

## Arts Senator Report to AUS Council November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Student Services is undergoing a cyclical unit review later this month, and we want your feedback on their offerings! <http://goo.gl/forms/5kjZS7f9Gb>

### Joint Projects

- Senate
  - Next meeting this Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - The following items are on the agenda:
    - Question Regarding the Impact of International Tuition Deregulation
    - Annual Report on the Financial State of the University
    - Budget Planning FY16
    - Revisions to the Policy on Safe Disclosure
    - Annual Report of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs
    - Annual Report of the Committee on Student Discipline
    - Joint-Board Senate Report
  - Also drafting upcoming questions regarding employment equity, peer mentorship & possibly divestment
- Senate Caucus
  - Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: Discussed Fall Reading break progress, student outreach strategies, campus smoking policies & anti-austerity initiatives
  - Joint SSMU-PGSS Senate Caucus this Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in Lev Bukhman (2<sup>nd</sup> floor SSMU)
- Arts & Science
  - Erin attended BASiC Assembly Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>; group check-in meeting Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Currently compiling list of funding & administrative priorities for Provost
    - Advising support, teaching resources, scholarships, lounge space

- Institutionalizing Arts & Science Senator position:
  - SSMU VP UA & Internal Regulations Review Committee will look at Senator allocations process

## **Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy**

### Senate

- Committee on Student Grievances
  - Hearing is November 24<sup>th</sup>
- JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
  - Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Guest speaker from the SAP Working Group will be presenting
    - Will report orally
- Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
  - SQ
- Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
  - Next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Still collecting feedback on SRS systems <http://goo.gl/forms/hkhv0itR93> please fill out this form ☺
- Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
  - SQ
- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
  - SQ
- Committee on Student Services
  - Attended a lunch with the student members on November 6th
  - Attended the meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Met the new OSD Director, discussed the Student Services Innovation Fund, new Mac Campus Pilot Project, and Advisory Board Mandates
- Know Your Rights Working Group
  - Missed the last meeting due to a personal commitment

## **AUS**

- Committee on Student Affairs
  - Met on November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Discussed the Early Alert System, a Faculty of Arts Mental Health Awareness Strategy, Fall Reading Break, Transfer Credit Policy, and Late Withdrawal Forms
- Accountability Committee
  - Attended a meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Discussed the format of the committee and approved the time sheets that have been handed in this semester

## SSMU

- Student Society Programming Network
  - Co-chairing Week 101 from January 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Will update as planning goes on

## MISC

- Attended SSMU Equity Training
- Went to a luncheon with the Principal
- Submitting a motion on Departmental reports to council

## Erin Sobat

### Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
  - Next meeting this Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Receiving motion on integration of Religious Studies into Faculty of Arts
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
  - Met on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>; discussed Fall Reading Break status, assessment policy revisions, Faculty-based “wellness models”
  - Next meeting Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>; building support to hopefully move forward with Fall Reading Break proposal
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
  - Met on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Presentation from new Director of OSD, Teri Phillips
  - Discussed Innovation Fund reporting structure, timelines & restrictions; Disclosure Centre Pilot Project @ Mac Campus; internal unit review
- Principal’s Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
  - Met Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Developing self-assessment questions for McGill units & services who could see themselves moving to the RVH site if acquired
  - Next meeting Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- 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>)

### SSMU

- Legislative Council
  - Met Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Approved VP FOPs regulations, endorsed Fall Reading Break proposal, discussed electoral regulations & provincial representation
  - Next meeting this Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
  - Met Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to review remaining President IRs (~80pp)

- Winter term projects: Constitutional amendments & Internal Regulations for remaining portfolios (Internal, Clubs & Services, University Affairs)
- Nominating Committee
  - Status quo until further notice
- “Know Your Rights” Working Group
  - Met Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to review Student Rights website & promo
  - Met with SSMU Communications Manager Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to reorganize website (target launch during January Add-Drop period)
- University Affairs Committee
  - Met on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss goals for the UA portfolio & SSMU student research initiatives
  - Hoping to launch an applied student research competition this year & better integrate student research into advocacy at all levels

## AUS

- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
  - President & VP Finance met with DPSLL on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Currently proposal would allow SNAX to sell sandwiches, however negotiations will continue around university’s inspection authority
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
  - First meeting Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>; discussed project goals & assigned members to survey positions under each executive portfolio
  - Next meeting TBD (week of November 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Dean of Arts Search Committee
  - Next meeting this Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to review interview questions
  - Interviews occurring December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
- Faculty of Arts Meetings
  - Met Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Passed motion to integrate Religious Studies as a School; Dean announced \$200 000 cut to administrative & support staff budget; review of the Arts administrative hubs to occur later this month
  - Next meeting Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Curriculum Committee
  - Next meeting this Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Proposed program & course changes from Hispanic Studies, Social Work, Linguistics, Classics, History, Political Science, Economics & Sociology
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
  - Missed first meeting Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Next meeting Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Other Projects
  - Hoping to hear back from KANATA & Indigenous Alliance McGill about creating an Indigenous Studies Students’ Association
  - Advising on review of departmental constitutions & GA procedures

Respectfully Submitted,

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