



Report of the AUS VP Academic – January 13 2016

I'm happy to say I had a very relaxing break doing absolutely nothing (except for some AUS related affairs of course)! I hope everyone had a good time taking a well deserved break from McGill as well. I'm excited to take on some new initiatives this semester and once again look forward to work with all of you.

Valedictorian & Teaching Awards Selection Committee:

I will be forming a committee to select both our two valedictorians and to give out our teaching awards (for TAs, professors and advisors) in late January. The committee will be made up of myself, an AUS executive and then **3 members at large chosen from Council and from the broader student body. If you are interested or know anyone that could be interested please send me an email before Sunday the 23rd of January at 5pm.** I will be sending out a callout on next week's listserv as well. **I am looking in particular for graduating students.**

Following last year's VP Academic Erin's advice, this year we will be extending Advisor awards to include not just OASIS advisors but also to include departmental advisors and honours advisors for example.

The time commitment is around 5-7 hours in March.

Peer tutoring funding:

I will be sending out applications for Peer Tutoring sometime later this week. There's a small surplus from last semester but I want to make sure not to repeat the mistakes I did last semester, especially regarding the amounts requested by departments, so I will make sure to include more precise guidelines when I send out the applications.

The deadline to apply will be Sunday the 23rd of January at 5pm.

I still have some cheques from last semester's tutoring cycle so I will be emailing the remaining VP Academics to tell their tutors to come pick up their cheques in the AUS office.

AUS Essay Centre:

I will be meeting with the coordinators on Thursday. The hours will most probably the same as last semester's, that is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 and 12:30 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. I will reconfirm the hours on next week's listserv. Once again we will have a callout for mentors, deadline TBA.

Arts Peer to Peer Research Symposium:

A second callout for applications will be sent next week. We've received a couple of applications so far and I will be meeting with my coordinators later this week to discuss when the symposium will actually be held, but our tentative dates are February 7, 8 and 9.

Arts Student Employment Fund:

Looking for one council member and one member at large to be on the committee! We will be reviewing applications at the end of February, so if you are interested or know anyone who could be interested, shoot me a message ASAP!



AUS–Library Partnership Committee:

Meeting this Friday to finalize our projects so that I can draft our AUIF application.
From the draft application header:

Given the Increased use of the floor landings thanks to the new zoning plan new furniture would be helpful to optimize the space. AUS would like to have the library investigate different furniture & layout options that would complement the 6,5,3,2 floor landings.

We are mostly looking into acquiring modern furniture that combines both comfort, practicality and comfort, adapting them to the different needs of the different landings.

Academic Affairs Committee:

Next meeting TBD (likely next week).

Will be working on creating an advising database in partnership with S!MVO, the advising application discussed last semester, as well as possible collaborations with FEARC.

Archiving

Meeting with the archiving team this week, more details next council!

Upcoming Committees:

- **Curriculum Committee:** January 25, 2016.
- **Faculty of Arts Committee:** January 26, 2016.
- **Committee on Student Affairs:** February 10, 2016

DART II:

Probably next week!

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel