



## **VP Academic Report – 3/28/18**

### **Valedictorian and Teaching Awards**

- Teaching Award winners: Professor Kazue Takamura (IDS), TA David Collins (PHIL), Advisor Brandy Jugandi
  - o In the process of creating certificates for nominees with the AUS graphic designer
  - o Will be ordering plaques for winners shortly
- Valedictorians selected Monday, 3/26

### **Project – Textbook Lending**

- Purchased 8 sets of books for SOCI 330
- Purchased 5 books for GEOG 203, 4 books for GEOG 322, 3 books for GEOG 351
- Still working out how but will be purchasing 4 sets for 5 FREN classes

### **Project – Waitlists**

- Presented to Undergraduate Program Director Meeting on 3/20
- Can say with 80% certainty that as of Fall 2018, all classes in Arts will use waitlists by default – professors will have to opt-out rather than opt-in
- Currently ironing out messaging to both profs and students (benefits of waitlists, realistic expectations regarding reserved seating rules)

### **Assorted Meetings**

- **McGill Academic Round Table (MART)**
  - o Discussed support in place for students nearing the end of their degree
  - o Proposed a welfare-ish fund (SSMU) for recent graduates actively searching for employment but not yet employed?
- **Met with incoming SSMU University Affairs Jacob Shapiro**
  - o Discussed academic culture in arts, the structure of MART, project strategies and trends in talking with administration

### **Commuter Support and Engagement Committee**

- Ran an online contest asking contestants to like their Facebook page and comment their biggest problem as a commuter – winner gets a monthly STM pass
- Breakfast De-Stress Event – April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Another online contest coming up for another STM pass asking contestants to comment their solution to a commuter problem at McGill

### **Transition**

- Transitioned Mia Trana (incoming VP Finance) on AUIF
- Transitioning with Chloe will continue predominately next week



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