



## Final Report of the AUS VP Academic – April 8, 2015



Thanks to Patricia, Johanna, Ava and the other organizers of AUS Awards Night!

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

We are still working on a new Appendix E clarifying the **definition of SNAX** and our **product line**, so have yet to meet again with the Deputy Provost. Our goal is to have this document to present at our final AUS Council meeting, so that collectively we can decide how best to move forward.

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

Two positions are still open with the **Institute for Health and Social Policy** and the **McGill Visual Arts Collection** (you can check them out [here](#)). We will also be posting two **Orientation Coordinator** positions with Arts OASIS next week, so keep an eye out for those if you're interested in working on Arts academic orientation and staying in Montreal for part of the summer.

### **Arts Valedictorian Selection:**

Congratulations to our two Valedictorians for the Class of 2015: **Nida Nizam** and **Claire Stewart-Kanigan**! Thank you to all of the fantastic students who applied—we know you'll do great things.

### **AUS Teaching Awards:**

The Awards Reception on Thursday went extremely well. Thank you to our lovely volunteers and congratulations to **Prof. Maria Starzmann**, **Alice Chessé** and **Nellie Voudouris** on their awards!

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

This proposal came to the Arts Curriculum Committee on March 30<sup>th</sup> for some intense discussion. I am hoping to meet with Dr. Yachnin before it comes back for a vote at the **April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**.



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

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

### **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).

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

Met on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed **revisions to the University Student Assessment Policy**. Will report orally. Final meeting on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Curriculum Committee:**

Final meeting next Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, with many items on the agenda including the **MA-PLAI**.

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

Final 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 Services:**

I am sitting on the **search committee** for a new **Senior Director of Student Services**. The student members of CSS are also trying to collect more information in order to publicize our concerns with the university's **budgeting approach to Student Services**. Our next meeting is this Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> where we will review **Innovation Fund applications**.

### **Executive Transition:**

**Transition Day** was quite successful! I will be meeting with our incoming VP Academic a few more times this month before passing off my exit report. We would also like to schedule some **bridge meetings** with various units in late April or early May, time permitting. Finally, Jacob and I have come up with some **training on academic policies and student rights**, which we hope to pilot with the incoming student Senators before Executives go through it in September.

### **A Final Note:**

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful, fulfilling year! Whether you're graduating or will be returning to McGill, continuing with the AUS or moving on to other projects, I wish you the best of luck for these last few weeks and for a restful summer. While my term as VP Academic ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>, I start as an Arts Senator on May 1<sup>st</sup>, so I remain available to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about life here at McGill. See you soon!

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Sobat

AUS VP Academic



## Executive Schedule March 22–April 4:

March 2015

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	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28
all-day	AUS Campaign Period AUS Polling Period						
10 AM		9:30 AM LIFC Allocation Meeting SSMU Boardroom	10 AM Class		10 AM Class		10 AM Transition Day Arts Lounge
11 AM							
Noon			11:30 AM Office Hours Leacock B-12	11:45 AM Sr Director of Students Srvc Search Cttee James Adm Bldg, Rm 302	11:30 AM Office Hours Leacock B-12	11:30 AM Valedictorian Selection Committee Dean's Office (Daws...)	
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3 PM		2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class		
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5 PM		4:30 PM (4:30 PM EDT) Executive Committee C...					
6 PM				6 PM AUS Council LEA 26			
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	Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 31	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
all-day							
10 AM			10 AM Class	9:30 AM LIFC Debrief Meeting SSMU Boardroom	Class		
11 AM				Pick-ups for Awards R...			
Noon		11:45 AM Essay Centre meeting	11:30 AM Office Hours Leacock B-12		11:30 AM Office Hours Leacock B-12		
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2 PM							
3 PM		2:30 PM Curriculum Committee	Class	2:30 PM Class	2:30 PM Class		
4 PM		3:15 PM Conference					
5 PM		4:30 PM (4:30 PM EDT) Executive Committee Champagne Room	4 PM Class	4 PM Class	4 PM Class	4 PM Reception set-up	
6 PM				6 PM AUS Awards	5:30 PM Teaching Awards Reception RVC West Lounge		
7 PM							
8 PM							