



Report of the AUS VP Academic – October 15, 2014



I hope that everyone had a relaxing long weekend and a lovely Thanksgiving if you were celebrating! I continued my trend of “Self-Care Saturdays” and took a walk through the beautiful Westmount neighbourhood. However, I was so in awe of all of the houses that I forgot to take photos, so this is a picture of the Lachine Canal from 2 weeks ago.

Peer Tutoring Applications:

I have now responded to all the funding applications that I’ve received. If you have any questions about the decision on your proposal, please let me know. It will also be possible to apply for funding for the Winter term if you have not done so already.

Arts Student Employment Fund Committee:

Applications are being released campus-wide this week! The deadline for units to apply is October 30th, after which the ASEFC will meet to review applications and allocate funds for this term. I will also be meeting with AMUSE (the Association of McGill University Support Employees) about the minimum pay for ASEF-covered Research Assistantships, since McGill’s rate is currently well below that offered at other Montreal universities.

AUS–Library Partnership Committee:

First meeting this Friday, October 17th. Topics will include an overview of last year’s projects, discussions on current issues, and brainstorming of new projects and consultation channels.

Academic Affairs Committee:

There have been a number of scheduling conflicts for this committee, such as the SSMU GA, but we will be meeting very soon! Topics will include an overview of AUS representational channels, brainstorming on the committee’s role, and a discussion on the current structure of Arts advising.

Library Feasibility Study:

The Library’s major planning project kicked off this week with meetings of the Steering Committee, Communications Workgroup and the student Focus Groups. Please submit your comments on how the Library can better serve your needs [here](#).

Know Your Rights:

I’ve had to take a step back from this for the week because of everything going on, but see Jacob’s report for updates.



McGill Academic Roundtable (MART):

We met last Thursday, October 9th to discuss Faculty budget priorities, the Library's Feasibility Study, a Research Ethics Conference coming up in February, and the Know Your Rights project.

Departmental Academic Roundtable (DART):

My timelines for this were a bit ambitious, but I will be sending out an email with more details shortly! I think there is an opportunity for some very fruitful discussions.

History Project Update:

Sean, our researcher, has been going through The Daily's archives and uploading articles to a digital archive. From experience, this should be a useful source of institutional memory.

Website:

It's on my list to update the "Academic Resources" page on the AUS website, as well as to add an "Academic Representation" section with information about our representational channels and student rights.

Research Ethics Open Forum:

Have thoughts about the regulation of military-funded research on-campus? McGill's Regulation on the Conduct of Research is undergoing its triennial review this year, and SSMU is holding an open forum to hear your feedback. This is happening Thursday, October 16th (tomorrow!) from 3-5pm in the Madeleine Parent Room of the SSMU Building. Attend and share your thoughts!

Committee on Student Affairs:

The October 7th meeting was cancelled. Ava and I will be arranging a meeting with Associate Dean Lach before the next meeting on Tuesday, November 11th.

Curriculum Committee:

Next meeting Monday, October 27th.

Faculty of Arts Committee:

Next meeting Tuesday, November 25th. Think of some questions that we can ask the Dean!

Other Committees:

- Senate Committee on Student Services (met on Friday, October 10th)
- Senate Committee on Libraries (first meeting Thursday, October 16th)
- Library Feasibility Study Steering Committee (met on Tuesday, October 14th)
- Dean of Libraries Selection Committee (no communications yet)
- Teaching and Learning Spaces Working Group (no communications yet)

Respectfully Submitted,

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