



## Report of the AUS VP Academic - March 22nd, 2017

### Faculty

Faculty of Arts Committee met Tuesday and we had two presentations-- one from the provost and one about the Leacock Terrace. The area between Leacock and the McTavish is going to be torn up and redesigned during 2018, they're currently planning to put in an open air amphitheater with a lot of green space. The Provost presented on the budget, and noted the university is not planning to raise Arts tuition more than 1.5% a year over the next 5 years, though they can't raise it more as it is regulated. The fund to support students financially while studying abroad will be tripled. \$100M will be invested in IT infrastructure alongside \$300M in other infrastructure. Also touched on the strategic academic plan that the Senators could elaborate on. AD Lane Mercier also reported on a pilot project that has been ongoing since 2015, in which students from Northeastern University spend their first semester at McGill. This has raised substantial funds for McGill-- \$300,000 last year, which are being reinvested in TAs.

Curriculum Committee met Monday, the minor concentration in Jewish Law was removed due to little to no enrollment and redundancy with the Jewish Studies minor.

### Publications

Met with the library to discuss copyright concerns about uploading past departmental journals, we're going to put those on hold for copyright concerns.

### Essay Centre

Essay Centre is going very well this semester, if you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering for this semester, please don't hesitate to drop me or them an email ([aus.essay.centre@gmail.com](mailto:aus.essay.centre@gmail.com)). Check out some of their sweet new posters! Also considering a rebrand to the AUS Essay Writing Centre or AUS Editing Centre.

### Prof Talks

Last prof talk of the year is being run by my successor, Madeline, on the subject of Religion and Identity. Join us on March 31st!

### Teaching Awards & Valedictorian

Teaching Awards ceremony was held Tuesday night, congratulations to the victors, and thanks to all who nominated people. Valedictorian selection process is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,



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