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# Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU

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## SSMU Activities

- SSMU Council met on October 13
  - Received presentation from equitable governance researcher regarding suggestions for changes to McGill's Board of Governors
  - Received 2015-2016 audited financial statements
  - Passed a motion in support of AMUSE collective bargaining after some debate
  
- Next meeting on October 20
  - Will consider a policy and fee referendum to provide free menstrual hygiene products to all SSMU members, and lobby for government support
    - Would include eventual provision of alternative products such as menstrual cups
    - Proposed fee is \$1.68/semester
  - Will consider fee referendum questions
    - Midnight Kitchen (\$3.35)
    - Musicians Collective (\$0.10)

## Committees/Meetings

### Igor

- Steering Committee (SSMU)
  - Met on October 6
  - Expected to meet again before October 20 Council
- Provincial Representation Committee (SSMU)
  - First meeting expected this week
- Constitutional and Bylaw Review Committee (AUS)
  - Met on October 14
    - Finalized review of updated DESA constitution
    - Began review of AUS constitution
- Arts Computer Lab Fund Committee (AUS / Faculty of Arts)
  - Met on October 14
    - Considered faculty proposal to hire communications officer

- Curriculum Committee (Faculty of Arts)
  - Met on October 3
    - Approved changes to POLI programs, major changes to INDR
    - Approved new courses in EAST and RUSS
    - Sent back proposed changes to LING (too restrictive)
  - October 17 meeting cancelled
- QPIRG Board of Directors (SSMU)
  - Officially appointed as SSMU rep to QPIRG
  - Met on October 12
    - Existence referendum still coming up
- Student Academic Summit (SSMU)
  - Took place on October 15
  - Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)
    - launching resource website on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for instructors in mid-November
    - cited need for student outreach to faculty members within departments regarding UDL implementation, OSD can offer support
  - Mental Health Education Coordinators
    - looking for partnerships for implementing department-based mental health services and education initiatives (mentorship, workshops, physical wellness areas, policy changes, surveys for needs assessment)
    - reach out to [wellness.stuserv@mcgill.ca](mailto:wellness.stuserv@mcgill.ca)

## Isabella

- Steering Committee (SSMU)
  - Met on October 6
  - Meeting again before the supplementary October 20 Council
- Committee on Student Affairs (Faculty of Arts)
  - Met on October 12, although I was unable to attend this meeting due to its rescheduled time
  - The Advising Checklist for New Students will be changing for next year
  - A knowledge base for advisors was discussed, a draft Health and Wellness Strategy was reviewed
  - Talked about how to create community in the classroom and a system for reporting incidents of racism and harassment through AUS Executive and the Dean
- Accountability Committee (AUS)
  - Meetings have yet to be scheduled

Maria

- Mental Health Committee (SSMU)
  - Has yet to meet
  - Elaine Patterson (VP Student Life) and I have a meeting on October 20 before SSMU Council to discuss plans for the committee
- Library Partnership Committee (AUS)
  - Meeting coming this Friday
  - Making a survey for ideas as to what to improve in McLennan

## How to Reach Us

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