



Report of the AUS VP Academic – November 12, 2014



My life continues to be a lot of ASEF, Libraries, motions and meetings! Whatever you have going on in your life during this busy time, I hope you can take a moment to relax and de-stress. SSMU's Mental Health Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity for some self-care and reflection: check out all of the events at mhweek.ca!

Arts Internship Office & Faculty of Arts Budget:

I still have not managed to secure a meeting with the Provost, but I have been calling his office repeatedly. Once I speak to him, I will work on a **Town Hall on the Faculty of Arts budget**.

Arts Student Employment Fund:

The ASEF Committee met last Thursday, November 6th and **decided on allocations** to some exciting employment projects. See the motion for ratification for more details. I have also submitted a motion to create a **"Yes" Committee for the ASEF renewal referendum question**. Finally, I am waiting on reports on last year's ASEF hires from Work Study and the Arts Office of Research and Graduate Studies, following which I will meet with each of these groups.

Departmental Academic Roundtable (DART):

Our first DART meeting was last Tuesday, November 4th. Thanks to all those who made it! Discussion topics included low-enrolment and 6-credit courses, potential library projects, and the Know Your Rights project. I will be bringing this feedback to the relevant committees.

AUS Reading Group Project:

Next semester, the AUS will be piloting **undergraduate-led reading groups**. We see this as a way to support students' academic interests that they might not otherwise have an opportunity to explore, by providing meeting space as well as subsidies for texts if necessary. If you are interested in getting involved, please email bianca.waked@mail.mcgill.ca.



AGSEM Endorsement Press Release:

As mandated by the motion passed at the October 29th Legislative Council, a press release regarding our endorsement of the AGSEM unionization campaign has been posted on the website. This will be distributed through social media and the listserv shortly.

AUS–Library Partnership Committee:

The committee met on Friday, November 7th and has begun developing our proposal for the Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund. We have identified several areas to add **in-fill seating**; possible additions to new or existing **group study rooms**; and ways to re-develop the now-defunct **Cyberthèque service desk**. I will have more information once we receive some quotes.

Library Feasibility Study:

The architects held a Town Hall on Tuesday, November 11, and the Steering Committee met on Wednesday morning. Will report orally with any updates.

Academic Affairs Committee:

We met last Wednesday, November 5th to discuss updates from DART and my meeting with Associate Dean Lach. This includes the idea of a **Midterm Conflict Policy** for the Faculty of Arts.

Know Your Rights:

I have been a bit out of the loop because of other meetings, but see Jacob's report for more updates. There is still time to get involved!

Student-Led Sexual Assault Policy:

SSMU is seeking your participation in the development of the **student-led Sexual Assault Policy**. On **Thursday, November 13th** from **4:45-5:45pm** in **Lev Bukhman** (2nd Floor SSMU), learn about the work being done and provide input on the current draft of the policy. More information [here](#).

AUS HR Review:

Ava and I met briefly to discuss the framework and timeline for this project. However, it has currently been sidelined by some other urgent matters. We hope to pick it up again next week.

Committee on Student Affairs:

Met on Tuesday, November 11th. Will report orally.

Curriculum Committee:

Next meeting Monday, November 17.

Faculty of Arts Committee:

Next meeting Tuesday, November 25th. If you have **questions you would like us to ask the Dean**, please let me know! I will send out a reminder next week.



Executive Schedule October 26–November 8:

October 2014

	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thu 30	Fri 31	Sat 1
all-day	VP Internal Campaign Period						
11 AM			11 AM AUS Office Hours AUS Office (LEA B-12)				
Noon		11:30 AM Class	11 AM GSA re...	11:30 AM Class		11:30 AM Class	
1 PM		12:30 PM AUS Office Hours AUS...		12:30 PM Meeting w/Jacob re: full-year courses		12:30 PM Class	
2 PM		1:30 PM Class	1 PM Class	1:30 PM Class	1 PM Class - paper due		
3 PM		2:30 PM Curriculum Committee Arts 160					
4 PM		4 PM Class		4 PM Class		3 PM Know Your Rights meeting AUS Boardroom	
5 PM							
6 PM		5:30 PM Executive Committee Champagne Room		6 PM AUS Council Leacock 232			
7 PM							
8 PM	Referenda Questions /...						
9 PM							
10 PM							

November 2014

	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7	Sat 8
all-day							
10 AM				10 AM Meeting w/Associate Dean Lucy Lach			
11 AM			Pick up DART food, pro...	Return projector	10:30 AM 47 ASEFC Meeting		
Noon		11:30 AM Class	11 AM AUS Office Hours AUS... 11:45 AM FEARC VP Academic	11:30 AM Class	11 AM AUS Office Hours AUS Office (LEA B-12)	11:30 AM Class	
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2 PM		1:30 PM Class		1:30 PM Class			
3 PM			2:30 PM HR Review Meeting				
4 PM		4 PM Class		4 PM Class		3 PM Library Partnership Committee	
5 PM			ASEF apps due				
6 PM		5:30 PM (5:30 PM EST) Executive Committee C...	6 PM Departmental Academic Roundtable	6 PM Academic Affairs Committee 47			
7 PM							
8 PM			Internal Listserv deadli...				
9 PM							

Respectfully Submitted,

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