

**Arts Senator Report to AUS Council**

**November 4th, 2015**



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**Joint Projects**

* Senate
	+ Met on Wednesday, October 21st
		- Open Discussion on “McGill’s International Strategy”
		- Follow-up on executive pay information & CAMSR
	+ Joint Board-Senate Meeting this Tuesday, November 3rd (will report orally)
	+ Next Senate meeting Wednesday, November 18th
		- Drafting questions around student mentorship, employment equity & possibly divestment
		- Hoping for updates on reviews around research ethics & misconduct
* Senate Caucus
	+ Discussed pending Senate questions, institutional memory, student engagement, mid-term progress & goals
* Arts & Science
	+ Alex attended BASiC Assembly October 13th; Erin will attend November 3rd
	+ Institutionalizing Arts & Science Senator position:
		- SSMU VP UA & Internal Regulations Review Committee will look at Senator allocations process
	+ Funding improvements for Arts Sci scholarships, admin & teaching resources
		- Waiting to hear back from Faculty of Science re: Arts Sci scholarships
		- Will speak to Provost about admin funding at November office hours
* Joint Board-Senate Meeting
	+ Meeting on November 3rd to discuss designing a “Smart Campus for the 21st Century”

**Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy**

Senate

* Committee on Student Grievances
	+ Hearing has been scheduled for the third week of November
* JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
	+ Attended the annual LGBTQ Homecoming event, Return to the Rainbow
	+ Next meeting is November 18th
* Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
	+ SQ
* Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
	+ The upcoming meeting on November 19th was cancelled
	+ Next meeting is January 12th
* 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
	+ Next meeting is on November 12th

**AUS**

* Committee on Student Affairs
	+ Next meeting will be November 11th
* Accountability Committee
	+ SQ

**SSMU**

* Student Society Programming Network
	+ SQ
* “Know Your Rights” Working Group
	+ Attended a meeting on October 30th

**Erin Sobat**

Senate

* Academic Policy Committee (APC)
	+ Next meeting Thursday, October 29th meeting cancelled; next meeting Thursday, November 19th
* Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
	+ Next meeting this Tuesday, November 3rd (will report orally)
	+ Hoping to move forward with Fall Reading Break proposal & Student Assessment Policy revisions
* Committee on Student Services (CSS)
	+ Next meeting Thursday, November 12th
	+ Will be pushing for transparency in upcoming budget planning process
	+ Internal Unit Review also happening later this month
* Principal’s Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
	+ Met Friday, October 30th
	+ Developing self-assessment questions for McGill units & services who could see themselves moving to the RVH site if acquired
	+ Next meeting Monday, November 9th
* 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

* SSMU Council
	+ Met Thursday, October 15th
	+ Approved 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 Thursday, October 29th to starting reviewing President IRs (~80pp)
	+ Next meeting this Wednesday, November 4th to review remainder
	+ Winter term projects: Constitutional amendments & Internal Regulations for remaining portfolios (Internal, Clubs & Services, University Affairs)
* SSMU Nominating Committee
	+ Missed meeting Wednesday, October 21st for AUS Council
	+ Held e-vote on DEO candidate; reporting to SSMU Council November 5th
* “Know Your Rights” Working Group
	+ Met Friday, October 30th; discussed project background, goals & tasks
	+ Goal to launch Student Rights website for January promotional campaign
	+ Next meeting TBD (week of November 8th)
* 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
	+ President & VP Finance met with DPSLL on October 23rd
	+ Currently proposal would allow SNAX to sell sandwiches, however negotiations will continue around university’s inspection authority
* Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
	+ Now co-chairing this committee with the Secretary General
	+ First meeting TBD (later this week or early next)
* Dean of Arts Search Committee
	+ Met on Wednesday, October 7th to shortlist candidate for Dec interviews
	+ Next meeting Tuesday, November 17th to review interview questions
* Faculty of Arts Meetings
	+ Met Tuesday, October 27th
	+ Passed motion to integrate Religious Studies as a School; Interim Dean of Arts announced $200 000 cut to administrative & support staff budget; review of the Arts administrative hubs to occur later this month
	+ Next meeting Tuesday, November 24th
* Curriculum Committee
	+ Met on Monday, October 19th
	+ Approved program & course changes in German, Islamic Studies, Classics & Institute for Gender & Feminist Studies
	+ Next meeting Monday, November 16th
* Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
	+ Missed first meeting Friday, October 23rd
	+ Next meeting Thursday, December 10th
* Other Projects
	+ Will be assisting KANATA & Indigenous Alliance McGill in creating an Indigenous Studies Students’ Association
	+ Advising on review of departmental constitutions & GA procedures
	+ Contributing to discussions around VP Finance selection & training

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy, Arts Senator

Erin Sobat, Arts Senator