



Report of the AUS VP Academic - October 5th, 2016

Faculty Committees

First meeting of the Faculty of Arts Council was Tuesday 9/27, and was well attended. We were informed of more construction upcoming in the Leacock basement, as well as heard of plans to increase the number of classrooms in the Birks building. The Curriculum Committee met on Monday, and the Committee on Student Affairs has been rescheduled to next week. The Curriculum Committee approved changes to programs in Political Science, Linguistics, and Industrial Relations, which now proceed to the university level. The Humanities and Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee meeting for this Thursday has been cancelled, but will be rescheduled in the coming week.

E-Coursepack Project

All Departmental VP Academics have heard about this already, but looking to launch a project this winter for making course packs available as a collection of links to e-books that are freely available through McGill's assorted resources. Looking for interested departments!

Student Rights

Despite many views on the anonymous reporting form launched last week, there have been no reports of grievances-- I'm taking this as a good sign! Currently combing through the syllabi on myCourses to hunt down any potential violations. If you have any questions / concerns about a course that may be violating student rights (participation > 10%, final > 75%, etc.) please get in touch!

Academic Affairs Committee

Still looking for 1-2 more members for this year-- but will be convening shortly! Email me if you'd be interested in joining!

OASIS & Such

Met with the study away team on Tuesday to discuss opportunities to improve and streamline the study away program. Will be looking to increase the number of partner universities available to Arts students, and also looking to examine the student experience further-- will be sending out a survey! Also met with Associate Dean Lach on Tuesday to discuss potential changes to the UO program, following up on the student workload assessment, working on reviewing re-read policies in the Faculty of Arts, and developing a comprehensive assessment policy for language courses!

LPC

First meeting of the Library Partnership Committee was Tuesday! Looking forward to making improvements to the Library via the AUIF this year. We're focusing on things like furniture that can be temporarily removed and then returned to the library during the Fiat Lux project. If you have ideas already as to how to improve the library, don't hesitate to email me!



AIO

Hoping to convene the first meeting of the AIOAC which Becky and I are co-chairing on the 11th-- will focus on the operations of the AIO with regards specifically to the use of the \$100,000 of student funds provided annually. AIO is also running internship sessions themed for various departments, email Antoine (aio@mcgill.ca) if you want to set one up for yours!

ASEF

Status quo from last meeting, Deepak and I will be meeting with people from the Faculty of Arts Finance Office, as well as Associate Dean Engle-Warnick and his team on the 12th.

Peer Tutoring

Peer tutoring allocations are out! As has been the case historically, languages and smaller departments were prioritized, and \$2,600 worth of funds have been allocated for \$6,000 worth of application. Will look into potentially increasing the funding to the program for the winter semester.

Essay Centre

Up and running with tutors, in both English and French! Drop by between 12-1pm any day!

Publications

If you haven't hired journal editors already, please do so! And remember to send their names and emails to ausjournals@gmail.com so the Publications Commission can keep them in the loop. The AUSPC has a slate of great events and training options set up in the next six weeks so please get in touch ASAP!

MOA / DPSLL

Becky and I had a very positive and productive meeting with Deputy Provost Olliver Dyens on 9/23, and I look forward to working with the Deputy Provost's office in the coming weeks and months. They expressed interest in launching a Sci-Cram equivalent for Arts, and I am meeting on Thursday to discuss that.

Respectfully submitted,

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