

AUS Senator Report Claire Stewart-Kanigan - February 19th, 2014

AUS:

- met with Provost Masi with VP Academic Greenspon re: course cuts on 11.02.2014
- Meet your Arts Reps & Senators Wine & Cheese on 18.02.2014 (will report orally)
- Adhoc Ethical Purchasing Policy Committee (VP Finance portfolio):
  - held 2x departmental consultation sessions on 13.02.2014, 14.02.2014
  - no one attended; advertised on VP Finance page & during Council

SSMU:

- drafted motion in collaboration with Senate Subcommittee on Women (SSCOW) in support of SSCOW's forthcoming Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) to create a Family Resources Coordinator to research & propose solutions to childcare & family-care concerns for McGill students, staff & faculty (passed 23.01.2014)
  - drafted and sent support let on behalf of SSMU on 07.02.2014
- Adhoc Bylaw Review Committee (President portfolio):
  - o Not yet convened this semester
- Adhoc Committee on the General Assembly (President portfolio):
  - o Not yet convened this semester
- External Affairs Committee:
  - met to discuss referendum question re: leaving TACEQ
  - question ratified at SSMU Council; will be included in Winter 2014 SSMU Referendum

Senate:

- Drafted & submitted General Assembly motion re: revision of the Student Handbook to mandate inclusion of Academic Rights on course outlines with working group on Academic Rights within Senate Caucus including Senator Gholmieh
  - forwarded copy of motion to Deputy Provost of Student Life & Learning Dyens (positive response)
  - however, response to Senate question drafted re: academic assessment rights indicated resistance to idea + suggestion that assessment rights are not as concrete as suggested in policy
  - Senate Caucus drafted follow-up questions re: enforcement of Assessment Policy

- Senate Sub-Committee on Women (SSCOW):
  - Collaborated to draft motion re: committee-generated SPF application at SSMU; invited committee rep to SSMU council to present (motion passed + drafted letter)
- Sub-Committee on Equity for First Peoples:
  - met on 18.02.2014 for final Committee approval of traditional territory acknowledgement
  - will be presenting proposal to Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity on 26.02.2014

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Claire Stewart-Kanigan