

## **Motion to Move the Question Regarding the Amendment of Executive Portfolio Mandates in the AUS Constitution**

*Whereas*, the current mandates of the Vice-President Social and the Vice-President External in the AUS Constitution does not accurately reflect the portfolio's responsibilities;

*Whereas* the following referendum question has been submitted for the AUS Winter 2016 referendum;

*Whereas*, according to the Electoral Bylaws:

*4.2 Referenda may be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council or by a petition signed by at least one hundred and fifty (150) members of the Society and filed with Elections AUS a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to polling.*

*4.3 In the case of a Council-initiated question, Council must ratify the wording of the question in both official languages of the AUS a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to polling. Approved fee-related questions must also be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning).*

*Whereas*, the deadline established by the Chief Returning Officer for the approval of referendum questions is February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016;

*Whereas* these constitutional amendments have been reviewed and approved by the AUS Constitutional Bylaw and Review Committee.

**Be it resolved**, that AUS Council approve the attached questions regarding the Alteration of Executive Portfolio Mandates in the AUS Constitution

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## **Question Regarding the Amendment of Executive Portfolio Mandate in the AUS Constitution**

*Whereas*, article 12 of the AUS Constitution outlines the mandates of each Executive portfolio;

*Whereas*, the International Student Affairs Commission (ISAC) has been active since 2014, but has not been institutionalized in the Constitution nor under a particular portfolio;

*Whereas*, many international students in the Faculty of Arts face particular challenges and have unique needs;

*Whereas*, the institutionalization of ISAC will legitimize its events, thus generating further participation;

*Whereas*, ISAC will be responsible for liaising with other campus groups designed for international students, so it falls under the mandate of the Vice President External;

*Whereas*, the responsibility of chairing the Arts Frosh Committee has historically fallen under the Vice-President Social's portfolio;

*Whereas*, the responsibility of planning Arts Frosh has historically fallen under the Vice-President Social's portfolio;

*Whereas*, the responsibility of running Bar des Arts has historically fallen under the Vice-President Social's portfolio;

*Whereas*, the responsibility of planning an event to celebrate the graduation of AUS members has historically fallen under the Vice-President Social's portfolio;

*Whereas*, Article 12.9 e) mandates the Vice-President Social to liaise with alumni organizations in the coordination of alumni student events, but the responsibility of liaising with alumni organizations in the coordination of alumni student events has historically fallen under the Vice-President External's portfolio.

*Whereas*, in the following proposed constitutional amendments, deletions are marked with strikethroughs and additions are marked with bolded text;

**Be it resolved**, that the following amendments be made to the AUS Constitution in articles 12.7 and 12.9:

12.7 The Vice President External shall:

- a. Be responsible for relations between the AUS and other faculty associations, the SSMU, and the Montreal community;
- b. Be a voting member of SSMU Council in a manner consistent with the policies set by Council and the General Assembly;
- c. Communicate and respond to any external issues that may affect the AUS or its members in a manner consistent with the needs of its members;
- d. Work to enhance the career and post-graduate prospects of all AUS members;
- e. Liaise with ~~Development and Alumni Relations~~ **alumni organizations** to strengthen relationships with Arts alumni **and coordinate alumni-student events**;
- f. Oversee the
  - i. Arts Community Engagement (ACE) Committee
  - ii. Sponsorship Committee
  - iii. The International Student Affairs Commission (ISAC)**

12.9 The Vice-President Social shall:

- a. Be responsible for the organization of social and cultural activities for the members of the AUS;
- b. Work with the Vice-President Internal in aiding Departmental Associations in running social events;
- c. Work with the Vice-President Communications to actively seek input on the programming interests of the members of the AUS;
- d. Work with the Vice-President External to seek potential expansion or improvement of programming by way of partnerships with other groups;
- ~~e. Liaise with alumni organizations in the coordination of alumni student events;~~
- e. Oversee the operations of Bar des Arts;**

- f. Hire and chair the AUS Frosh Committee, as governed by the Frosh Bylaws**
- g. Organize an event for graduating AUS members;**
- h. Maintain a working relationship with McGill Security Services, when necessary;
- i. Coordinate the Event Planning and Involvement Committee (EPIC).

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