

## Report of the AUS President – January 15, 2014

I hope you had a lovely winter break and are reenergized for the winter semester!



*Awkward high school memories...*

### AUS Inc.

- Audit – we are in the final stretch! See Sam's report for more details.
- Insurance renegotiation ongoing – should be ready soon! We were able to include the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society in our policy, which saves them quite a bit of money.

### ExComm

- **Connecting with students:** We have discussed how we can better get the AUS Executives engaged with students. We are increasing our blog usage on the website as well as rotating each week who is responsible for a portfolio update in the weekly listserv.

### Computer Labs & Laptop Lending

- Receiving applications for the Computer Lab Committee (ACLFC) – excited to get started! ☺
- The Sandiford Lab (Bronfman) has a great laptop lending program running, so the manager of the Ferrier Lab and I visited to see what they do. We will most likely contract out the database they use and begin to purchase our fleet of equipment soon. This truly is an urgent need.

### ASEF Bylaws

- Meeting this morning on Work Study Bylaw proposal with the Work Study Administrator – will go through CBRC and then be presented for next Council.
- The referendum question on Work Study payment for AUS Executives in financial need will be discussed tonight. This has been discussed with Scholarships & Student Aid as well as the Deputy Provost's office. If approved tonight, this will be voted on as per the approved electoral calendar – voting ends on this before nomination period begins for AUS winter elections.



### Work Your B.A.

- I am so excited for Work Your B.A.: we have a diversity of event formats, speakers, & topics! Please, please, please promote these events through your channels...
- Special thanks to the Dean of Arts Development Fund for their financial support.



- Event Line-up:
  - T Jan 14, 6:15-7:00 PM, Rezinar: Student Involvement & **Job Search 101** – RVC W-Lounge
  - W Jan. 15, 2:00-3:00, "What is Marketing?" Workshop - Brown 5001
  - T Jan. 21, 6:00-7:30, "**It Starts With Arts**: Exploring Career Options" - SSMU Ballroom
  - T Jan. 22, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30 - **LinkedIn Profile Advising** - Leacock 212
  - W Jan. 22, 12:00-4:00, Free **Headshot Photography** - Arts Lounge (Leacock B-12)
  - W Jan. 22, 5:30-7:00, "**Women in Leadership**: We Can Do It!" Panel - Brown 5001
  - R Jan. 23, 1:00-2:30, "Who am I? And Why Does It Matter?" Workshop – Brown 3001
  - M Jan. 27, 11:00-3:00, **NGO & Non-Profit Fair** - Lev Bukhman (SSMU)
  - M Jan. 27, 6:00-7:30, "The Great **Internship Debate!**" (w/ McGill Debating Union) - LEA 232
  - T Jan. 28, 5:30-7:00, Thinking About a Career with The **UN?** Speaker: John Lee Ericson - Adams Auditorium
  - W Jan. 29, 11:30-1:00, "To Go or Not To Go: Is **Grad School** For You?" - Brown 5001
  - R Jan. 30, 5:30-8:00, **Social Science Research Symposium** and Wine & Cheese - Arts 160
- Join the FB Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/235178809988857/>
- Check out speakers: <https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/channels/event/work-your-ba-2014-232014>

### Library Partnership Committee

- Status quo because we have time before AUIF. Here's our proposal: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor tables with lamps (68 seats!), seating along the stairways on 5 & 6, and presentation technology in 2 big study rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Also, I'm looking into institutionalizing the LPC within AUIF Bylaws.

### Constitutional and By-law Review Committee

- We have begun a thorough review of the Electoral Bylaws at the beginning of the semester. I am not sure if we will suggest the changes for this electoral period or present them at the end of the year to take effect for next year. Things we are discussing (this list is not exhaustive):
  - Is print advertising necessary?
  - Can the electoral calendar be streamlined?
  - How can we improve the recount process?
- We did a review of SLUM's, MPSA's, and NASSA's Constitutions and provided feedback.



### Faculty Affairs

- **People, Processes, & Partnerships:** TOWN HALL is taking place next Wednesday, January 22, at 5:30 PM in Leacock 219. Sorry about the date change – we needed to accommodate the Associate Dean’s schedule as we think there will be a lot of questions about advising.
  - As Council mandated this Town Hall, I respectfully ask that you be in attendance and help promote the event.
  - Our VP Academic Jacob will join the PPP Project Team Communications subgroup.

### Elections

- Electoral Calendar has been approved – thank you for checking your emails over break!
- In the process of hiring DROs with the Chief Returning Officer.

### “EmbrACE”

- In concert with Kareem’s ACE Committee, we are looking into expanding Volunteer Week to be more than just volunteering but also “engagement.” The tentative name is EmbrACE, and they will do most of it – but I am looking into the following two events as part of this week:
  - An **Alumni Mixer** with Arts Development and Alumni Relations
  - A guest speaker from **Apathy is Boring**

### Succession Planning

- Yearly turnover is always an issue with the AUS, so it is important to start planning ahead! I have given suggestions on how to write an exit report.
- I will look into doing a similar “Transition Day” as was done last year.
- Renewal of our **memorandum of agreement** with McGill University is coming up next year, so it is important that the AUS be prepared for this. I will be meeting with different stakeholders (SNAX, our publications, etc.) to facilitate this process for next year’s Executive.
- Every year individual execs are responsible for writing exit reports, but there’s knowledge all execs must know. I’ll be working on an “Intro to AUS” document to accomplish as such.

### Miscellaneous and Upcoming

- This Saturday we met with the executive team at ASFA Concordia, our analogue – productive discussion on how a similar association runs and the issues they face!
- Meeting with Prof. Kilgour (English) on her “McGill for Humanities” initiative.
- Meeting with the Institute for Public Life of Art and Ideas (IPLAI)
- Meeting with Teaching and Learning Services (TLS) on “teaching and learning issues”
- SSMU GA is February 5, luckily our events do not conflict this time around 😊
- Arts Undergraduate Research Event (with AIO) on February 6

Respectfully Submitted,  
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