



Report of the AUS VP Academic - January 11th, 2017

Faculty Committees

Committee on Student Affairs meeting for December was unfortunately cancelled. I'll be following up on many of the continuing discussions with Prof. Lach at our meeting on 1/16. Curriculum committee met 12/12. Added courses in HIST, RUSS, and EAST, with changes to the FREN minor. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our efforts to return one of the RUSS courses to the department for refinement and consultation.

Student Rights

I've been working with AD Lach, as well as the chairs of numerous departments to address student rights concerns stemming from last semester's papers / finals. Working with SSMU Know Your Rights and the Academic Affairs Committee to address concerns earlier this semester and have been reviewing syllabi. Have followed up with about eight profs this semester already.

Academic Affairs Committee

Will be working with the SSMU Know Your Rights campaign in the winter semester to help promote student rights-- if you're interested in tabling or helping promote student rights on campus, get in touch!

LPC

Proposal is in stages of being finalized for submission to the AUIFC. Looking at 32 standing desks with stools for those students who want them, as well as additional plants, hanging parts of the visual arts collection on the walls, and the creation of a puzzles / relaxation corner. Estimating that this will come in just under \$80,000.

Essay Centre

Have commissioned a new internal coordinator for the essay centre-- looking forward to a great semester, the essay centre will open on January 23rd!

Peer Tutoring

Thank you all for submitting peer tutoring cheque requests. Applications are already sent out to the VP Academics, applications are due Thursday 1/12.

Prof Talks

Meeting with the Prof Talk Coordinators Monday, will update orally!

Free Course Packs

Working at the moment to bring the free course pack project to one course in political science and one course in history. However, still looking for another 10-15 courses for which to provide free coursepacks. Please send me suggestions ASAP!



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Respectfully submitted,

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