



The Political Science Students' Association Report to the AUS Council  
Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**President: Richad Hirani**

- Applied for SSMU Winter 2016 Campus Life Fund, Club Fund
- Looking into AUS Journal Fund and Supplementary Funding for MJPS Launch and Professor Awards
- Changed office hours

**VP Academic: Jesse Shuster-Leibner**

- Research Brunch – March 15 (11AM – 1PM) in Wendy Patrick
  - Budget: ~\$200
  - Approved for \$834 from AUS
  - Prof Baccini confirmed – looking into others
- Launched TA Handbook survey to undergrads and former/current TAs
- Budget for Journal Launch sent to Ida, Roland, Richad
  - Date for launch: week back from Reading week

**VP Events: Tofunmi Odugbemi**

- **Ottawa Trip Sold out!**
  - Contacting PM office for 30 minutes of his time during the trip
  - Bus being paid for today (Friday)
  - Finalizing itinerary
- Successfully completed Interdepartmental Mixer
  - Finalizing invoice due to more drink purchases. Asking for ESA to chip in.
  - Jazz band paid.
- In the process of planning the McGill Journal of Political Studies Launch and Professor Awards at Thomson House
  - Date: April 6
  - Looking into drink and food prices
- Samosa sale and pastry sale complete
- Planning Charity Event with McGill War Child – March 23, 24, 30, 31

- Featuring ex-child soldier, Emmanuel Jal (collaborated with Nelly Furtado and starred in movie with Reese Witherspoon)
- \$1500 fee, PSSA thinking of pitching!
- Booked Samosa Sale on March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Looking into collaborations with Oxfam and ESA (Egyptian Students' Association) for their events

#### **VP Internal: Stephen Bateman**

- Booked rooms for all events
- Successful execution of former PSSA President Event!

#### **VP External: Jonathan Turlione**

- Executed the first ever Concordia vs. McGill debate! 80 person turnout. Unprecedented inter-university achievement.
  - Pictures to be posted soon
  - (We won)
- Continuing communications with Concordia PSSA for Debate/4 à 7 event on March 18
  - February 8 conflicts with PSSA President event, so postponing
- AUS Council Motions introduced at weekly meeting and voted upon

#### **VP Finance: Roland Barlier**

- Updating budget according to new events for the Winter 2016 semester
  - Mirza still counting Samosa Sale revenue
  - Acquiring after contacting Roland
- Furniture: free book case and coffee table
  - Ordering for PSSA through Pina then reimbursing the department
- AUIF Money: Potentially \$500
- Journal funding: reapplying for the fund **with binding**
- Creating plan to sell remaining Political Science sweaters by the end of the semester

#### **VP Communications: Ida Mahmoudi**

- Applied to DADF for Journal Launch funds
- Looking into Calendar estimates to create Prof of the Month calendar according to different months
- Contacted TVM: TVM confirmed for March 15 Research Brunch and April 6 Prof Awards/Journal Launch
- Planning video for Research Brunch!
- Developing the design for the Prof Awards certificates
- Interviewed Professor Pelc and Proksch for Prof of the Month
  - Pelc's interview up on social media
  - Proksch to be released Monday at 11:40 AM
- Transcribing February 4<sup>th</sup> "Law, Politics, and Space" talk with Dr. Cassandra Steer. Sending for French translation afterwards.

- Posted slides and presentation on Facebook event.
- Made quick website changes; **over 1500** views on website this month!
- Working on archiving all minutes and events to be posted on Accessibility Page
- Working on transcribing past events for Accessibility portfolio
- Sent weekly listserv updating students on all events and initiatives
- Developing marketing plans for: Ottawa Trip; Mixer; Journal Launch