**QUESTION REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF AUS EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AND WORK STUDY PAYMENT FOR AUS EXECUTIVES IN FINANCIAL NEED**

**Whereas**, AUS Executive Committee positions are a significant volunteer time commitment, and as mostly full-time students, executive members’ abilities to complete their mandate as best they can to improve conditions for Arts and Arts & Science students are affected by being full-time students and needing to work if in financial need;

**Whereas**, one-third of McGill undergraduate students are on government financial aid;[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Whereas**, in the Winter 2013 elections, four of the seven AUS Executive positions were uncontested;

**Whereas,** providing financial support to AUS Executives in financial need can increase the diversity and number of students who are able to make the necessary time commitment to serve the members of the AUS;

**Whereas**, funding for this program would mostly come from the AUS Work Study Program, a fund composed of half of the Arts Student Employment Fund (ASEF), which is matched by McGill University; minimal funding would come from the AUS Operating Budget;

**Whereas**, funding would be capped at a limited number of hours per week;

**Whereas**, the AUS has met with the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) and the Scholarships and Student Aid Office (SSAO) and has received all necessary authorizations to begin this program for the 2014-2015 AUS Executive Committee, pending student approval in a referendum.

**Do you agree to amend the AUS Constitution as follows?**

**ADD ARTICLE 11.5:**

* 1. Positions on the AUS Executive Committee shall be considered service-oriented: to provide representation, events, and services for members of the Arts Undergraduate Society.
     1. To improve accessibility to positions on the AUS Executive Committee outlined in Article 11.2, members of the AUS Executive Committee who demonstrate financial need in accordance with McGill Work Study eligibility criteria shall be eligible for remuneration for their tenure on the AUS Executive Committee through the AUS Work Study Program (AUS WSP).

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1. <http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/sites/mcgill.ca.senate/files/d12-22_cesa_annual_report.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)