

## Arts Senator Report



Do you see yourself represented in McGill's academic workforce? Come out to learn about SSMU research on the state of employment equity at McGill (spoiler: it's bad), followed by a discussion with faculty members on their experiences with equity and discrimination in the university setting.

### Joint Projects

- Panel on Diversity in Academia
  - Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Arts 160
  - Light refreshments will be provided
  - Find more information here: [www.facebook.com/events/949883245107155/](http://www.facebook.com/events/949883245107155/)
- Senate
  - Met on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>; discussed fossil fuel divestment, reports on Research & Innovation, Student Life & Learning, Board of Governors
  - Next Meeting Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>:
    - Open Discussion on Employment Equity
    - Submitting Question Regarding Course Registration & Syllabi
- Senate Caucus
  - Upcoming discussions with Provost, Deputy Provost, Principal, Director of Scholarships & Student Aid
  - Planning senator info session for nomination period, consultation on smoking policy proposals & recommendations for DPSLL Unit Review
  - Mondays @ 6:30pm in SSMU: Come out to learn more about the senator role!
- Arts & Science
  - Erin attended BASiC Assembly January 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Setting up meeting with Dean of Arts and Dean of Science to discuss our recommendations
  - Bringing motion to SSMU Council January 28<sup>th</sup> to amend senator allocation order (will move up Arts & Science in priority)

## Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy

### Senate

- Committee on Student Grievances
  - SQ
- JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
  - The committee is interested in gathering feedback on courses that could potentially fulfill a program requirement in diversity & equity
  - If you want to help please fill out the form: <http://goo.gl/forms/r6oqpo35tu>
- Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
  - SQ
- Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
  - SQ
- Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
  - SQ
- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
  - Attended the first meeting and it was very productive! Next steps are for me to gather more student feedback for the process! I sent out Listserv submissions.
  - Next meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Committee on Student Services
  - Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled was rescheduled during one of my courses
- Know Your Rights Working Group
  - SQ
- Ad-Hoc Working Group on Employment Equity
  - Met with the Associate Provost (Policies, Procedures, and Equity), Secretary-General, and several professors to discuss the design of the Open Discussion on Employment Equity in February
  - One more meeting will happen before the next Senate meeting to finalize a number of details

### AUS

- Committee on Student Affairs
  - Next meeting is on February 10<sup>th</sup>
- Accountability Committee
  - SQ
- Faculty of Arts Committee
  - Next meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup>
  - I have a class conflict

### SSMU

- Student Society Programming Network
  - Chaired Week 101 last week
  - Thanks to anyone who came!

## MISC

- Asked the Chair of the Department of Political to consider using the default period for course evaluations
- Helping to organize a speaker panel on employment equity
- Senate Caucus tabled at activities night
- I have draft versions of two senate questions written let me know if you're interested!
  - Course Outlines
  - Final Exam Regulations
  - Erin submitted some edits and I plan to go over them and submit at least one question for the February meeting!

## **Erin Sobat**

### Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
  - Met on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>; passed various program proposals
  - Next meeting Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>; School of Public Policy proposal
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
  - Met on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>; discussed medical note policy changes, disclosure centre pilot project & sexual assault policy
  - Next meeting Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>; agenda TBA
  - Working hard to make sure the Fall Reading Break proposal moves ahead!
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
  - Meeting this Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>; discussing Innovation Fund timeline, advisory board reports, university wellness strategy & cyclical review
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
  - Meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> & March 18<sup>th</sup> to review expressions of interest
- 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, January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Amended Internal Regulations of VP FOPs, President, Elections & Referenda
  - Approved special referendum for executive restructuring & base fee increase
  - Next meeting this Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>; presentations from AVEQ & UEQ and notice of motions for March referendum period
- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
  - Next meeting Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>; currently proposing constitutional amendments for March referendum period
  - Other projects: Internal Regulations for remaining portfolios (Internal, Clubs & Services, University Affairs)
- Nominating Committee
  - Interviewed candidates for remaining J-board Justice position last week
  - Nominating Committee meeting this week to make recommendation

- “Know Your Rights” Working Group
  - Check out the new “Know Your Rights” website (live as of Monday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>): <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/studentrights>
  - Promotional campaign (posters/social media/listservs) happening soon!
  - Meeting soon to review website & work on additional projects for term
- University Affairs Committee
  - Met on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to shortlist research proposals
  - Interviewing finalist candidates this week (projects to span Feb–April)
  - Other projects: research communication strategy, MoA consultation

## AUS

- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
  - Draft agreement to be presented at this AUS Council meeting!
  - Could have sandwiches back before Reading Week ☺
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
  - Meeting this Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>; finalizing plans for online hiring platform, organizational chart, hiring guide, executive training & HR bylaws
- 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
  - Meeting this Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>; the Provost will be presenting
- Curriculum Committee
  - Meeting this Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>; receiving proposals from LING, HIST, COMS, SOCI, ANTH, LLCU, QCST
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Next meeting still TBA

Finally, the nomination period for student senator positions opens very soon: please ask us questions about our role if you are interested in this opportunity! There will also be a general information session next week; stay tuned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy

Erin Sobat