

The Political Science Students’ Association Report to the AUS Council

Friday, February 5th, 2016

**President: Richad Hirani**

* Contacted MyInvolvement for the PSSA to be linked to and permanently featured on the website. PSSA is now featured and hours are being added to transcripts.
* Applied for SSMU Winter 2016 Campus Life Fund, Club Fund
* Looking into AUS Journal Fund and Supplementary Funding for MJPS Launch and Professor Awards

**VP Academic: Jesse Shuster-Leibner**

* 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:
    - $45 cost during office hours
* Research Brunch – March 15 (11AM – 1PM) in Wendy Patrick
  + Budget: ~$200

**VP Events: Tofunmi Odugbemi**

* In the process of booking and planning the Ottawa Trip (Question Period, Byward Market, skating on Rideau Canal, War Museum, etc.)
  + **Date**: March 11th
  + **Poster** has been made
  + Booked Question Period (past noon)
  + Bus quote: ~$850 including tip, looking into insurance
* In the process of planning Interdepartmental Mixer – February 18 confirmed
  + Contacted departments to collaborate. So far, only ESA has confirmed.
  + Poster has been made
  + Finalizing master-plan contract with Thomson House
  + Finalizing tickets (price, design)
  + Confirmed jazz band
* 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 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 30th

**VP Internal: Stephen Bateman**

* Peer Tutoring initiative underway
* Launched event with 1968 President of the regarding 1960s McGill protests feat. Professor Waller
  + **Date of event: February 8st** in Arts W-160
  + Showing different clips and videos of the protest
  + Contacting Professors Waller and Schultz to attend

**VP External: Jonathan Turlione**

* JDSP complete!
* Continuing communications with Concordia PSSA for Debate/4 à 7 events (February 8th and March 18th)
  + 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**

* Asked by Professor Pelc to introduce United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon at McGill event next Friday. Potentially providing symbolic token.
* Transcribing February 4th “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 1000** 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; Interdepartmental Mixer; Journal Launch
* Contacting new professors for Professor of the Month initiative (newly institutionalized)
  + Interview with Pelc complete. Interviewing Proksch next Thursday