

Arts Senator Report to AUS Council December 2nd, 2015

The University Affairs Student Research Competition is now accepting project proposals for the Winter term! <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/blog/2015/11/student-research-competition/>

Joint Projects

- Senate
 - Met on Wednesday, November 18th
 - Discussed international student tuition deregulation, financial state of the university, budget planning 2016-17, executive pensions & more
 - Next meeting this Wednesday, December 2nd
 - Question regarding McGill professor-owned companies & research
 - Open discussion on “Research Funding and Support”
 - Motions for Integration of Religious Studies as a School, Appointment of Harassment Assessors, Spring Convocation Honourary Degrees
- Senate Caucus
 - Monday, November 16th & 23rd: Discussed McGill executive pensions, Fall Reading Break, campus smoking policy, Bookstore names, senate documents
 - Joint SSMU-PGSS Senate Caucus this Monday, November 30th @ 7:00pm in Thomson House Room 403
- Arts & Science
 - Alex attended BASiC Assembly Nov 17th; Marina will attend Dec 1st
 - 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

- Committee on Student Grievances
 - Adjudicated a hearing on November 24th
- JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
 - SQ
- Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
 - SQ
- Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
 - Next meeting is January 12th
 - 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
 - Will likely meet this year after the SAP comes to Senate

- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
 - First meeting is on December 14th
- Committee on Student Services
 - SQ
- Know Your Rights Working Group
 - SQ

AUS

- Committee on Student Affairs
 - SQ
 - Next meeting is on February 10th
- Accountability Committee
 - Attended a meeting on November 23rd
- Faculty of Arts
 - Attended the meeting on November 24th
 - Motion to endorse Divest McGill's petition was pushed to an e-vote
 - Next meeting Tuesday, January 26th

SSMU

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

MISC

- Completed a Senate question on Employment Equity to be submitted for the January session

Erin Sobat

Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - Met on Thursday, November 19th; passed motion for integration of Religious Studies into Faculty of Arts
 - Next meeting Thursday, December 10th; receiving proposed revisions for the Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
 - Next meeting this Tuesday, December 1st; building support to hopefully move forward with Fall Reading Break proposal
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
 - Met on Thursday, November 12th
 - Discussed Innovation Fund reporting structure, timelines & restrictions; Disclosure Centre Pilot Project @ Mac Campus; internal unit review

- Next meeting Tuesday, January 12th
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
 - Met on Monday, November 9th
 - Developing self-assessment questions for McGill units & services who could see themselves moving to the RVH site if acquired
 - Next meeting this Friday, December 4th
- 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 19th
 - Created Ad-Hoc Electoral Reform, Health & Dental Review Committees
 - Next meeting this Thursday, December 3rd
- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
 - Has completed work for Fall term
 - 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 with SSMU Communications Manager Friday, November 13th to reorganize website (target launch during January Add-Drop period)
 - Look forward to our promotional campaign in January!
- University Affairs Committee
 - Met on Wednesday, November 25th to discuss current projects
 - Launched student research competition! <http://goo.gl/forms/c2yRXBUR65>

AUS

- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
 - Awaiting written counter-offer from DPSLL
 - Current proposal would allow SNAX to sell sandwiches, however concerns remain around university's inspection authority
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
 - Met again on Nov 27th; surveying positions under each executive portfolio
 - Developing new online application platform for AUS opportunities, interview & hiring best practices, training for execs & portfolio positions
- Dean of Arts Search Committee
 - Met on Tuesday, November 17th to review interview questions
 - Interviews occurring December 10th & 11th
- Faculty of Arts Meetings
 - Met on Tuesday, November 24th
 - Motion to endorse Divest McGill's petition was pushed to an e-vote
 - Next meeting Tuesday, January 26th
- Curriculum Committee

- Met on Monday, November 16th; approved proposals from HISP, SWRK, LING, CLAS, HIST, POLI, ECON & SOCI
- Next meeting Monday, December 14th
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
 - Missed first meeting Friday, October 23rd
 - Next meeting Thursday, December 10th
- 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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