



## Report of the AUS VP Academic – March 25, 2015



Don't forget to vote!

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

We met with the Deputy Provost regarding SNAX operations this past Friday. We are getting into the **nitty-gritty of negotiating a new Appendix E**, particularly over the **definition of SNAX** (what is a “convenience counter”?) and clearly stating what we can and cannot sell as part of our **product line**. Our goal will be to have a new draft agreement to present at AUS Council on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

I have been working with the successful applicants to promote our **ASEF summer opportunities** among AUS members. You can see the latest postings on our website [here](#).

### **Arts Valedictorian Selection:**

The Selection Committee has chosen the **shortlisted candidates** and will be conducting **interviews** this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of the fantastic students who applied.

### **AUS Teaching Awards:**

The Selection Committee has chosen the winners, and I am currently working on the event details for the **Teaching Awards Reception** on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Proposed MA in the Public Life of Arts & Ideas:**

After last Council's endorsement, an AUS **letter of support** has been forwarded to IPLAI and the proposal will be brought back to the Arts Curriculum Committee this coming Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. **I have also reached out to departmental associations about possible endorsements, but so far have only heard back from DESA.** Let me know if you would be interested in this!

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

I am currently working with our Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) to **collect posting information from Professors**. We hope to have this launched for Fall 2015.

### **First-Year Registration Advising:**

We are hosting **two information sessions** this week, one in McConnell Residence Hall on March 24<sup>th</sup> and another in the Arts Lounge on March 26<sup>th</sup>. More information [here](#).



### **AUS History Project:**

This is on-track to finish before the end of April. Going forward, I think that the **incoming VP Communications** could be responsible for maintaining and updating the **digital archive** of AUS news articles and events (this is relevant to the “idea vault” proposed by some candidates).

### **Curriculum Committee:**

Next meeting moved to Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The **MA-PLAI proposal** is on the agenda again, and Professor Yachnin will also be in attendance to speak to the committee.

### **Faculty of Arts Committee:**

Next meeting Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The university has been delayed on the announcement of an **Interim Dean of Arts**, but we should hear about this very soon.

### **Committee on Student Affairs:**

Met on March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the issue of **mental health accommodation**, with presentations from Mental Health and Teaching and Learning Services. Next meeting Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

I will be sitting on the **search committee** for a new **Senior Director of Student Services**. Otherwise, we have several concerns about the university’s approach to the **Student Services budget**, which we are planning to bring up with the Board of Governors. Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to review Innovation Fund applications.

### **Executive Transition:**

Transition Day has been scheduled, and I am currently working on the **transition plan** and **exit report** for my position. Jacob and I also hope to come up with some kind of **training on academic assessment policies and student rights** for incoming Executives, Arts Reps and Senators.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Sobat  
AUS VP Academic



## Executive Schedule March 8–21:

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	Sun 8	Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thu 12	Fri 13	Sat 14
all-day		SSMU Campaign Period AUS Nomination Period					
10 AM			10 AM Class		10 AM Class	9:30 AM LIFC Meeting SSMU Office	
11 AM				11 AM SNAX Sandwich Sit-in			
Noon			11:30 AM Office Hours Leacock B-12				
1 PM			12:30 PM Meeting w/MIRA re: exchanges, internships		12:30 PM Dean's Office Hours Ar...	12:30 PM Meet w/Nellie	
2 PM	1:15 PM IPLAI Meeting				1:30 PM Teaching Awards Selec...		
3 PM	2:30 PM Class		2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	2 PM Senate Committee on Libraries Dean's Conference Roo...	
4 PM		3 PM Faculty of Arts Co...	4 PM Class	4 PM Class	4 PM Class	4 PM Class	
5 PM	Valedictorian Applicati...						
6 PM			6 PM AUS Elections Info Session/Meet-&-Greet Arts Lounge	6 PM AUS Council	6 PM SSMU Council	6 PM First Year/ Press D...	
7 PM				7 PM Food Coalition Meeting			
8 PM							

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all-day	SSMU Campaign Period AUS Nomination Period	Extended AUS Nomination Period		AUS Campaign Period SSMU Polling Period			
10 AM			10 AM Class		Class	9:30 AM Committee on Student Services Brown 5001	
11 AM							
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4 PM	4 PM Library Meeting	4 PM Class	3:30 PM Committee on St...	4 PM Class	4 PM Class – Presentation	4 PM Class	3 PM LIF Weekly Check-in S...
5 PM	5 PM Prof Meeting					5 PM SSMU Elections annou...	
6 PM		6 PM SSMU Debates	6 PM Liberal Arts Pr...	6 PM AUS Debates			6 PM Grad Ball
7 PM							
8 PM							