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## Report of the AUS VP Academic – January 21, 2015

**Work your B.A. 2015**

*Unsure of what awaits you upon graduation?*  
**Don't worry. We can help with that.**

January 15 - 30

The poster features a background image of a person with long dark hair, seen from behind, looking out over a cityscape. At the bottom, there are logos for AUS, STAR 73, McGill CaPS Career Planning Service, and the Dean of Arts Fund.

**Work Your B.A.** is going on right now! Check out some of the great events, like LinkedIn Headshot Photography, a guest speaker from the UN, and panels on Law School, Grad School, and more.

### **AUS Essay Centre:**

The AUS Essay Centre is still **recruiting essay tutors** for the winter semester. Applicants must meet a 3.3 cumulative GPA and be available from **12:30-1:30pm** some weekdays. Appointment-only positions are also available. To apply, send a writing sample to [aus.essay.centre@gmail.com](mailto:aus.essay.centre@gmail.com) and fill out the application [here](#) by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **AUS Reading Groups:**

We have extended the deadline for proposals until **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** as we would love to receive a few more submissions. To apply, email [this form](#) to [bianca.waked@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:bianca.waked@mail.mcgill.ca).

### **Peer Tutoring Funding:**

The deadline to apply for Winter term funding is next **Monday, January 26**. I have emailed Departmental VP Academics and will also be coming up with an integrity agreement for tutors.

### **Arts Peer-to-Peer Research Symposia:**

This exciting series is happening **February 3–5 & February 9th**. Schedule of presenters to come.

### **Valedictorian & Teaching Awards Selection Committee:**

I will be forming a single selection committee for both the Arts Valedictorians and AUS Teaching Excellence Awards, and **I am looking for a graduating student to sit on the committee**. The time commitment is approximately 5+ hours in March. Please let me know if you're interested ASAP.

### **Arts Student Employment Fund:**

I am sending out the application across campus this week, with a deadline of **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you are involved with a unit that might want to hire an Arts student, let me know!



#### **AUS–Library Partnership Committee:**

Currently drafting our AUIF application and finalizing some changes with the committee. Our proposals focus on **in-fill seating**, converting an unused consultation room to **quiet study, group study room technology**, and **repurposing the now-defunct Cyberthèque service desk**.

#### **Academic Affairs Committee:**

Currently scheduling a meeting for this week or next.

#### **Memorandum of Agreement:**

Tentatively meeting with McGill to discuss the MoA **next week**. I also want to make sure that we circulate more information to our members.

#### **AUS Work Study:**

Met with the folks from Scholarships & Student Aid about this last week. It turns out that **Professors are also reimbursed at \$10/hour from this fund** (the same as AUS). We think that this is not widely known so will be doing more to **promote the fund among Faculty**.

#### **Arts Undergraduate Research:**

Met with CaPS and Jesse from the Student Research Initiative about creating a **database for Arts research positions**, similar to something that exists for Science. I will be talking to the AIO, the Dean and the Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) to get Faculty on–board.

#### **AUS HR Review:**

Status quo until we hear back from MIRA. I have high hopes for this project.

#### **Changes to the McGill Bookstore:**

As you may have heard, the McGill Bookstore will be moving in 2016 and the university is gathering feedback on the role and appearance of their retail services on–campus. I participated in a focus group on the changes on Monday and the university also hosted an open forum. You can still **share your feedback on future changes through the online survey [here](#)**.

#### **Know Your Rights:**

The **student rights website** is almost ready! We are also generating feedback on the **Charter of Student Rights**, which the university plans to review this year. See Jacob’s report for more details.

#### **Departmental Academic Roundtable:**

Due to room booking challenges, WYBA, and my internship application deadlines, I’m now aiming for the **first week of February**. VP Academics will hear from me soon.

#### **First-Year Advising Sessions:**

Met with Nellie from OASIS and the FEARC VP Academic on Monday about **registration advising sessions for first–year students** in late March. Will report orally.



### **AUS History Project:**

My researcher is finishing up with the scanning of articles from The McGill Daily Archives and the summaries of each year. The final products will be a **timeline** for the AUS **website and handbooks** and a more in-depth **report on key events**.

### **Teaching Awards Reception:**

No movement on this yet. Tentatively planned for either **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** or **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. I need to book either the **RVC West Lounge** or the **Arts Building Lobby** and apply for a liquor permit.

### **Faculty Committees:**

Reps should let me know ASAP if they can no longer attend meetings this term.

- **Curriculum Committee:** January 26, 2015.
- **Faculty of Arts Committee:** January 27, 2015.
- **Committee on Student Affairs:** February 10, 2015 (Met with Lucy Lach on Monday to discuss some academic policy issues; will report orally)

### **Committee on Student Services:**

Met on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Very excited to finally get the **Student Services Innovation Fund** off the ground!

### **Elections:**

I know that it's still a long ways off, but if you or anyone you know is interested in possibly **running for AUS VP Academic**, I am available to chat about the position.

### **Office Hours (Confirmed):**

- Tuesday 11:30am–2:30pm
- Thursday 11:30am–2:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Sobat

AUS VP Academic



## Executive Schedule January 11–17:

January 2015

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	Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17
all-day				Work Your B.A.			
10 AM				9:30 AM Work Study Meeting Br...			
11 AM		10:30 AM Class	10 AM Class	10:30 AM AUS-Library Partnership Committee	10 AM Class	11 AM Innovation Fund Meeting	
Noon			12 PM MoA meeting w/Ava	11:30 AM Office	11:30 AM Library Advisory Meeting James 302		
1 PM				1 PM HR Review meeting			
2 PM			1:30 PM Research site planning meeting w/GaPS & SRI			2 PM LIF Weekly Check-in S...	
3 PM		2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	3 PM Know Your Rights Meeting	
4 PM				AURE set-up (AUS table)		4 PM Class	
5 PM	4:30 PM ExComm AUS Boardroom			4:30 PM Arts Undergraduate Research Event LEA 232			
6 PM					5:30 PM Office		
7 PM				6:30 PM AUS Council – Guest Speaker Suzanne Fortier LEA 232			
8 PM							
9 PM							