



## **Report of the AUS VP Academic - November 30th, 2016**

### **Faculty Committees**

Faculty of Arts Council met last Tuesday, there was a presentation on the Arts 145/150 space which is becoming an active learning classroom. AD Lane-Mercier has also asked us to provide student perspective on summer studies-- the budget was recently cut from \$400,000 to \$352,000 while applications for summer courses have risen in cost to \$600,000, wants to know if students are interested in increased funding to summer courses. Faculty is also working to stop the promotion of voluntourism in the Faculty of Arts. AD Lach updated on the proposal for a fall reading week-- at this point it's at best two or three days added on to Thanksgiving. Looking at perhaps allowing exams during the last week of courses.

### **Student Rights**

Met with Associate Dean of Student Affairs Lucy Lach to review departmental reassessment and reread policies on Tuesday, will report orally.

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Will be working with the SSMU Know Your Rights campaign in the winter semester to help promote student rights-- if you're interested in tabling or helping promote student rights on campus, get in touch!

### **LPC**

Will most likely be reupholstering seating in the cybertheque and rest of the library: ~50 seats. Then, also looking to dramatically increase the number of plants in the library, as well as funding framing of parts of the visual arts collection so it can be put on the walls. Looking to potentially add 1-2 more projects on top of that, are gathering feedback from a survey currently being sent around.

### **Essay Centre**

Have received applications for Internal Coordinator of the Essay Centre (& also for the course pack alternative researcher).

### **Peer Tutoring**

Please remember to get requests for cheques in by December 7th, and reminder that academic integrity forms must be on file before then.

### **Prof Talks**

The first prof talk of the year with Prof. Braitstein went well, and the coordinators are hoping to host a video prof talk as well before the end of the semester! In the final stages of confirming professors for January.

### **Student Life & Learning**



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Unfortunately, the ArtsCram program will not be able to happen for economics courses, I'll be working with the Deputy Provost's office to hopefully include other departments for the winter semester.

Respectfully submitted,

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