

# Education Committee March 2014 Report

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## What the committee has been working on

- Middle Eastern Studies Initiative (external, student driven)
  - Worked with Anne and Bahareh, discussing merits of such a program and how we can support the creation of this program.
- Academic Experience Survey
  - Worked with Anne and Umang [AVPA], discussing content, wording, length, and organization of survey.
  - Conducted a run through of the survey.
- *Task Force on Gender-based Violence and Aboriginal Stereotypes* academic recommendations: discussion and feedback.
- Midterm Evaluations of Teaching (MEoT)
  - Discussion over how to move forward with this initiative, post-pilot project phase.

## Motions for council

- Motion in support of Middle Eastern Studies Initiative

## Goals and Thoughts for Next Chair

- Keep in regular contact with VPAUA. Furthermore, maintain an up-to-date knowledge of the academic portfolio's work and current initiatives.
- Collaborate more with the Student Senate Caucus. This was briefly attempted last summer, but nothing ever came from it. Some of the initiatives we discuss and work on within Education Committee are connected to the work of the Student Senate Caucus, so there's a possibility for collaboration.
- The majority of the committee's work is in a focus group, discussion based scope. It would be worth exploring the possibility of working in conjunction with the VPAUA office and the Student Senate Caucus to organize an event or initiative that actively engages non-AMS Councilors to give their opinions on something pertinent to the Education Committee.

If you have any questions with regards to the above information, or would like clarification on something I didn't mention in this report, please feel free to send me an email at [educom@ams.ubc.ca](mailto:educom@ams.ubc.ca).

Sincerely,  
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