

Arts Senator Report to AUS Council October 7th, 2015

Joint Projects

- Senate
 - Next meeting is October 21st
 - According to the Senate Calendar of Business the following items will be on the agenda:
 - Annual Report Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
 - University Advancement Annual Report
 - Update on the review of the Regulations on the Conduct of Research
 - Annual Report from the Senate Committee on Physical Development
 - Annual Report of the Academic Policy Committee
 - Report from the Board of Governors to Senate
 - Questions are due October 8th (will update verbally on any submitted this week by student senators)
- Senate Caucus
 - Discussed Interim Senior Director of Student Services appointment, Royal Victoria Hospital plans and Law Library exam hours
 - Upcoming discussions around student assessment policies, RVH Task Force consultation and McGill employment equity
- Arts & Science
 - Attended BASiC Assembly with Science Senator on September 29th. We will be attending on a rotating basis this semester
 - Projects: institutionalizing Arts & Science Senator position, funding improvements for Arts Sci scholarships, administrative & teaching resources

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy

Senate

- Committee on Student Grievances
 - I had training with Faculty, students, and one of the legal assessors of the committee led by McGill's general counsel.
 - There was a hearing scheduled for this week that has been pushed back to sometime in late October/early November.
- JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
 - Met with Tynan Jarrett from SEDE and Chloe, the SSMU VP UA, to discuss Employment Equity on September 30th. Starting to work on a collaborative project over the course of the semester, which I'll update about later on.
- Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights

- SQ
- Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
 - The first meeting is tomorrow
 - Major topic will be revised terms of reference that will affect both the composition and role of this subcommittee
 - Attending a smaller meeting with the Director of TLS, a TLS Academic Associate, and the Management Student Senator to discuss online learning tools on October 16th
- Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
 - Waiting to hear back about the first meeting of this committee
- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
 - Waiting to hear back about the first meeting of this committee

AUS

- Committee on Student Affairs
 - First meeting was supposed to be October 7th, however this has been cancelled
 - Next meeting will be November 11th

Erin Sobat

I hope that everyone is adjusting to the change of seasons outside! I feel like I haven't spent enough time interacting with students this term, so expect to see more of me at upcoming departmental events. As always, if you have comments, ideas or questions regarding my role, the AUS, SSMU, or the McGill bureaucratic beast, please shoot me an email at artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca!

Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - Next meeting Thursday, October 8th
 - Agenda: annual subcommittee reports, revisions to transfer credit policy & Regulations Concerning Investigation of Research Misconduct
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 6th
 - Agenda: Student Assessment Policy framework, Fall Reading Break, Sexual Assault Climate Survey, Family Care Program, Sick Notes
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 20th
 - Discussion likely to focus on goals of newly-appointed Interim Senior Director, Student Services internal unit review
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
 - Met Tuesday, September 29th
 - Essentially developing a "mission statement" for the potential acquisition of the RVH site, which will guide feasibility study & project committees
 - Will be pushing for broad student & faculty consultation on space priorities (in collaboration with student senators & SSMU)
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 13th

- Senior Director of Student Services Search Committee
 - Search was postponed while Student Services undergoes internal unit review; however, Deputy Provost unilaterally appointed Robyn Wiltshire, Director of DPSLL Office, as new Interim Director starting October 5th
 - Joint statement released by student associations: <http://ow.ly/SRqO9>

SSMU

- SSMU Council
 - Met Thursday, October 1st
 - Approved VP Internal by-election, endorsed Statement on Interim Senior Director of Student Services, received notices of motion for Climate Change Policy & CKUT, Safety Network & Yearbook fee referenda
 - Next meeting Thursday, October 15th
- SSMU Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
 - First meeting Wednesday, September 30th
 - Responsible for reviewing proposed new “Internal Regulations” & constitutional referenda before going to SSMU Council for approval
 - Next meeting TBD
- SSMU Nominating Committee
 - Reported to SSMU Council on September 17th
 - Next meeting to nominate new Deputy Electoral Officer TBD
- “Know Your Rights” Working Group
 - Still accepting new members! Will be scheduling first meeting ASAP
- University Affairs Committee
 - Responsible for overseeing research & advocacy priorities of UA portfolio, including advising on SSMU MoA negotiations

AUS

- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
 - Advising President & VP Finance on MoA negotiations with McGill
 - Currently a proposal is on the table to allow SNAX to sell sandwiches; negotiations will focus on reducing trade-offs (e.g. price controls)
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
 - Working with AUS President to bring in more consistent HR policies for job descriptions, hiring & stipends
 - First meeting TBD
- Dean of Arts Search Committee
 - Next meeting Wednesday, Oct 7th
 - Currently reviewing initial candidate applications to develop shortlist
- Faculty of Arts Meetings
 - Met Tuesday, September 29th
 - Updates on Faculty of Religious Studies integration, School of Public Policy, budgetary situation & space changes
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 27th
- Curriculum Committee
 - Reviews proposals for new or revised programs & courses in the Faculty

- September 14th meeting cancelled; first meeting now October 19th
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
 - Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies for collections, services & user needs
 - First meeting Friday, October 23rd
- Other Projects
 - Assisting KANATA on creating Indigenous Studies Students' Association
 - Advising on review of departmental constitutions & GA procedures
 - Hope to contribute to discussions around VP Finance selection & training

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy, Arts Senator
Erin Sobat, Arts Senator