for Arts Health and Wellness. The first event is AHAWWeek, which will be a series of self-care activities from September 29th to October 3rd. Some examples include a ice cream give away on Thursday which we will run out of the AUS lounge and a free yoga session on Friday in the SSMU building.

I have been working with Arts OASIS on this project since about last April. Please help promote AHAW when we release the schedule this week!

Faculty Affairs

Administration and Building

I met with Associate Dean Gillian Lane-Mercier to talk about faculty affairs. Gillian works in administrative oversight for the faculty, which means she is highly involved in the PPP project, which I believe has just been completed last week.

Currently administrative units are settling into their new locations in the Faculty. The project involved a lot of furniture relocation. I expressed concerns about the furniture in the basement of Leacock and was told that it will soon be moved out. However, that furniture is also up for grabs, so if you are a departmental executive looking for furniture, you can look around to see if there are pieces you would like. Gillian and I discussed that you then inform your departmental administrative office, who can help you locate a mover resource. Then you take the bill for the mover and the AUS reimburses you. The gist of this is that the faculty provides the furniture and we pay for the furniture to be moved.

Leacock 111/112

There will be six TA booths installed in 111 and couches put into the center of the room to create a lounge area. I am also looking into enhancing the lighting of 111, as it is rather dim.

Arts Internship Office

Erin and I met with Antoine and Anne from the AIO on Monday.

IPLAI

Erin and I met with IPLAI, the **Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas** and we discussed ways that we can collaborate together. IPLAI coordinates collaborations between different academic disciplines in order to push forward the idea of what academic life can be. We are currently looking into incorporating their areas of focus into Work Your B.A., and perhaps having a panel event featuring IPLAI speakers. This was a very exciting meeting! IPLAI also coordinates reading groups on campus which we encourage you to check out.

AUS Legal

DPSLL – Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning’s Office

We had a session with the DPSLL’s office on Monday. We are responsible for negotiating our MoA, which is up for renewal this year, with them.

Committees

Work Your B.A.

I sent a call-out on the last listserv for the Work Your B.A. Committee. I have started room bookings and Lola + I will be meeting with CaPS in early October to plan out the week of activities.

Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee

I am starting to compile resources for CBRC. If you are looking for a committee to sit on as part of your council requirements, consider this one

Respectfully submitted

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