



## REPORT OF THE AUS PRESIDENT TO AUS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – MARCH 12, 2014

*I hope you had a lovely Reading Week – I've decided I want to move to Toronto!*

**Alumni Mixer (March 20, 2014):** Things are going well with the Alumni Mixer; I am starting to receive RSVPs for the event. Unfortunately, we need to keep it to graduating students only, but I'm hoping this is the beginning of the development of a larger Arts community!

**Focus Groups (March 25, 2014) & Arts Academic Orientation:** I have a meeting this Tuesday to finalize details for this event. As mentioned, the focus groups event will help us out with the planning for the Arts Academic Orientation revamp. The Faculty and departments seem to be on board.

**Laptop Lending:** Most of the items have been purchased. I just need to finalize our arrangement with Student Accounts regarding fines for lateness and damage. I am hoping we can begin at the end of the month just in time for finals. Sorry, some things just take time!

**FIOs:** I will be meeting with SUS to write up a bylaw arrangement regarding approving these fee increases. The University has been informed about AUS's intention to be a reporting body regarding FIOs.

**Library Partnership Committee:** We will be meeting next week to celebrate the results of our proposal and to discuss how we will institutionalize the LPC within the AUS/AUIF bylaws.

**Elections AUS:** It's election season, best of luck to all the candidates! Voting begins Thursday and results will be at 7:30 at BDA on March 20, 2014. Departmental election nomination period is ongoing. 8 or 9 departments are using Elections AUS for their elections.

**Faculty Affairs:** Faculty meeting is taking place this Tuesday; Jacob or I will report orally. Dean Manfredi is continuing his office hours initiative on March 12 and April 2 from 1-2pm in the Lounge. There are proposed updates to the advanced standing system- a much needed change!

**Continuity:** I have started my exit report and am working on the "Intro to AUS" guide for all AUS Executives as an introduction to working for the AUS. Transition Day will be taking place in early April.

**Work Study for AUS Executives:** Anticipate amendments to the Financial Bylaws to be presented at next AUS Council to account for payment for AUS Executives in financial need, as per the referendum passed in February. As mentioned, it will probably be capped at 10 hours/week, so as not to deplete the fund.

**Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee:** Please send me any governance documents that you would like to be reviewed. If possible we will work on a proposal to amend the Electoral Bylaws to be presented in April.

**University Administration:** On Monday the AUS Executives are invited to a meeting with the Principal to discuss her vision for the University. I will report orally. Also, the Forum on Consent was interesting.

**20 Years of AUS & MOA Renewal:** The research continues with lots of interesting finds! In addition, I have met with STEPS and The VEG regarding the memorandum of agreement renewal for next year. Soon I will meet with SNAX.

**Miscellaneous:** Soon it will be warm enough to enjoy the ping-pong table! Grad Ball is going to be a lovely event, so I hope to see you there. I'm also trying to work on developing a relationship with grad students. There used to be the Arts Graduate Students' Association, but it no longer exists. The AUS is starting to use *myInvolvement*.

Respectfully Submitted,

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