



## Report of the President to Council, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Hey folks! Brief updates from the last two weeks include our executive retreat and a meeting with the Dean.

### Retreat:

- The exec discussed some changes happening in the faculty and at the SSMU level. We also discussed what direction we want the AUS to go in terms of financing and budgets, as well as representation and service provision. We also just spent some quality time getting to know one another!

### Meeting with Dean:

- On Monday we had a meeting with the Dean of Arts as well as the Associate Dean of Arts Lucy Lach, in which we presented each of our portfolios and changes within our portfolios. It was a positive meeting in which we started to build a relationship of trust with the administration as well as in which we offered to assist them in new initiatives as well.

### Other Meetings

- Met with Sec Gen and DSG to go over more logistical planning for this year. We are going to create an anonymous online feedback form through which employees, departments, and execs can voice concerns with regard to their working relationships, which will be directly relayed to the Sec Gen for review. They are working on developing a comprehensive procedure to deal with complaints in the AUS. They will also be attending AUS councils as non-voting Observers (sans speaking rights) to keep up to date with the functioning of the Society to ensure the best possible measures of accountability and transparency.
- On Friday, Erik and I are meeting with the DPSLL to proceed MOA negotiations. This particular meeting will be focused on updates regarding Snax and the letter of permission, as well as just starting to build rapport for the upcoming year.

### Committees

- We circulated a form for councillors to apply for Arts committees – we will be doing allocations next Monday at excomm so please do your best to have them filled out immediately!
- Have been receiving applications for Leacock's, CBRC, and Equity... though people are less interested in ACLFC.
- Equity: In the past the equity committee has had a somewhat ambiguous role in the AUS – is it a committee that exists to hold other groups accountable for equity and inclusivity, or should it also exist to host events itself.
  - Meeting with Equity tomorrow to outline what we want to future of the committee to look like in AUS, as well as to review applications for members-at-large.
- MHAUS expo is temporarily post-poned. We generated a lot of interest for participation in a series of mental health videos at the AUS activities nights... We are really excited about this initiative.
- Erik and I will be co-chairing AIOAC
- Faculty of Arts will begin Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Miscellaneous**

- We had a hellish week of events between SSMU Activities, Dept Orientation, AUS Activities, retreat, and wine and cheese, but we made it!
- **PS** We had a wine and cheese event on Tuesday to act as both a means through which AUS employees could connect but also to showcase our guidelines for respectful event planning in Arts spaces. We used the event baskets designed by Kira that included guidelines, cleaning materials, etc and it was great!
- I will be reaching out to departments on behalf of Garry Lassman, the photographer who handles departmental mosaics. Be prepared!

### **Respectfully Submitted,**

Beck Goldberg  
President