

**Arts Senator Report to AUS Council**

**October 7th, 2015**



Shoutout to the @snaxcafe Instagram account, y’all should follow them!

**Joint Projects**

* Senate
  + Next meeting this Wednesday, October 21st (will report orally)
  + Submitted Question Regarding McGill’s Response to Current Refugee Crisis
  + The following items will be on the agenda:
    - Open Discussion on “McGill’s International Strategy”
    - Annual Report of the Academic Policy Committee
    - Annual Report Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
    - University Advancement Annual Report
    - Annual Report from the Senate Committee on Physical Development
    - Report from the Board of Governors to Senate
* Senate Caucus
  + Discussed McGill executive pay report (<http://tinyurl.com/nzotx38> – page 31), employment equity strategy, smoking policy, medical note issues
* Arts & Science
  + Alex attended BASiC Assembly on October 13th; Erin will attend October 27th
  + Projects: institutionalizing Arts & Science Senator position, funding improvements for Arts Sci scholarships, administrative & teaching resources

**Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy**

Senate

* Committee on Student Grievances
  + Waiting to hear back about the finalized date of the hearing I have been assigned to
* JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
  + Attended a meeting on October 13th
  + Topics discussed included
    - The annual LGBTQ homecoming event, Return to the Rainbow, this Friday
    - The committee’s nomination for an Honorary Degree
    - Employment Equity updates
* Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
  + SQ
* Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
  + The first meeting was October 8th
  + A number of decisions have been sent to the APC for approval including
    - Amendments to the STL terms of reference
    - The creation of an Online Education Working Group
    - Clarifications to the guidelines for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Learning
  + Had presentations on McGillX, Mercury Course Evaluations, and the upcoming TLS Symposium
  + Attended a smaller meeting with the Director of TLS and a TLS Academic Associate to discuss online learning tools on October 16th
  + TLS has a number of pilot projects in this domain and expect to institute a new SRS next fall
* Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
  + Waiting to hear back about the first meeting of this committee
* Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
  + Waiting to hear back about the first meeting of this committee
* Committee on Student Services
  + Meeting next week that I have to miss due to a midterm
  + Next meeting is on November 12th

**AUS**

* Committee on Student Affairs
  + First meeting was supposed to be October 7th, however this has been cancelled
  + Next meeting will be November 11th
* Know Your Rights Working Group
  + Last Friday’s meeting was cancelled
* Accountability Committee
  + I am the Arts Senator sitting on this committee (as per its terms of reference)
  + No meeting dates have been set

**SSMU**

* Student Society Programming Network
  + Currently working on planning 4Floors (October 29th)
  + I’ve attended 3/4 meetings thus far

**Erin Sobat**

Senate

* Academic Policy Committee (APC)
  + Met briefly on Thursday, October 8th to approve business
  + Next meeting Thursday, October 29th
* Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
  + Met on Tuesday, October 6th
  + Update & discussion on Student Assessment Policy revisions, Fall Reading Break, medical note issues, Family Care Program
  + Next meeting Tuesday, November 3rd
* Committee on Student Services (CSS)
  + Next meeting Tuesday, October 20th
  + Likely disucssion around goals of new Interim Senior Director, Student Services internal unit review & Innovation Fund project reports
* Principal’s Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
  + Met Tuesday, October 13th
  + Began fleshing out criteria for “academic vision” of the site; this will guide community consultation on which McGill units & services could see themselves moving to RVH if it is acquired
  + Next meeting Friday, October 30th
* Senior Director of Student Services Search Committee
  + Status quo pending further discussions with the Deputy Provost (see joint statement released by student associations: <http://ow.ly/SRqO9>)
* Library Master Plan Steering Committee
  + Sat on this committee last year; Master Plan results were released last week! Check out the proposal here: [www.mcgill.ca/library/about/fiat-lux](http://www.mcgill.ca/library/about/fiat-lux)

SSMU

* SSMU Council
  + Met Thursday, October 15th
  + Approved VP FOPs Internal Regulations, CKUT & Safety Network fee Referenda, Yearbook fee & student-run cooperative plebiscites, Climate Change Policy, statement on satire, Law Library exam compromise
  + Next meeting Thursday, November 5th
* SSMU Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
  + Met on Wednesday, October 14th to review External Affairs IRs
  + Meeting this Wednesday, October 21st to review President & VP FOPs IRs
* SSMU Nominating Committee
  + Reported to SSMU Council on September 17th
  + Meeting to nominate new Deputy Electoral Officer sometime this week
* “Know Your Rights” Working Group
  + Chairing working group under the University Affairs Committee; emphasis on outreach & promotion around student rights
  + Had to cancel meeting on Friday, October 16th, currently rescheduling for this week or next
* University Affairs Committee
  + Responsible for overseeing research & advocacy priorities of UA portfolio, including advising on SSMU MoA negotiations
  + Currently finalizing membership, first meeting TBD very soon

AUS

* Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
  + Advising President & VP Finance on MoA negotiations with McGill
  + Currently a proposal is on the table to allow SNAX to sell sandwiches; negotiations will focus on reducing trade-offs (e.g. price controls)
  + President & VP Finance have a meeting with DPSLL on October 23rd
* Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
  + Working with AUS President to bring in more consistent HR policies for job descriptions, hiring & stipends
  + Secretary-General now hired, first meeting TBD soon
* Dean of Arts Search Committee
  + Met on Wednesday, October 7th to shortlist candidates for interviews in early December; looking to have announcement by January 2016
* Faculty of Arts Meetings
  + Met Tuesday, September 29th
  + Updates on Faculty of Religious Studies integration, School of Public Policy, budgetary situtation & space changes
  + Next meeting Tuesday, October 27th
* Curriculum Committee
  + Reviews proposals for new or revised programs & courses in the Faculty
  + First meeting this Monday, October 19th (can report orally)
* Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
  + Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies for collections, services & user needs
  + First meeting this Friday, October 23rd
* Other Projects
  + Assisting KANATA on creating Indigenous Studies Students’ Association
  + Advising on review of departmental constitutions & GA procedures
  + Hope to contribute to discussions around VP Finance selection & training

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy, Arts Senator

Erin Sobat, Arts Senator