**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**February 10th, 2016, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:07PM
   1. Territorial Acknowledgment: AUS would like to acknowledge that McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien’kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. AUS recognizes and respects the Kanien’kehá:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and water on which we meet today.
2. Roll Call
   1. Absent: Equity Committee, ASSA, IDSSA, MESSA, MIRA, MPSA, NASSA
   2. Came late:
   3. Left early: ASA
3. Approval of Minutes from January 27th 2016 Council
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Minutes are approved
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Motion to add a presentation on composting by AUSec, the environmental council. Seconded. Amendment added.
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Agenda is approved
5. Motion to approve Photography from Daily
   1. All those in favour? All. None against
6. Announcements
   1. RSUS: Faculty Olympics is coming up. There are four Arts teams and we’re doing our best to represent. If you search Facebook there’s still time to sign up. If you have questions, contact me.
   2. VP External Goldberg: Reminder that Sex Trivia is tomorrow at Gerts at 8pm. You can just show up, people are welcome.
   3. AUS President Jacob: Nomination period has been extended for AUS positions, open until 5pm tomorrow.
   4. VP Academic Gabriel: The Arts Peer-to-Peer Research Symposium is being held next week in Leacock 232. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Some of the people in this room will be presenting, there’s lots of cool research.
   5. Senator Sobat: Nomination period extended for Arts Senators positions until tomorrow at 4pm. Reminder that you need signatures, and if you have questions I’m happy to answer them.
   6. VP Comms: Self-care week is going on! So don’t forget to do that.
7. New Business
   1. Composting Presentation by AUSec:
      1. This will be the highlight of your week: if you didn’t hear, the AUS lounge got composting. So I’ll go through a quick presentation about that. First, why compost? We’re running out of space for landfills, and food waste takes up a lot of space there. 40% of food that Canadians buy in the grocery store is wasted. Water too, fruits and veggies that you throw out are water dense: for example, 90% of a pumpkin is water. All this hidden water going to landfills and creates a toxic liquid that infiltrates our ground system.
      2. Climate change: this is set to be warmest winter on record, after last year. It’s being caused by greenhouse gases, like methane, which is released from food that’s decomposing in these landfills. It doesn’t have time to break down naturally and releases this harmful gas, methane, which is 72x more potent than carbon dioxide. Composting reduces this, you’re constantly re-adding oxygen and turning it over.
      3. A lot of people confuse compost with soil, but it’s more of a fertilizer. For example, the veggie skins can break down again and used to regrow new foods. A lot of people think that composting is just rotten fruits or veggies, but you do need a carbon source, which is paper or napkins. So you can compost these as well.
      4. You’ve seen this poster in the lounge. This is made possible by some funding from SSMU. Look for this bin by the door, it tells you what you can compost, done through *Compost Montreal*. You can compost bread, paper towels and napkins, teabags, fruit and veggies. Plus SNAX has compostable coffee cups and containers. Avoid fish, meat and bones, liquids, grease in oily dressings, plastics and Styrofoam. Can also compost hair, nails, and flowers. But we’ll judge you.
      5. Put the word out to your Execs and departments and let them know that AUS lounge has composting going on.
      6. Lastly, Rhubarb: It’s a bit of a dilemma in the composting community since it has poisonous leaves. It’s up to your discretion whether to compost it.
      7. Discussion:
         1. VP External Q: I’ve been told you can’t compost dairy, but if it has a little bit of dairy, like in pasta sauce, can you compost this? Response: Should be okay, main reason we’re not doing dairy is because we’re only taking it out once a week, so don’t want the smell to build up. Unless it gets really full, then we’ll take it out more. *Compost Montreal* can deal with dairy, but don’t want that smell in the lounge.
      8. No more points of discussion.
   2. Motion to Approve AUIF Allocations:
      1. VP Finance Shakir: Want to look at the final allocations. Starting balance was $210k. $1000 to go to internship awards. Money was allocated to the library, but last year there was only a 75k need. The Media Language facility given 20k dollars, it’s in the basement of McLennan and will be entirely renovated. It’s getting new conference tables and whiteboards.
      2. AUS lounge will be getting new couches and new systems for SNAX. Also getting new conference tables in Champlain room, and JD room where one was damaged. Couches did take a lot of out the renovation budget, CLASHA is there and ASA.
      3. The Arts Internship Award refused funding. But we have plans for it, as Jacob will point out.
      4. Two clauses: the committee decisions have to approved by AUS council before they’re official, and have to be published in *The Daily* or *Tribune*.
      5. Discussion:
         1. Senator Sobat Q: Maybe the President can confirm, but didn’t we have a similar requirement for elections that we took out? Jacob Response: Yes, in the electoral bylaws that we took out last year. Maybe someone can propose the motion? But it hasn’t been taken out of these bylaws.
      6. No more points of discussion.
      7. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   3. Motion to Amend AUS Financial Bylaws:
      1. VP Academic Gabriel: This is a very simple motion. We’re making a small amendment to financial bylaws so that any unit that receives funding from AUS – like from FMC or peer tutoring – publically recognize that the funds come from us.
      2. Made it vague enough that people can adapt it to their needs. Can write it in their listserv, or if FMC is funding their journal, recognize it there.
      3. Has a dual objective: advertises our funds through receiving recognition that we’re funding it.
      4. Discussion:
         1. FEARC Q: Would this apply only to those that go through FMC? Response: No, this will be in AUS bylaws, should be for any funding received by units from the AUS.
      5. No more points of discussion.
      6. Voting: All those in favour? Majority. 1 Abstention by VP External. Motion is approved.
   4. Motion to Adopt Revised Constitution for CSUS:
      1. CSUS: So basically, our constitution hasn’t been changed since 1992. Back then we had less than 200 members and now we’re 800. Also didn’t use to be a part of AUS. So most of these changes are basic, like we’re expanding definition of membership. Used to be only majors and honours, now includes everyone, including minors and both Arts and Science.
      2. VP Finance to be an appointed position, plus recognizing we’re a part of AUS, and adding new positions like VP Comms, VP Arts, etc.
      3. Impeachment procedure: there was a lot of text for this and we wanted to make it more concise.
      4. Reducing quorum for General Assemblies to 10%, it was unrealistic otherwise at 20%.
      5. In future, will require approval of AUS and SUS for amendments to the constitution. That wasn’t stated before.
      6. Discussion:
         1. Arts Rep Templer: Why have so many appointed positions been created rather than elected positions? Response: Because they’re a part of Executive Council. A lot of them are voted, but VP Science and VP Arts are more based on skill set.
         2. RSUS: Can you guys include in the constitution how you’re doing the selection process? Right now, if the Exec just wants to take someone on, they can. Add wording about interviews? Response: It is done as an interview process, and we can add to that here in Section 9.1. Part (i) says, “Appointed members are to be selected by an interview process…” But yeah, this is a friendly amendment.
         3. VP Comms Elaine: Have you brought any of these amendments forward to Bylaw Review Committee? Jacob Response: Didn’t bring it forward, time didn’t work out correctly and they went through the SUS committee, which is basically the same thing. But if council feels it is necessary, we can definitely do that.
         4. VP Finance: This says CSUS is a non-profit, but SUS is a non-profit and CSUS is just a department off of SUS. And you want to change it to fiscal year instead of school year, because that’s what the government recognizes. Looking at Section 6 of bylaws.
         5. Arts Rep Templer: I’d like to motion to table this until after the Leacock Space Project. I’d like to draft a couple amendments, like for the quorum of GAs, but don’t want to hold up this process right now. Motion seconded. All those in favour of placing on the table? All. This is placed later on in the agenda after Leacock Space Presentation.
   5. Motion to Hold Winter Referendum Period and Departmental Association Elections
      1. President Jacob: Half of this motion is the same thing we saw in the fall semester in approving dates for referendum period. And the other half is approving dates for parliamentary elections. Pretty straightforward.
      2. Last time to approve referendum questions is next council and to submit referendum questions by petition Feb. 26th. And then elections are March 21st to 31st, with polling on 23rd to 31st.
      3. Departmental elections from March 21st to 31st and polling from 23rd to 31st. So same dates, to get people voting in both things. Departments can apply for exemptions from these dates, which lets you use any dates you want. But this is for small departments who have elections in-person. If you want this, contact Chief Returns Officer, as that’s what’s been done in the past. Otherwise, for the larger departments, they have to be on these dates.
      4. No points of discussion.
      5. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   6. Leacock Space Project Presentation
      1. President Jacob: So this is really long, but I’ll start with background. It’s following up from 2014 AUS Execs. Reserve funds back then had 165k, now it’s 190k. AUS execs discussing how to sustainably use AUS funds, led to AUS Spaces Projects. That was decision in 2014. Teamed up with McGill Campus Space and Planning, and McGill Spaces Project – which is a student group. Looking at better use of spaces already present.
      2. AUS already paid 3k to McGill Campus Space and Planning, which this presentation is based off of. This is first in four steps to doing this project.
      3. There’s a substantial amount here, but the idea is to have a “menu” of projects for AUS to select from in future years. The groundwork is there for them to do the projects. But all prices are estimates, can differ from 30-50% from construction costs. But usually the way it goes is that it ends up being more expensive.
      4. Main focus is on public spaces: 2nd floor spaces outside the elevators, and the open space in the basement just outside the Arts lounge. These receive the heaviest traffic and according the planners, are not used well. Infrastructure needs to be improved.
      5. One project is in corner of the lounge. If you’re walking outside of Leacock 132, there’s a row of computers there right now. So this is one space. Another is focusing on lobby area right next to where everyone sells samosas, and there are 10 computers there. Another is the corridor: that awkward space with payphones in front of SNAX. And then the last part is SNAX. I’ll talk about each independently.
      6. Four possible projects: refinishing existing benches in corridor outside of Leacock 132, and removing computers to create an informal lounge. Would have new carpet and power outlets to plug-in computers. Add built-in stand for students to table in the lobby, some kind of permanent kiosk. Also have a multi-faced projection box, geometric shape. All of this would cost 84k. There are pictures included in the presentation.
      7. 2nd Project: In corridor outside Leacock 132. Here, they’re talking about refinishing benches in corridor and removing computers and adding another informal study area. Would be 30k.
      8. 3rd Project: 1st floor where SNAX is. Three possible subprojects, first a booth with built-in counter and display case. Plus enclosure for recycling bins under the stairs, and informal seating spaces – both individual and communal. Cost is 54k. Major caveat that recent MOA says SNAX cannot have a seating area, and McGill clear that they wouldn’t compromise on this. But really only in the Letter of Permission, so after Dec. 2016 can reopen discussion? Would change the whole feel of SNAX.
      9. 4th Project: On 2nd floor where there are the wooden benches. Would be adding another informal lounge to where benches are. More comfortable furniture, new floor and power outlets, all the same stuff. It’s a low traffic area right now, and want to increase that. Cost is 42k.
      10. 5th Project: Basement. There’s lockers in this area, nearby is the Arts lounge. Not as heavy as traffic as hallway upstairs. Could create lounge where lockers are right now, and another enclosure for the recycling bins. Cost 31k. Wasn’t able to get breakdowns for just the lounge or enclosure, but there’s a significant cost just for estimating, so didn’t get those details yet.
      11. Project overview: Total costs for individual projects are 242k. More than currently in AUS reserves funds, but these are estimates and can differ.
      12. This is 1st phase out of 4, the last being construction. This is predesign. But too late to add a whole new idea to this project. Campus Space waiting for us to go forward, but there’s a 40k fee to make the design report.
      13. Four ways to fund this: AUS reserve funds has 190k, has GIC investment certificate, expiring next year. But it’s likely not a good idea to spend it all here, save some in case AUS has issues in the future, like a big deficit or we’re sued.
      14. Also have Arts Undergrad Improvement Fund, but most allocations from AUIF go towards applications from departments all around McGill. But they had 45k that weren’t allocated this year, so next year AUIF will have around 250k to allocate from.
      15. Also have Info Tech fund, which is faculty controlled fund for projects. But AUS doesn’t actually control it. But it’s to improve larger student life, so could probably get some funding there. But again, restricted to info and tech.
      16. Last is Arts Computer Lab fund, which is restricted to computer labs, though we have more leeway here since AUS controls it.
      17. Also, while this is more a project-at-hand, there’s been talk about renovations for Arts lounge and computer lab. Just noting that this splits shares of funding, and it’s hard for execs and AUS to handle this many projects at a time.
      18. Discussion:
          1. VP Academic Gabriel: Wondering extent to which students were consulted on what they wanted to see improved in Leacock? Jacob Response: I wasn’t on Exec last year, but from my understanding this is more an Exec decision. Had some info from SNAX, but more AUS.
          2. ASA: 1st floor proposed renovations has it cutting 14 computers, and while it’s not pretty, I always see students using them. Prioritize this over aesthetics? Jacob Response: Usership gone down since we first installed them, but maybe cutting them down to 5 instead of 13?
          3. VP Internal Maria Q: In the first meeting we had had, brought up issue that electrical and structural work isn’t covered by McGill. Is that still sticking? That’s a large chunk of the budget. Jacob Response: All of these costs are not incurred by the AUS. We shouldn’t be paying for those sorts of repairs, but if you’re adding outlets because of the lounge, that’s debatable. But we’re trying to debate how much to be split between students and McGill admin.
          4. VP Finance Shakir: Separate the total costs. Will cost 240k for individual project costs, and 40k for planning if we went forward with all projects. But lower if we didn’t do them all.
          5. FEARC Q: If we’re moving 15 computers, would these be removed or sold, what’s the plan? Jacob Response: TBD. ASA had a good point that we need to keep a couple computers, but think they’d be moved somewhere. But priority is removing them because they were put in before most people had laptops.
      19. No more points of discussion.
      20. AUS President: These are renovations we’re considering right now, and there’s a lot of desire to change things. But a lot of competition in funding, and there’s been a lack of student consultation with the project. But it was done last year, so I can’t speak to that. But we need to get the word out. I believe there’s been a Wine and Cheese event planned for that, plus more traditional methods. Because we’re the ones that will be paying for this.
   7. Return to Motion to Adopt Revised Constitution for CSUS:
      1. Arts Rep Templer: I’ll send you my amendments as Google doc and you can project them? Response: Yes.
      2. Arts Rep Gabriel Q: Wondering why the VP Admin is an elected position, while something like VP Arts or Science or VP Events are appointed? Shouldn’t this be reversed? Wondering how you chose this. CSUS Response: It’s based off of how it was before. Been using all the positions, but they weren’t in the constitution, but were done by elections. Appointed ones done because we felt there was a need for that. Have no problem doing VP Admin by elections, but we know that VP Events can be problematic, and others because they’re not a part of Exec Council.
      3. VP Finance Shakir: I’ll send you my amendments. Change “non-profit’ to “departmental” when defining CSUS, and change dates in Section 6 from May 1st to April 30th.
      4. VP Comms Elaine: Motion to amend Section 9.1 and add “…and *members at large* of Computer Undergraduate Society.” So it’s not execs just appointing other execs to work with them. Maybe 2-3 members at large? Do you have a suggestion? CSUS Response: Clarify what you mean by members at large. Elaine: Didn’t want positions to be appointed by execs already in. In the future, could just be appointing their friends. Important to have 2-3 members at large who aren’t on the exec council to help make that decision? It’s a friendly amendment.
      5. VP External Q: Question about amendment just made. Should we suggest provisions for members at large? You could run into same scenarios, could end up being nepotistic. But don’t know how we would solve this…?
      6. Arts Rep Templer: Moving to my amendments. First amendment is from 10.4. This reads that they will continue in position until impeached or resign, but possible to change end of office? Second amendment is 20.1 about GAs and clarifying standard for it, and third is in 20.5 about quorum for GAs. Originally this was just going to be 100 members, but CSUS voiced concerns about what portion of those 100 members it will actually be? Would rather use 10% as that standard of measurement. Last amendment is just dealing with what would happen if an exec were impeached.
      7. Arts Rep Templer: Would like to amend the amendment to this report. CSUS is a fair bit smaller than SSMU, and this is the measurement that they use. Maybe reduce 100 to 50, and 200 to 100 members? CSUS Response: This is why we originally used percentages. Templer: I wouldn’t argue for using percentages with petitions, since that number fluctuates each year with number of students.
      8. Senator Hennessy: AUS and SSMU use set numbers and McGill controls admission standards. So this number is much less likely to fluctuate. So I’m for percentages.
      9. Arts Rep Gabriel Q: Is it urgent to present this to council right now? CSUS Response: We’re hoping to pass it ASAP since we’ve been working on it for a while. Gabriel: Maybe table it for next council? This is taking up a lot of time, especially for nitpicking details.
      10. Senator Hennessy: An alternate alternative –put it on the table until after reports? And if we don’t have a resolution at that time, we can table it then.
      11. VP External Becky: Remedy question I posed before. 3 members at large as being members of AUS, SUS, and BASiC?
      12. Following Senator Hennessy’s motion to place on table until after reports. Motion seconded. All those in favour? All. This is placed later on in the agenda after reports.
8. Reports of the Executive Officers
   1. Report of the President
      1. Meeting with CBRC, but delaying our usually meting time right now.
      2. Presidential Roundtable: we met, thanks for everyone that came.
      3. MOA and SNAX: We’re meeting at Friday to sign. Reason for delay is that SNAX needs to be in agreement, so if they do a healthy and safety inspection right after and we fail, that would be bad. Have a new point of sale, new machine, and new seating to ensure compliance. Sandwiches should be back next week.
      4. Departmental Associations: Need to apply for exemptions for electoral timelines, email CRO.
      5. Nominations just concluded for AUS elections. We had two candidates for President, two for Arts Reps, and two for VP Internal. All others have been extended. Have until 5pm on Friday, forms on the AUS website.
      6. Human Resources working on things listed here, and met with CAPS today to talk about hiring process. Meeting with VP Finance and auditor to talk about financial aspects of HR, along with AUS lawyer.
      7. Getting second printer in lounge computer lab, hopefully.
      8. Renovations to outside of Arts building supposed to be completed Friday.
      9. McGill Enrolment Services want to change the time for course registration, want to move it from 8am to 9am. Do this for technical reasons, since people can’t call advising offices that aren’t open until 9am if they have questions.
      10. RUSS Q: Curiosity, do you have confirmation of exemptions for election dates? How do you know if you’ve been approved? Jacob Response: I can follow up with CRO, but don’t know exact timeframe of approval.
   2. Report of the VP Academic
      1. Made a flowchart of everything I do, made it for myself and for anyone interested in running. Gives overview of committees I chair on. Also included AIO, though it’s not created yet.
      2. Met with Committee on Student Affairs today. Talked about two main points: first, discussion on whether McGill should scale its GPA on 4.3 instead of 4.0. It’s not anything formal, just a prof wondering if we should move in that direction because a lot of other universities in Quebec are. But apparently a referendum 15 years ago on it failed. But prof says when you come to McGill you’re at a disadvantage when you apply for grants?
      3. CSA II: Second thing, we talked about Mental Health, as the services are being completely swamped by students. During one midterm week, saw 1 student/4mins. So they’re not providing the right services, as this is a sign that these services are being overused. Created rough draft on how to alleviate this burden, especially for deferrals. Should you be able to send a message to prof saying you’re sick and can’t make it, so you don’t have to drag your body to health services? But Profs are uneasy about this, as it’s something that doctors should be covering. I’m working with Associate Dean to make it into something more concrete, but at least heading in right direction.
      4. Arts Student Employment Fund email sent out. If you work in a unit that would like to hire students over summer, let me know. Deadline is Feb. 19th, meeting with Dean later Feb. to review.
      5. Library Partnership Committee: Application draft was approved. Revamping landing in second, third, fifth, and sixth floors. Library taking care of carpeting, as they should. But we’ve ordered some furniture, presentation on that next council.
      6. Departmental Academic Roundtable: Talked about importance of sending back info for advising purposes, had a bunch of execs from Student Research Initiation, SRI. They provide stepping-stones for students, mostly in Science, to become research assistants. Want students to begin as volunteers and then work your way up to being a RA. But we’re busy students, why should we work unpaid? Should have workshops with past RAs talking about how they got this position. Looking to set this up in future.
      7. Met up with Archiving last week, talked with Michael and Deena. They want Archiving Commissioner on VP Academic’s portfolio. Maybe in year or two will have a bookshelf in the AUS lounge? Able to look at departmental journals from 5 year ago.
   3. Report of the VP Communications
      1. Fine Arts Council: Theater Rep had a sketch comedy workshop with BYOJ, that’s with juice, and it went super well. Also had meeting last night where we approved semester’s funding allocations. If you’re a part of those groups that talked with FAC, you should be hearing back.
      2. Nuit Blanche budget has been finalized and date is March 18th from 8pm to midnight. Looking at acts right now.
      3. Francophone Commission: Finalizing logo for promotional materials, I really want buttons. Also reminder that conversation circles meet on Mondays and Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 in the lounge.
      4. Marketing Committee had services week last week, pretty happy. But kind of low turnout, looking to way to improve next year.
      5. Coffee in Ferrier next week, from 15th-19th.
      6. Status quo for Prof Talk, and looking for time to host tech workshop.
      7. Sat on AUIF Committee, #couchcrisis, everyone wanted couches. I think everyone got some who wanted some.
      8. MailChimp: Contacted McGill IT to not mark my email as spam, but got email that as this is a student society it should never have been under MailChimp? But then this is a violation of MOA... Either way, Kareem and Omar have been working to remedy the situation. Got an email Monday that it’s not the fault of McGill IT, it’s the content of our emails? But this week’s listserv didn’t go to junk! Looking to make emails a bit shorter, as both times I’ve gone to spam they’ve been the longest. So don’t want more than 30 submissions.
      9. Office Hours reminder. Shoot me an email if you want to schedule something outside of this.
   4. Report of the VP External
      1. Sex Trivia this Thursday!
      2. ACE has been really focused to get plan settled for embrACE, which is happening same week as Grad Ball and Nuit Blanche. We got free tickets from Museum of Fine Arts to raffle off at BDA, proceeds to a project? Also, lots of workshops: indigenous perspectives, zine workshop.
      3. De-stress waffle breakfast on 23rd.
      4. Body positivity movie screening last week. Turnout wasn’t great but it was super interesting.
      5. Went to McGill Alum Student Engagement Council last week, they’re rolling out a bunch of new platforms. “Chat Roulette,” basically quick Skype sessions with people who work for different companies? There are another two platforms too.
      6. Community Engagement Committee for SSMU also had film screening last week.
      7. Social Justice Days from tomorrow to 14th, with lots of different workshops, DIY initiatives, etc.
      8. At SSMU council tomorrow they’re voting on student union things. Looking at institutionalizing AISEC as part of student portfolio to give it more legitimacy?
      9. CAPS had Work Your BA survey go out.
      10. AUS lounge redesign brainstorm wine and cheese coming up.
      11. Senator Sobat Q: What is the date for the wine and cheese? Response: Tuesday Feb. 23rd, 5-9pm in the lounge.
   5. Report of the VP Finance
      1. AUIF met this month, reviewing applications. Excel attached.
      2. SNAX had an inspection by Head Chef of SHHS. Initial inspection of health and safety seem to be good, just need to add some nutrition labels. Will be applying for SNAX permit with Quebec government to make it legal for another year.
      3. FMC: Funding allocations came in heavily, only have 12k of 42k, which is good. Will be meeting with other VP Finances, we all don’t always update our budget, which can be a problem. FMC should be helping out.
      4. Screening Committee: Only a screening for one candidate, as one dropped and the other didn’t pass. So only one running right now.
      5. Jacob and I will be visiting with auditors next week to discuss the audit timeline and other matters.
      6. Senator Hennessy Q: Email that sent out by elections AUS that it’s being extended, how are you going to deal with that? Response: Have to have another screening committee, which is tricky. No one else has made intentions to run, but if they do, we’ll have another session.
   6. Report of the VP Internal
      1. Again, if you have Exec turnovers, let me know.
      2. President’s Roundtable last week, thought it went really well.
      3. Reminder about liquor permits, room booking, the usual.
      4. AUS Awards: Looking into venues. Sleeman contact on vacation, so contacted SSMU who is supposed to send me a list, but no reply. So need to send another to ask them. Probably scheduled for last week of March or first week of April. Will be creating a committee for awards selection.
      5. Composting thing went through, and getting new couches for the lounge!
      6. Lounge redesign wine and cheese, will be posting in next few days about that.
   7. Report of the VP Social
      1. Frosh leader info session on Feb. 23rd, I posted a link to Facebook event page in my report. Also trying to schedule a meeting before reading week with faculty frosh planners and SSMU VP Internal and Mitch Turner for suggestions for incoming AUS VP Internal regarding frosh.
      2. BDA is great. Had meeting with co-chairs and managers, decided to always have a manager at the door because we’re dealing with intense line-ups. We hit capacity before 6pm the last two weeks.
      3. 99% sure we’re doing Arts Attack at Belmont on either March 31st or April 2nd. The ideal date would be the Saturday, but trying to hear back from owner of Belmont.
      4. Yellow Door event, details TBD. Trying to solidify Arts Attack first, but this would be on a weekday.
      5. Theme for Grad Ball is Alice in Wonderland. AUS graphic designer is working on banner for Facebook page, and we’re in contact with jazz band for cocktail hour and looking at photo booth ideas. Drive Safe will be there and MSERT, Healthy McGill has also been contacted. Talking to TILT about payment. Also talking about celiac dinner option, as last year it was quinoa, but if you’re paying $95 for dinner, should be getting more than this.
9. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
   1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
      1. Arts Rep Ning: Representatives from AVEQ and EUQ were gust speakers at SSMU Council, and motion on CARE endeavour passed. Referendum question for SSMU Base Fee increase lost by 17 votes, but Smoke-Free Campus question passed. Plus Interim Provisions for Senators passed.
      2. SSMU GA coming up, please come by for quorum. Also, Adam went to Steering Committee to review SSMU GA motions.
      3. SSMU Accountability Committee meeting changed to today.
      4. SSMU Health and Dental Review Committee met this week.
      5. MAASH had its first meeting with members at large on Feb. 5th
      6. Multi-Faith Dialogue meeting tomorrow with SSMU President.
      7. AUS Accountability Committee met on Feb. 4 and looked over exec timesheets, approved them.
      8. SSMU Equity Committee: Looking at speakers for accessibility workshops? Planning possible speakers series?
      9. Wasn’t able to attend Student Engagement Committee, but minutes posted.
      10. VP Academic Q: Since the base fee increase failed, how is it going to work out with the Senate position being approved? How’s it going to be funded? Templer Response: What we’re told by the VP Finance of SSMU is that because there’s now a large gap in funding, cuts to all departments and areas are on the table right now. They have to accommodate referendum not passing plus 30k for exec position. Gabriel: How was a contingency plan not thought of before it was proposed? Templer: I’m not the best person to answer that as I’m not a SSMU Exec, but there is room for seventh exec in the budget, it’s just that cuts will have to be made. Senator Sobat: Seventh Exec will be cheaper in long term, just requires restructuring and longer term planning. Templer: Just to say, while the vote failed, it only failed by 17 votes, which is ridiculously close considering turnout was 3k students.
   2. Report of the Arts Senators
      1. Senator Hennessy: Next Wednesday we’re meeting with Senate, talking about Employment Equity. Open discussion is finally happening. Media coverage will be in *The Tribune* and *Daily*.
      2. Also sent out a Senate question on course outlines.
      3. Arts and Science: Attended assembly yesterday. They’re moving towards incorporation and should be approaching AUS soon.
      4. Possible Reappointment of Dean of Students Committee: reviewed confidential letters from McGill community, but would love more points.
      5. AUS Committee on Student Affairs: talked extensively about medical note policy, more to be announced soon.
      6. Senator Sobat: SSMU elections, we’re recruiting new SSMU elections CRO. It can’t be any of us, but if you know anyone not involved in student governance but is interested, we’ll direct you forward.
      7. Last night was the Town Hall for smoking policies, but didn’t get much turnout from smokers themselves. Looking at doing focus groups and going out on campus to talk with smokers, plebiscite question in March.
      8. Arts and Science: Science Senator, BASiC, and myself met with Dean of Students. Talked about changes going forward with lounge space, teaching scholarships, etc. So there is McGill Admins open to this stuff, this is why you should run for Arts Senator and get involved, create change.
10. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations (AGELF-WSSA)
    * 1. AHCSSA: Our previous VP Academic became Co-President because our other Co-President graduated. So new VP Academic position has been filled, and we got a new Events Coordinator that will be the shadow to our current Events Coord, and then take over next year.
      2. “Canvas,” our web journal, is taking submissions. It’s basically the unofficial version of the official undergrad version.
      3. Looking to do a skillsets workshop, catered toward museums internships? Looking at Photoshop and designs workshops, and how to write a cover letter and LinkedIn for specifically museum execs?
      4. Office hours are underutilised, looking to improve that. Maybe add focus study sessions led by Exec members? Also looking at holding skillsets workshop during office hours?
      5. Misc.: Merchandise sales, we got our logo. And our new website it up. It’s still a WordPress, but it’s an improvement.
      6. Fridge Door Gallery: Perspectives and Perceptions theme. It’s to be displayed on Nuit Blanche. Deadline for submissions is March 1st, or you can join Selections Committee if you want.
      7. DESA: “Poetry in Performance” happening this month, plus “Talk Like a Pilgrim,” kind of like a Chaucer or old English event.
      8. Midst of collaboration with other departments for LLC apartment crawl.
      9. Hiring Prof in field of British Romantic poetry. It’s a secret, but we’ll have someone soon.
      10. Working on our constitution soon, and funding allocations were approved, so can now renovate our office, which was dreary.
      11. Office hours on Tuesdays!
      12. EASSA: Having several language exchange sessions this semester, one at Gerts went well. Will have one in Korean, Japanese, and Mandarin.
      13. Working on our journal, “Orientations,” organizes various academic papers and creative work by McGill students.
      14. Will have five film screening this semester, dates in report.
      15. Working on new website, want to have one by end of semester.
      16. Had wine and cheese yesterday, it went really well.
      17. VP Academic Q: Is it too late to submit paper for your journal? Response: No.
      18. Arts Rep Templer Q: What movie are you showing tomorrow? Response: Something about camels in Mongolia.
11. Return to Motion to Adopt Revised Constitution for CSUS:
    * 1. CSUS: For the appointment of members of large – we need to choose as fast as we can, and if we need other departments it can be difficult for scheduling. Maybe more like anyone in science can be invited to join in? Section 10.1 (i) and (j), and they’re friendly amendments.
      2. VP Comms: Then you can delete my amendments. They’re not necessary.
      3. Arts Rep Templer: My amendments are 10.4, which is friendly, and 20.1. CSUS Response: Both were discussed, either percentage or membership, and we’re okay with both. So it’s up to council.
      4. VP Academic Q: So if we’re going with percentages, what do you feel is relevant? Like 5%? CSUS Response: Even to amendment constitution right now it’s 30%, so happy to go to 10%, or happy with 5% as well. But I think sticking with 10% is good.
      5. Senator Sobat Q: How many students are in computer science right now? CSUS Response: If we had added students in Arts and CS minors, it’s 800. Arts Rep Templer: Like to point out that 50 students is less than 10% of membership. So 50 members is friendly.
      6. Arts Rep Templer: My amendment are 20.5, friendly, and 21.5b, friendly. Senator Sobat: For 20.5, the only thing with percentages is that it’s more work to figure out, whereas setting it at 50 is easier. But there’s still 10% in there. CSUS Response: That’s okay with us.
      7. FEARC Q: But will 10% be at beginning of electoral period or when voting is complete? CSUS Response: As of the moment of the event, or GA, begins.
      8. Senator Sobat: Had this discussion at beginning of the year, the numbers AUS has versus the department don’t always match up. It’s easier to just say 50 members.
      9. Arts Rep Templer: FYI, if an amendment is friendly, there’s no debate. Just to speed it along. Also, I added amendment 29 at request of VP Finance, an 4th line of preamble. Both are friendly. Terms of office are also friendly, but not stated her, but lower down.
      10. Concludes amendments. All amendments seconded. All amendments added.
      11. Return back to the motion with amendments and vote on amended motion.
      12. All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
12. Question Period
    * 1. IDSSA: Wondering what happened with Ban Ki-moon tickets? We have students coming into our office hours asking us what happened? Left out of the loop. Jacob Response: The PSSA got a lot of requests, and we’ve been getting a lot of requests, but we didn’t get tickets. The tickets that got distributed were mostly for Profs? IRSAM has some that they’re raffling off.
13. Next Meeting Time and Date (**February 24th, 2016 at** **6:00pm in LEA 232**)
14. Adjournment at 8:06PM

**Membership of AUS Council**

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| **Name** | **Name** | **Present?** | **Late / leave early?** |
| **AUS President** | Jacob Greenspon | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Communications** | Elaine Patterson | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Internal** | Maria Vedeshkina | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Social** | Christine Koppenaal | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Academic** | Gabriel Gilling | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Finance** | Mirza Ali Shakir | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP External** | Becky Goldberg | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Adam Templer | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Lexi Michaud | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Gabriel Ning | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Erin Sobat | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy | Yes |  |
| **FEARC** | Erik Partridge | Yes |  |
| **AUS Environmental Council** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Equity Committee** |  | No |  |
| **EPIC** |  | Yes |  |
| **AGELF** |  | Yes |  |
| **AHCSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASA** |  | Yes | Left early |
| **ASSA** |  | No |  |
| **BASiC** |  | Yes |  |
| **CLASHSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **GSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **HSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | Yes | Late |
| **MESS** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESSA** |  | No |  |
| **MIRA** |  | No |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes | Late |
| **MUGS** |  | Yes |  |
| **NASSA** |  | No |  |
| **PSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **WSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** | Priya Dube |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |