

Arts Senator Report to AUS Council February 10th, 2016

Joint Projects

- Senate
 - Next meeting Wednesday, February 17th
 - Open discussion on Employment Equity: check out the recent articles about ongoing efforts from students, faculty, and staff (<http://goo.gl/u0xT3Q> and <http://goo.gl/i0zgLp>)
 - Alex submitted a question on course outlines
 - Senator elections are underway. We will report orally with updates!
- Senate Caucus
 - Have had Provost, Principal, DPSLL & Director of Scholarships as guests
 - Discussed medical note issues, unpaid internships, smoking policy proposals, DPSLL Unit Review, McGill Wellness Strategy, Employment Equity
 - Mondays @ 6:30pm in SSMU: Come out to learn more about the senator role!
- Arts & Science
 - Marina attended BASiC Assembly January 26th
 - Amended senator allocation order at SSMU Council January 28th: Arts & Science now has a dedicated senator!
 - Erin, Marina & BASiC President George met with the Deans of Arts and Science to discuss program changes: they were very open to concerns & we expect to see some changes happening soon!

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy

Senate

- Committee on Student Grievances
 - SQ
- JBSCE Subcommittee on Queer Equity
 - The committee is interested in gathering feedback on courses that could potentially fulfill a program requirement in diversity & equity
 - If you want to help please fill out the form: <http://goo.gl/forms/r6oqpo35tu>
 - Next meeting is February 18th
- Advisory Committee on the Charter for Student Rights
 - SQ
- Subcommittee of the APC on Teaching and Learning
 - No longer sitting on this committee due to a class conflict with every other meeting this year
- Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Charter on Student Rights
 - SQ
- Advisory Committee on the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Students
 - Next meeting is February 16th

- Committee on Student Services
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- Know Your Rights Working Group
 - Unable to make the next meeting
- Employment Equity
 - Met with the Associate Provost (Policies, Procedures, and Equity), Secretary-General, and several Professors to discuss the design of the Open Discussion on Employment Equity in February
 - We completed the outline for the open discussion and reviewed more data
 - Lots of media coverage of this topic in the Daily and the Tribune
 - Organizing a CKUT interview on the topic
 - The Panel on Diversity in Academia was very successful! Had a great roundtable discussion with professors and students
 - Recorded a radio interview with Kai O’Doherty from CKUT. Check out the All Things McGill show airing this Monday to hear!

AUS

- Committee on Student Affairs
 - Next meeting is on February 10th
- Accountability Committee
 - Attending a meeting on February 4th
- Faculty of Arts Committee
 - Missed the last meeting due to a class conflict

SSMU

- Student Society Programming Network
 - SQ

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Senate

- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - Met on Thursday, February 4th; passed proposal for School of Public Policy
 - Next meeting Thursday, February 18th
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
 - Met on Tuesday, February 2nd; discussed medical note policy changes
 - Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st
 - Meeting with working group to review Fall Reading Break proposal Feb 12th!
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
 - Met on Tuesday, January 26th; discussed Innovation Fund timeline, advisory board structure, wellness hub & university wellness strategy
 - Next meeting Tuesday, February 16th
- Principal’s Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
 - Meeting on February 26th & March 18th to review expressions of interest
- Senior Director of Student Services Search Committee
 - Status quo pending further discussions with the Deputy Provost (see joint statement released by student associations: <http://ow.ly/SRqO9>)

SSMU

- Legislative Council
 - Met Thursday, January 28th
 - Heard presentations from AVEQ & UEQ, approved plebiscite question on a smoke-free campus, amended senator allocation order for current nomination
 - Next meeting this Thursday, February 11th
- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
 - Met on Monday, February 1st to review proposed constitutional amendments
 - Next meeting week of February 21st to review University Affairs IRs
- Nominating Committee
 - Made recommendation for last J-Board Justices to SSMU Legislative Council
- “Know Your Rights” Working Group (KYRWG)
 - Met on Thursday, February 4th to get new member up to speed & discuss projects for rest of term
 - Will be finalizing website content for exams/accommodations & auditing Faculty-level procedures to identify discrepancies
- University Affairs Committee
 - Met on Wednesday, February 3rd to discuss research competition updates & review Memorandum of Agreement negotiables

AUS

- Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund Committee (AUIFC)
 - Met on Tuesday, February 2nd to review applications to \$200 000+ capital projects fund (Faculty, Library, AUS & department proposals)
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
 - Met on Thursday, January 28th to finalize plans for online hiring platform, organizational chart, hiring guide, executive training & HR bylaws
 - Next meeting this Thursday, February 11th
- Dean of Arts Search Committee
 - New Dean will hopefully be announced this week!
- Faculty of Arts Meetings
 - Met on Tuesday, January 26th; heard presentation from Provost & approved creation of School of Public Policy
 - Next meeting Tuesday, March 8th
- Curriculum Committee
 - Met on Monday, January 25th; approved proposals from LING, HIST, COMS, SOCI, ANTH, LLCU, QCST
 - Next meeting Monday, February 22nd
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
 - Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies
 - Next meeting Monday, March 14th

Respectfully Submitted,

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