



Senate

- Senate Meeting Oct 22 (documents here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2014-2015/senate-meeting-documents/october-22-2014>)
 - Budget update: funding shortfall is expected to be ~\$14 million (with more cuts likely in winter). However Quebec government has also told universities to balance their budgets (ie. no more deficits) so, given the \$7 million deficit McGill is currently running there may need to be \$21 million cut from the operating budget. Will find out more at forum.
 - Question re: Criminal charges of Varsity players
 - A Prof asked about University's policies regarding students, student-athletes, and staff with criminal convictions in their past and whether this affects their activities at McGill. DPSLL answered: McGill treats these on case-by-case basis, there are differences between rights and privileges, and also
 - Question re: Promoting a safer space on campus
 - Asked about how to increase equity trainings for student leaders without targeting athletes, DPSLL responded that we will not target any groups, but work has been ongoing between Varsity Council and organizers of #ConsentMcGill, for example, and we will target student leaders



- Asked about creation of a sexual assault support centre, like peer institutions, or funding SACOMSS - SACOMSS wants to stay independent and university is not going to provide SEDE more funding
- Question re: Off campus fellows program
 - Asked about where program will be housed, as jointly doing so between CLAE and Rez Life is unstable - accountability was promised
 - Admin plan to expand program consult with students, CLAE has a good track record of doing the latter
- Guidelines on Graduate student advising and supervision
 - Senate passed a document that outlines how research supervision should occur for Phd students
 - There was some conflict about some ambiguity of some articles, a lack of ordering, and how these supervisory responsibilities would affect the time professors could dedicate to their other duties
 - However the guidelines were still passed, with a mandate to review them after three years
- Modifications to Composition of Senate
 - Adding 6 seats to senate (going from 107 to 113)
 - Mostly staff but one extra grad student seat too
 - We brought up that although SSMU representation isn't decreasing, other universities' Senates have a greater proportion of undergraduate students on them
- Open Forum on McGill's Financial Situation Oct 27 (oral report)
- Senate Caucus Oct 27 (oral report)
- Joint Board of Governors-Senate Meeting on Nov. 4th

Jacob

- Committees
 - **Senate**
 - **Note:** more detailed reports on these committee meetings are available--please ask us if you are interested in them!
 - i) Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee
 - Next meeting Nov 4
 - Will raise our issues with the proposed changes to the late withdrawal policy at Academic
 - ii) APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs
 - Oct 16 meeting was instead an electronic review
 - Next meeting Nov 13
 - iii) Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising
 - Met Oct. 28 (oral report)



- Met with Dean of Students and Associate DoS on Oct. 17 to discuss official advising record idea
 - Like the idea in principle, but concerned about whether there are enough resources for it
 - Will be discussed at SUSA in future
 - iv) Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policies (SAP)
 - Next meeting Nov. 20
 - v) Dean of Libraries Selection Committee
 - **Faculty of Arts**
 - i) Faculty of Arts Council
 - Next meeting Nov. 25
 - ii) Curriculum Committee
 - Met Oct. 27 (oral report)
 - McLennan-Redpath Library Food and Noise Policy Working Group
 - SQ--still waiting to hear when I will present to HSSL advisory group
 - Know Your Rights
 - Research
 - Currently going through University Student Assessment Policy with core Know Your Rights group
 - Liaising with PGSS VP Academic Affairs to get graduate students' perspective on Assessment Policy
 - Outreach
 - Recruiting for this campaign is underway! Please share this blurb:
 - [Help Out with the Know Your Rights Campaign!](#)
- Interested in improving the educational experience at McGill? The Know Your Rights campaign is a full-year project focused on informing students of their academic rights and empowering them to take the steps to ensure our education is as fair as it should be. The project critically evaluates crucial documents such as the McGill Student Charter of Rights and the Student Assessment Policy, and has three main focuses: Researching existing student rights and how they are enforced; Promoting knowledge of these rights to the wider student body; and Advocating for improvements to the existing policies. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, no matter your interests or experience! Email Jacob Greenspon at artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca for more information.
- Aiming to have first outreach meeting before next Council
 - Advocacy
 - University Student Assessment Policy is being revised at ESAAC throughout this year, so we will be advocating changes in the policy to make it better serve students as well



as try to address 'macro-issues' of inadequate awareness of the policy and of the procedures to address transgressions

- Bringing more issues forward at Nov 4 meeting
- Renaming JD and Champagne Rooms
 - Voting today on the shortlist for the room names!

Kareem

Committees (please send me an e-mail if you'd like any of the reports from committee meetings - working on finding a platform through which we can make all of them public - artsssenator1@ssmu.mcgill.ca)

Senate

i) the Committee on Student Services (CSS)

- SQ;

ii) the Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities

- SQ; Sent Chair another e-mail, still haven't met *~not impressed*~

iii) the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA)

- SQ; First meeting postponed to Oct 28

AUS

iv) Faculty of Arts Council

- SQ;
 - Traditional Territory Acknowledgement is on the website, thanks Willie! (Webmaster)

SSMU

i) Accountability Committee

- Determined annual plan, looking forward to meeting with entire committee now that we have selected our non-Councillor members

ii) Sustainability Committee

- SQ;
- GA was very successful in terms of turnout (lasted 8 hours), although naturally hectic with the small space we had to accommodate many people
 - Looking into alternative forums for communication to and from constituents to facilitate constructive feedback
- Passed a motion supporting #ConsentMcGill and action against sexual violence (Incredible job Lola, Isabel, Vareesha and everyone involved with the planning of this week and the events it included!)

Other

- SEDE Projects workings groups are slowly forming, as we had our first general meeting this past week
- Course evaluation collaborative video; SQ



Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University
855 Sherbrooke Street West
Leacock B-12
Montreal, Quebec H3A 2T7

Tel: (514) 398-1993
Fax: (514) 398-4431
www.ausmcgill.com

- Have been relaying student concerns to SHHS (Student Housing & Hospitality Services re: food services) with positive responses

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Greenspon & Kareem Ibrahim
Arts Senators