



E-MAUT

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## Welcome to E-MAUT

Bruce Lennox (MAUT President)

Dear MAUT members,

Welcome to this first edition of E-MAUT. Because communications formats for member-based associations and organizations are rapidly evolving, we have settled on a format which provides link "alerts" to MAUT members on topics we think are interesting and/or important.

In the coming months MAUT will host fora on academic staff [salary policy and merit](#), as well as the impact of [MOOCs](#). The former is of course of great importance to all of us (and was previewed in the Fall General Meeting) while the latter has quickly grown to be on the agenda of all major universities. I look forward to seeing you at these MAUT fora.

Al Shrier (VP Communications)

Dear Colleagues,

As promised here is the inaugural edition of E-MAUT. This will be a periodic source of information about events, issues, surveys and other matters of interest and relevance to MAUT members. We hope that E-MAUT will help keep members current and provide a platform that can be used by MAUT members to make colleagues aware of important topics relevant to MAUT.

## MAUT mixers reveal true value of an academic staff association



Terry Hébert (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)

On September 9th and October 5th, 2014, MAUT held two gatherings, where for a little while anyway, both members and non-members could talk about something other than problems with the pension plan and cutbacks in provincial funding for the university.

[Read more](#)



## FQPPU research and gender survey

Prof. Françoise Naudillon of Concordia University is conducting a study on how gender influences university research conditions. The on-line



## Fall general meeting reports

Bruce Lennox (MAUT President)

These [reports](#) outline the wide range of activities that have been undertaken on members' behalf, including discussions about total compensation (salary policy, benefits, pension) and the MAUT Academic Freedom Statement, consultation about changes in the regulations, and the hosting of family-friendly social events.



## Chantier 3 Universal Design for Learning project: Recruiting participants

Roberta Thomson, Coordinator of the Chantier 3 Universal Design for Learning (UDL) project, is looking to recruit academics (whether you know about UDL or not) to participate in a 45 minute confidential interview to be conducted in participants' offices.

Please contact <mailto:roberta.thomson2@mcgill.ca>?  
[subject=Chantier%203%20universal%20design%20for%20learning%20project](mailto:roberta.thomson2@mcgill.ca?subject=Chantier%203%20universal%20design%20for%20learning%20project).



## CAUT urges Senate to pass Bill C-279 on Gender Identity

Axel van den Berg (VP External)

The CAUT invites affiliates and their members to participate in its lobbying campaign for the passage of Bill C-279, which would add protection for gender identity into the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code. For more information please visit <http://www.transequitycanada.com/>

questionnaire is available at:

<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/s/ZLVHMGY>

Deadline: December 15, 2014

[finaud@yahoo.com](mailto:finaud@yahoo.com)



## Survey on copyright literacy

Individuals who teach university-level (undergraduate or graduate) courses and who are responsible for assigning readings and other materials to students in a course are invited to participate in a research study about levels of copyright literacy among Canadian university faculty members. The study is being conducted by Lisa Di Valentino, Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario. Deadline: December 4, 11:59pm EST

[Link to survey](#)

## MAUT Statement of Academic Freedom

Brendan Gillon

(Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom)

In 2011 MAUT Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom whose purpose was to formulate a Statement of Academic Freedom for adoption by MAUT, to then be promoted for adoption at Senate as a McGill University Statement of Academic Freedom. The Committee produced a draft Statement of Academic Freedom which was presented several times at Council and at MAUT General Meetings, and was reviewed by CAUT, in the process undergoing several revisions. The revised statement was adopted by MAUT Council at its April 23, 2014 meeting. Subsequently, a referendum was held to obtain approval from the general membership. The statement was approved by greater than two-thirds of MAUT members who voted.

[MAUT Statement of Academic Freedom](#)

For additional information about the origins and work of the Committee, please see



## CAUT call for endorsement of Open Letter to the President of Mexico

Axel van den Berg (VP External)

The CAUT calls on its affiliates and their members to endorse its open letter to President Nieto of Mexico calling for a complete and thorough investigation of the tragic events on September 26 in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico in which a number of students were reportedly killed, wounded or abducted. If you wish to endorse this open letter, please [visit this page](#).

the article by Brendan Gillon in the [March 2013 MAUT Newsletter](#), page 7.

## In memory of former MAUT President Patrick Glenn (1940-2014)

Edith Zorychta (MAUT Past-President)

Patrick Glenn, President of MAUT in 1994-1995 and Past-President in 2001-2002, died unexpectedly on October 1, 2014 and is greatly missed by all of us. Please see the [Faculty of Law website](#) for tributes from his friends and colleagues. An additional tribute will follow regarding his outstanding contributions to MAUT.

Have an event to promote in E-MAUT? Send all details, including date, time, location, event title and contact information at least 40 days prior to the event to: [maut@mcgill.ca](mailto:maut@mcgill.ca) Check the [MAUT website](#) for the latest news, events, kudos and other happenings of interest.

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