

Report of the AUS President – February 19, 2014

So excited for Reading Week!

I have made it an annual tradition to go to Toronto and explore my Degrassi roots. I will be attending **Degrassi Trivia Night** on Thursday; then **“Inbetween Days”** at which Amanda Stepto (Spike, Emma’s mom) DJs once per month on Saturday; and then the **“After Degrassi”** Talk Show after the next episode airs on Tuesday.

Whatever it takes!



AUS Inc.

- All of our obligations to McGill University have been fulfilled. Amazing job, Sam, on the audit. Sam and I will be meeting our auditor Friday to discuss his recommendations for the future.

Arts Academic Orientation & Transition to University “Focus Groups” & Engagement Month

- Mainly status quo, but Thomson House has been booked for March 25, 6-8pm. Soon we will be sending out the invitations to students. If you want to be a moderator/facilitator, let me know.
- The Faculty has begun booking rooms for Arts orientation this August.

Computer Labs & Laptop Lending

- Laptop lending approved; we are now looking into doing the purchases. My goal is to have this running by the end of Reading Week.
- I am trying to figure out what the “Arts Info Tech Charge” is.

FIOs (*Frais institutionnels obligatoires*)

- In discussion with MUGS and the SUS on the best options moving forward.

Library Partnership Committee

- Proposal submitted to AUIF which will meet Thursday! Fingers crossed.

Elections AUS

- Sophie (CRO), Star (DRO), and I will begin preparing for departmental elections.
- Nomination period began Friday – packages are due Monday the 24th. Campaigning and polling occur after Reading Week.



Faculty Affairs

- **People, Processes, & Partnerships (PPP):** Status quo.
- **Committee on Student Affairs** meeting Wednesday – we received positive reception to our Academic Orientation idea. It looks like some details re: topics courses need to be clarified.
- Dean Manfredi will be holding **office hours** on Feb. 26, Mar. 12, and Apr. 2 from 1-2 in the Lounge. This really is a great initiative on his part, so please take advantage of this opportunity – especially in light of the recent announcement concerning course cuts and some concerns that have been expressed regarding the PPP.

Continuity

- I have started my exit report! ☺
- I am starting to plan “Transition Day” for the incoming and outgoing executives.
- I have been meeting with AUS groups involved with our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

CBRC

- I am very pleased that the Work Study referendum passed! Soon, it is going to be time to update the Financial & ASEF Bylaws regarding the payment structure.
- Reviewed Francophone Commission by-laws; 2 referendum questions; SSA Constitution.
- Electoral Bylaw review on hold for a bit.

Alumni Mixer

- Alumni Mixer will be Tuesday, March 20, from 5-7 in Thomson House ☺. It is always fun to work with the Development Office. This will be packaged with EmbrACE Week.

Miscellaneous

- Presidents’ Roundtable meeting on Tuesday.
- I am enjoying the #SelfCareChallenge!
- The AUS Execs will be meeting with the Principal soon; if you have any concerns or questions you would like relayed, please let me know.
- Post-“Work Your B.A.”: Post-event report finalized; we debriefed the event and came up with suggestions for next year. Overall, it was very successful.
- 20 Years – we will be continuing our research this week.
- I need to figure out who will manage the ping-pong table during the summer.
- Forum on Consent: February 26, 4-7 PM, SSMU Ballroom
- Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) Conference is March 13, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

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