

Report of the President, AUS Council April 6th 2016



I want to thank everyone on AUS Council for making this a fun, productive, and generally great year for the AUS! Of my three years on Council this year was definitely the best (if not the least dramatic...) Thank you all for dedicating your time and good luck with whatever the future holds! Also I hope everyone who came to AUS Awards had fun—the Execs definitely did ☺

Committees and Working Groups

- Human Resources Review Committee: Met April 5th to discuss online applications platform, AUS HR Policy/Bylaws for next year, equity hiring in the AUS, and more
- Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee: Met April 1st to review amendments to Financial Bylaws and Creation of AUS Publishing Commission Bylaws, AIO Advisory Committee Bylaws and Council Rules of Conduct Bylaws (all to be voted on this meeting)
- Arts Computer Lab Fund Committee and Info Tech Committee: Joint meeting on March 30 and heard proposal for spending on online/remote advising services at OASIS, and discussed use of these funds for future renovations to Arts Lounge and Leacock Building. Meeting again later in April to finalize and approve these proposals for funding.
- SSMU Presidents' Roundtable: Unable to attend meeting on April 6 (during AUS Council)
- AUS Departmental Presidents Roundtable: Meeting next week to discuss transitions!
- Curriculum Committee: Unable to attend April 4th meeting (see VP Academic report)

AUS 2020

- Unfortunately due to time constraints AUS 2020 transformed from wide-consultation based 5-year strategic plan for the AUS into an executive-led 'wishlist' of proposals for the AUS to look at in the future. Presenting/discussing at AUS Council at this meeting

AUS Governance

- Continuing to work on transitions with next year's AUS Executives and Arts Reps
- Held Executive transition day on Saturday April 2nd, having transition brunch April 10th
- All referendum questions were approved: on constitutional amendments to fix FEARC acronym definition (89.8%), clarify VP Social & VP External mandates (92.4%), allow for part-time exec assistant (77.9%) & reduce computer lab fee (85.2%)! Turnout was 11.7%
- Communicating with Deputy Provost office to get official approval for fee renewals
- Met with AIO to discuss draft AIO Advisory Committee bylaws (up for vote this meeting)
- Worked with CBRC to draft Rules of Conduct for AUS Council (up for vote this meeting)
- Congratulations to all candidates for departmental association elections!

Human Resources

- Execs continuing to work with hiring committees to select people for 30 positions hired
- Recommending that next year's HR Review Committee continues to work on several HR initiatives: review of positions under each portfolio, improving transitions and trainings for execs and volunteers, tweaking online hiring platform, and creating HR policy/bylaws
- Contacting AUS Lawyer to get advice on several HR and governance related questions

Other Updates

- Meeting with Student Housing and Hospitality Services next week to provide and discuss student feedback on McGill dining locations near Leacock—please send me comments!
- Met with EUS April 6 to discuss strategies for their MOA negotiations with McGill
- Working on strategy for consultation with students on long term plan for renovations to the Arts computer labs (in 3rd floor of Ferrier Building, Arts Lounge and Leacock 1st floor)
- Exec Office Hours will be concluding April 15, but still available to meet by appointment

Respectfully Submitted (for the last time ever),

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