



Report of the AUS VP Academic - March 8th, 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.

Publications

Will be meeting with the library to discuss copyright and departmental journals at some point this week.

LPC

Library declined \$7,000 funding provided to it for artwork from AUIFC due to not receiving full funding from ASEFC.

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).

Prof Talks

Our awesome prof talk en français is on March 14th! Another end of March with a fascinating panel **topic to be released just as soon as the professors confirm**.

Teaching Awards

The Teaching Awards Ceremony will be held towards the end of March, but we're already collecting nominations! If your department has an awesome prof, TA, or advisor, please nominate them! DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MONDAY PLZ PLZ PLZ NOMINATE.

<https://ausmcgill.com/2017/01/nominate-prof-ta-advisor-aus-teaching-awards-2/>



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Respectfully submitted,

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