

Arts Senator Report

Check out the new “Know Your Rights” website! <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/studentrights>

Joint Projects

- Senate
 - Met on Wednesday, December 2nd; discussed McGill professor-owned companies & research, research funding & support, approved integration of Religious Studies as a School & Spring Convocation Honorary Degrees
 - Next meeting this Wednesday, January 13th
 - Question Regarding Divestment from Fossil Fuels
 - Annual Reports on Research & Innovation, Student Life & Learning
 - Report of the Board of Governors
- Senate Caucus
 - Upcoming discussions on January Senate documents, Winter term goals & medical note policy changes
 - Join us this Monday, January 11th at 6:30pm in SSMU Room 434!
- Arts & Science
 - Marina (Science Senator) attended BASiC Assembly Dec 1st
 - Compiled 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 allocation processes

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy

Senate

- Committee on Student Grievances
 - SQ
- 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 will report orally
 - I submitted the feedback I collected last semester to the director of Teaching & Learning Services over the break
 - If you're interested in seeing it, please let me know!
- Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
 - SQ

- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
 - There are two meetings set for this semester
 - January 14th
 - February 16th
- Committee on Student Services
 - Meeting on January 12th has been cancelled and is being rescheduled
- Know Your Rights Working Group
 - SQ
- Ad-Hoc Working Group on Employment Equity
 - My senate question resulted in me being asked to join this group
 - Designing how the Open Discussion on Employment Equity will proceed in February
 - I'm in the process of soliciting feedback from a number of interested parties

AUS

- Committee on Student Affairs
 - Next meeting is on February 10th
- Accountability Committee
 - SQ
- Faculty of Arts Committee
 - Next meeting is January 26th

SSMU

- Student Society Programming Network
 - Co-chairing Week 101 from January 18th-22nd
 - Degrassi themed!

MISC

- Asked the Chair of the Department of Political Science to consider using the default period for course evaluations
- Helping to organize a speaker panel on employment equity
- Senate Caucus is tabling at Activities Night:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1167143903315605/>
- I have draft versions of two senate questions written let me know if you're interested!
 - Course Outlines
 - Final Exam Regulations

Erin Sobot

Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - Met on Thursday, December 10th; passed proposed revisions for the Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
 - Next meeting Thursday, January 14th; receiving program proposals/revisions

- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
 - Meeting on Tuesday, December 1st cancelled
 - Next meeting this Tuesday, January 12th; receiving medical note policy changes, discussing disclosure centre pilot project & sexual assault policy
 - Still building support to move forward with Fall Reading Break proposal
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
 - Met on Thursday, November 12th; discussed Innovation Fund, Disclosure Centre pilot project & internal unit review
 - Meeting for Tuesday, January 12th cancelled; rescheduled date still TBD
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
 - Met on Friday, December 4th; call for expressions of interest released!
 - Will meet several more times this term to review proposals & develop vision
- 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, December 2nd
 - Discussed smoking harm reduction project, received committee reports & presentations, adopted Internal Regulations of the VP External portfolio, endorsed floor fellow negotiations, approved revised operating budget
 - Next meeting this Thursday, January 14th
- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
 - Next meeting TBA
 - Winter term projects: Constitutional amendments & Internal Regulations for remaining portfolios (Internal, Clubs & Services, University Affairs)
- Nominating Committee
 - January meeting to appoint last J-Board Justice TBA
- “Know Your Rights” Working Group
 - Check out the new “Know Your Rights” website!
<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/studentrights>
 - Promotional campaign (tabling/posters/social media) happening this week
- University Affairs Committee
 - Meeting this Thursday, January 14th to review research proposals
 - Winter term projects include student research competition, research communications strategy & MoA negotiation consultation

AUS

- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
 - Reviewing written counter-offer from DPSLL; aiming to have new agreement signed by late January/early February
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
 - Met on November 27th; surveyed positions under each executive portfolio
 - Developing new online application platform for AUS opportunities, interview & hiring best practices, training for executives & other positions

- Dean of Arts Search Committee
 - Held interviews between December 9-11 & made recommendations to the Principal; new Dean will hopefully be announced in early February!
- Faculty of Arts Meetings
 - Endorsed Divest McGill's petition through an e-vote with 85% approval!
 - Next meeting Tuesday, January 2nd; the Provost will be presenting
- Curriculum Committee
 - Met on Monday, December 14th; approved proposals for Public Policy, Social Entrepreneurship; revisions for RELG, CATH, COGS, SWRK, ENVR, ANTH
 - Next meeting Monday, January 25th
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
 - Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies around collections, services & user needs
 - Missed meeting on Thursday, December 10th
 - Next meeting TBA
- Other Projects
 - Hoping to hear back from KANATA & Indigenous Alliance McGill about creating an Indigenous Studies Students' Association
 - Advising on AUS 2020 & review of departmental constitutions/GA procedures

Respectfully Submitted,

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