

**Arts Senator Report to AUS Council**

**September 23, 2015**

**Joint Projects**

* Senate
	+ First meeting this Thursday, September 24th
	+ Received written responses to questions regarding physical accessibility in building renovations (<http://tinyurl.com/o36w38t>) & McGill responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Report (<http://tinyurl.com/nmvh6hl>)
	+ Awaiting written responses to question regarding illegal executive pay raises (<http://tinyurl.com/ohmlkyx>)
* Faculty of Arts meetings
	+ First meeting next Tuesday, September 29th
* Arts & Science
	+ Received Academic Research Commissioner report on interdisciplinary Arts & Science programs across Canada
	+ Looking at funding improvements for Arts Sci administrative & teaching resources
	+ Attending Arts & Science Assembly with Science Senator on September 29th; rotating schedule thereafter

**Alex Kpeglo-Hennessey**

Senate

* Committee on Student Grievances
	+ Training the first week of October
	+ There is a hearing scheduled during the second week of October
* Subcommittee on Queer Equity
	+ Attended the first meeting on September 16th
	+ Three main topics were covered
	+ Committee is planning to nominate someone for an honorary doctorate, is continually pushing the McGill administration to follow its employment equity policy, and promoting its annual homecoming event Return to the Rainbow on October 23rd
* Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
	+ SQ
* Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
	+ Annual Report is being presented this Senate
	+ The first meeting is October 8th
	+ Major topic will be revised terms of reference that will affect both the composition and role of this subcommittee
* Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
	+ Officially being nominated for this committee this Senate
	+ I have yet to hear about the first meeting

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* Committee on Student Affairs
	+ SQ
	+ First meeting is October 7th

**Erin Sobat**

Senate

* Academic Policy Committee (APC)
	+ Met on Thursday, September 17th
	+ Proposals to adjust university transfer credit policy & streamline exchange course approvals
	+ Next meeting Thursday, October 8th
* Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
	+ Met on Tuesday, September 8th
	+ Update on possible Fall Reading Break models & new University Student Assessment Policy framework
	+ Next meeting Tuesday, October 6th
* Committee on Student Services (CSS)
	+ First meeting Wednesday, September 16th
	+ Discussed Student Services internal unit review, Innovation Fund & priorities for the year
	+ October meeting date TBD
* Senior Director of Student Services Search Committee
	+ Search postponed while Student Services undergoes internal unit review
	+ Hoping to establish timeline for renewed search beginning Spring 2016

SSMU

* SSMU Council
	+ First meeting Thursday, September 17th
	+ Approved audit, standing rules, ad-hoc committees, interim committee provisions, Board of Directors nominations, committee allocations
	+ Next meeting Thursday, October 1st
* SSMU Nominating Committee
	+ Reported to SSMU Council on September 17th
	+ Next meeting TBA (as-needed)
* SSMU Internal Regulations Review Committee
	+ Responsible for reviewing proposed new “Internal Regulations” before sent to SSMU Council for approval
	+ First meeting TBD (this week or next)
* “Know Your Rights” Working Group
	+ To be housed under the SSMU University Affairs Committee
	+ Currently establishing group for the year; emphasis on outreach & promotional efforts

AUS

* Curriculum Committee
	+ Reviews proposals for new or revised programs & courses in the Faculty
	+ September 14th meeting cancelled; first meeting now October 19th
* Dean of Arts Search Committee
	+ Met in July & early September to define position profile & begin soliciting applications; looking to have an announcement by January 2016
	+ Next meeting Wednesday, Oct 7

Respectfully Submitted,

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