
Arts Senator Report to AUS Council March 9th, 2016

We hope everyone had a restful, relaxing and productive Reading Break!

Joint Projects

- Senate
 - Next meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd; business includes revisions to University Student Assessment Policy; reports on enrolment, staffing & graduate/postdoctoral studies; statement on academic freedom
- Senate Caucus
 - Discussed medical note policies, accommodations, Wellness Strategy
 - Mondays @ 6:30pm in SSMU 403: Come and learn about university affairs!
- Arts & Science
 - Erin attended BASiC Assembly February 23rd; discussed incorporation timeline & course outline issues
 - Someone is running for Arts/Sci Senator!
 - Still waiting on updates from the Deans on our program recommendations

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Senate

- Committee on Student Grievances
 - SQ
- JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
 - Snuck out of Senate during the budget presentation to attend this meeting on February 18th
 - Currently working on preferred names policy for McGill staff, early planning for March Queer Issues event, course catalogue
- Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
 - This committee is convening a meeting to provide a preliminary look at a complaint this Friday
- Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
 - SQ
- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
 - February 16th meeting was cancelled and has not been rescheduled yet
 - Reviewed the confidential submissions from the McGill Community
 - Next step is meeting with the Dean in person
- Committee on Student Services
 - SQ
- Know Your Rights Working Group
 - SQ
- Employment Equity

- Interested in formalizing student-oriented advocacy for employment equity and diversity

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- Committee on Student Affairs
 - Next meeting is April 6th
- Accountability Committee
 - SQ
- Faculty of Arts Committee
 - SQ

SSMU

- Student Society Programming Network
 - On the Grad Frosh subcommittee

MISC

- Proposed a compromise on course outline registry to the Deputy Provost. Enrolment services is looking into this
- Meeting with Associate Dean Lach this week

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Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - Next meeting Thursday, March 17th; waiting for responses to questions about revisions to *Regulations on the Conduct of Research*
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
 - Next meeting this Tuesday, March 8th; hope to continue discussions around medical note policies
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
 - Next meeting Thursday, March 24th; discussing budget concerns, Innovation Fund progress reports & Wellness Strategy
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
 - Student reps met to review documents Wednesday, February 24th
 - Met on Friday, February 26th to identify initial thematics that will bring multiple proposals into collaboration
 - Next meeting Friday, March 18th; deadline to announce plans is April!
- 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, February 25th; approved referenda for constitutional amendments, Writing Centre fee, bicycle facility plebiscite, mental health fee & Health plan increase for psychology coverage

- Approved amendment of Presidential Internal Regulations, Memo Regarding Inaccurate Journalism, endorsement of the Leap Manifesto, & commitments to interdisciplinary research & Universal Design for Learning
- Next meeting this Thursday, March 10th
- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
 - Missed meeting on Thursday, February 25th to review University Affairs IRs
 - Next meeting TBD (week of March 14th)
- Nominating Committee
 - Abstained from e-vote on selection of new Elections SSMU CEO
- “Know Your Rights” Working Group (KYRWG)
 - Will be finalizing website content for exams/accommodations & auditing Faculty-level procedures to identify discrepancies
- University Affairs Committee
 - Met on Thursday, February 18th; discussed MoA research, negotiables & bargaining strategy; delegated tasks for completing UA website
 - Next meeting this Thursday, March 10th

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- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
 - Met on Friday, February 26th; hiring platform & positions descriptions are almost ready for launch!
 - Next meeting TBD
- Faculty of Arts Meetings
 - Next meeting this Tuesday, March 8th (may be absent)
- Curriculum Committee
 - Meeting on Monday, February 22nd cancelled due to lack of business
 - Next meeting Monday, March 21st
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
 - Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies
 - Next meeting Monday, March 14th

Respectfully Submitted,

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