



VP Academic Report – 4/11/18

This is the last AUS Council of 17-18

- And that is very sad

Final Exams Student Rights Reminders

- Cannot be worth more than 75% of your course grade
- An exam conflict is: <https://www.mcgill.ca/students/exams/dates/conflicts>
 - o 2 exams on same day at same time
 - o 3 exams in one day
 - o 3 consecutive exams in 24 hours
 - o 4 exams in 2 days
 - o 5 exams in 3 days
- You may write your exam in either English or French
- You may defer your first exam at McGill no questions asked
- You have the right to request an exam re-read
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies-and-regulations>
 - o University Student Assessment Policy

Portfolio Exit Status

- Commuter Support and Engagement Committee
 - o Held 2 contests and a breakfast, looking forward to institutionalizing and seeing them take on larger projects!
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - o Mostly a sounding board committee, hope to expand powers next year with Chloe's Academic Affairs Commissioner
- Library Partnership Committee
 - o Successfully submitted proposal to AUIF themed around accessibility
 - o Total: \$70,791.93
- Arts Internship Office Advisory Committee
 - o Continues to be rather performative
- Arts Student Employment Fund (Committee)
 - o Allocated total of \$72,100 over whole year, funding 15 student positions
- Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund (Committee)
 - o Allocated total of \$203,132.51 for capital improvements for arts students!
 - o Please email me if your dept would like to purchase on the AUS credit card
 - o All funds ideally spent by end of year (end of AUS budget)
- Departmental Academic Roundtable
 - o Low attendance all year, very underutilized
- McGill Academic Roundtable
 - o See above, have been talking to Jacob (incoming UA about improvements)



- Peer Tutoring
 - o Allocated total of \$5,400 over whole year
 - o Will look into digitizing and simplifying next year
- Publications Commission
 - o Made lots of good progress in digitizing and archiving, look forward to next year's work!
- Essay Centre
 - o Updates: Bought a coffeemaker! Last day of operation: April 17th
 - o Report: Continued to be a successful and highly-utilized resource, cool pilot by holding in-Rez advising
- Prof Talks
 - o Ran 4 talks (Religion in the Modern World, Climate Change, En Francais, Journalism in the Age of Digital Media), needs to increase attendance
- Personal projects
 - o Waitlist universalization: (Mostly) Completed! Just working on messaging to some dept admin that are still skeptical (eg. SOCI)
 - o Writing courses: Kind of tanked because of lack of institutional support (?). Will be going back to next year.
 - o Textbook lending program: Success! SOCI, MUGS, FREN, distributing books now!
 - o Open Educational Resources: spread awareness, looking more into next year.
 - o Course outline uploading: not much of a success, hope to see TLS e-calendar repository up soon
 - o Consolidating academic accommodations: more of a university-level endeavor, will be working on next year
 - o TL;DR - too many projects, poorly spaced out, but some worked?

Visions for Next Year

- Repairing Faculty relations
- Consolidating administrative aspects of the portfolio
- Better project management/timing
- Focus on equity

Hiring with Chloe

- Just finished up interviews (2 Essay Centre Coords, Publications Commissioner, Prof Talk Coord, Academic Affairs Commissioner)
- Decisions sent out by end of this week
- Shout out to the Sec Gens for running a great blind hire pilot!



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Open Letter to Faculty

- Helping Connor Spencer (SSMU VP External) on Open Letter to Faculty of Arts regarding the mishandling of complaints
- Faculty relations will be a struggle to restore, but (in my opinion) so worth it
- Spoke at press conference and interview with Rebecca

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your VP Academic this past year. You all are such good people doing such good things, and I'm humbled to have been able to work alongside y'all. Message me if you ever want to get coffee and talk about Montreal public transit, and I'll see you around!

Respectfully Submitted,

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