



The Political Science Students' Association Report to the AUS Council
Friday, January 22th, 2016

President: Richad Hirani

- Delegated Note Taking Club shifts and office hours
- Contacted MyInvolvement for the PSSA to be linked to and permanently featured on the website. PSSA is now featured
- Applying for SSMU Winter 2016 Campus Life Fund, Club Fund by first week of February
- Looking into AUS Journal Fund and Supplementary Funding for MJPS Launch and Professor Awards
- Created tentative event calendar for Winter 2016:
 - Planning Cassandra Steer Speaker Event in Lev Bukhman – February 1st
 - Themes: International Space Law; Criminal Law
 - Partnering with IRSAM and Professor Rex Brynen for launch of McGill Megagame – New World Order event on February 20th
- Updated executives on Hiring Committee: Dr. Aaron Ehrlich accepting offer as Methodology Professor for Department of Political Science.

VP Academic: Jesse Shuster-Leibner

- Encouraged executives to provide input for the SSMU Library Improvement Fund
- Worked with MJPS Editor-in-Chief Erica Pedersen to evaluate all journal submissions due in December.
 - Update: Journal submissions are in editing process.
- Compiled information from correspondence and surveys from both students and professors regarding new Political Science Assessment Policy (regarding assignments, papers, exams)
- Assessment Policy in process of editing by Professor Oxhorn (Chair of the Political Science Department)
 - Presenting the policy to the DART Roundtable for other departments to follow
 - Presentation: early February
- Launched the NTC program for POLI 227. NTCs are comprehensive, supplemental notes written by note-takers in the assigned class for students.
 - Hired proofreaders, editors, and notetakers
 - Selling NTC packages:
 - \$35 before add/drop period; \$45 afterwards

- Developed weekly system to ensure students receive the copies paid for and created measures for executives to prevent abuse of the system
- **NTC sales have begun.** Sold 8-9 packages in first week.

VP Events: Tofunmi Odugbemi

- Completed “Welcome Back” event at Bar des Pins for January 15th
- In the process of booking and planning the Ottawa Trip (Question Period, Byward Market, skating on Rideau Canal, War Museum, etc.)
 - **Date:** March 11th
- In the process of planning Interdepartmental Mixer – February 17/18
 - Contacting other departments to gauge interest
 - Confirmed Thomson House as venue. Looking into food and beverage prices as well as entertainment. Potentially hiring jazz band to perform at the mixer.
- In the process of planning the McGill Journal of Political Studies Launch and Professor Awards at Thomson House or Faculty Club
- Coordinating Samosa Sale (February 10) and Pastry Sale (February 17)
- Planning Charity Event at Gerts – March 24th
- Booked Samosa Sale on March 30th

VP Internal: Stephen Bateman

- Re-launching Mentorship Program for Winter 2016 semester after successful Fall 2015 launch
- Booking Thomson House, Faculty Club for upcoming events
 - In communication with both venues for Journal Launch/Prof Awards
- Communicating with 1968 President of the PSSA for a speaker event regarding 1960s McGill protests
 - **Date of event: February 1st** in Arts W-160

VP External: Jonathan Turlione

- Overseeing logistics of the McGill delegation successfully sent to the Political Science Games (newly institutionalized)
- Made first contact with Concordia PSSA for Debate/4 à 7 events (February 8th and March 18th)
 - Looking into collaborations with UdeM for an inter-university mixer

VP Finance: Roland Barlier

- Updating budget according to new events for the Winter 2016 semester
- Received sweater orders for Executive
- Creating plan to sell remaining Political Science sweaters by the end of the semester

VP Communications: Ida Mahmoudi

- Sent weekly listserv updating students on all events and initiatives
- Developing marketing plans for: Ottawa Trip; Interdepartmental Mixer; Journal Launch
- Contacting new professors for Professor of the Month initiative (newly institutionalized)
 - New features: Professors Pelc and Proksch

- Working on archiving all minutes and events to be posted on Accessibility Page
 - Working on transcribing past events for Accessibility portfolio
- Updated executives on Hiring Committee: Dr. Laurel Weldon accepting offer as Gender and Politics Professor for Department of Political Science.
 - Determining hiring of spousal candidate: Dr. Aaron Hoffman