



Report of the AUS VP Academic – October 1, 2014

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather we had this weekend. On Saturday I went for a lovely bike ride along the Lachine Canal, which was both peaceful and great procrastination. I keep breaking my promise to include pictures in these reports, but I will soon!

AUS Essay Centre:

Now open! 2:30-3:30pm weekdays in the JD Room of the Arts Lounge, or by appointment. More info [here](#).

Peer Tutoring Allocations:

I have received and am reviewing some great applications. You should hear back from me soon.

AUS–Library Partnership Committee:

The committee has now been formed, and we are in the process of determining our first meeting date for next week.

Library Focus Groups:

The Library is working on a “Master Plan” for how Library spaces and services on-campus can better meet our needs. They are looking for participants to contribute to focus groups on Wednesday, October 15th, between 11-12:30 or 1-2:30. A **light lunch** will be served. If you are interested in contributing, please fill out [this form](#). You can also share your feedback directly [here](#).

Arts Student Employment Fund Committee:

I have received applications and will bring forward a motion to approve the committee’s membership at next Council. I am also putting together the funding application package to start distributing in the next week or so.

Academic Affairs Committee:

I have had a number of Councillors express interest in this–woohoo! I will get back to you all ASAP, as I hope to confirm the members this week and arrange a meeting for mid-late next week.

Know Your Rights:

Last year’s AUS “Know Your Rights” campaign is moving to the university-wide level! A working group with student representatives from different faculties will undertake further research to clarify the procedures for addressing rights violations; create an advertising campaign to promote these channels; and develop formal policy and communications recommendations for the university. Check out my [blog post](#) for more info, and email Jacob at artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca if you’d like to get involved.



Community Engagement Day:

Happening this Thursday, October 2nd! I'm looking forward to the Stella Montreal workshop, which has been very popular with registrants. Lola and I also chatted to McGill's Media Relations Office about AUS and Arts student involvement in CED.

International Education Week (November 3-7)

I met with OASIS and members of the McGill Exchange Students Association (MESA) about holding an Arts info session with past exchange students. Stay tuned for details.

Faculty of Arts Committee:

First meeting Tuesday, September 30th. Jacob and I submitted several questions to the Dean/Associate Deans and will encourage members-at-large to do so for future meetings. Will report orally with more details.

Curriculum Committee:

Met on September 22nd & 29th. The Dean provided the committee with a "new mandate" requiring us to explicitly consider the Faculty's teaching and budget resources when making decisions on course and program approvals. Parts of this document were poorly received, particularly around what defines a "low-enrolment course," and he attended the meeting on the 29th to discuss it further. Will report orally with more details.

Committee on Student Affairs:

First meeting Tuesday, October 7th. Will report at Council on October 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,

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