

The Political Science Students’ Association Report to the AUS Council

Friday, March 18th, 2016

General Update: **Two executives** (Jesse and Ida) received the Scarlet Key Award because of their contributions to the PSSA and were awarded with 12 others at the March 19th Pinning ceremony.

**President: Richad Hirani**

* Provided scheduling and updates for upcoming events and funding
* Finalized Faculty Club venue for April 7th MJPS Launch and Prof Awards
* Finalizing expense report for Interdepartmental Mixer from February 18th
* Held reconciliatory meeting with the VP Events for Ottawa Trip mishaps and feedback with Ida
* Delegated AUS Awards applications to members

**VP Academic: Jesse Shuster-Leibner**

* Added all edits to final academic policy, sent to Professor Oxhorn (Meeting TBD)
* TA Handbook final draft ready, sent to Oxhorn to disseminate to TAs

**VP Events: Tofunmi Odugbemi**

* Launched “Nothing But Nets” Charity fundraiser event, to be held on March 24
  + Solidified theme, organization (Against Malaria Foundation), prices
  + Creating coat check schedule for Events Portfolio
    - 8 shifts filled (1 hour shifts, 4 people per shift)
  + Poster up; event up
  + Decided on no DJ

**VP Internal: Stephen Bateman**

* Cancelled Thomson House contract for April 6th because of change to Faculty Club

**VP External: Jonathan Turlione**

* Continuing communications with Concordia PSSA for Debate/4 à 7 event. Talking with Nora (PSSA VP External of Concordia) for another collaboration.
* Getting pictures from previous Feb 11th debate
* AUS Council updates to the PSSA Executive

**VP Finance: Roland Barlier**

* Balances same as last week
* Haven’t received 1st instalment from Campus Life Fund. Need sums to come in before the 7th of April because we have enough cash for the Faculty Club but not the Journal
  + Sending followup to Dayna Austin (Funding Commissioner)
* Getting new cashbox from Mirza
* Reimbursing one member for purchases

**VP Communications: Ida Mahmoudi**

* Looking into Calendar estimates to create Prof of the Month calendar according to different months. Pitching calendar to professors and students.
* Developed and launched **Student of the Week** series
* Contacted TVM and had them record the March 15 Research Brunch
  + They will also be attending and filming the Journal Launch and Prof Awards
* Executed video for Research Brunch
* Developing the design for the Prof Awards certificates
* New Professors of the Month: Professors Baccini and Johnson
  + Baccini Interview – Tuesday 5pm (**complete and posted**)
  + Johnson Interview – 21st of March at 230PM
* Updated website with the PSSA Executive Nomination Kit. Sent all applications to Election AUS and filtered through all student signatures.
* Sent weekly listserv updating students on all events and initiatives
* Developing marketing plan for Journal Launch
  + **Launched the PSSA Awards poster, created by Portfolio member Brayden Culligan**
  + Created nomination form for students to vote on Professor Teaching awards and TA awards
* To date, increased audience by **480%** on Facebook (new analytics update)