**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**April 6th, 2016, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:11PM
   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: EPIC, ASSA, GSA, IDSSA, MESS, MESSA, PSA
   2. Came late:
   3. Left early:
3. Approval of Minutes from March 23rd 2016 Council
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Minutes are approved
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Arts Rep Templer: Add item 6e to approve amendments to financial bylaws. Seconded. Amendment added.
   2. Arts Rep Templer: Add item 6g, report of committee of student allied against sexual harassment. Seconded. Amendment added.
   3. All those in favour? All. None against
   4. Agenda is approved
5. Announcements
   1. President: We’re taking pictures after council because it’s last one of the year.
   2. RSUS: Thank you to Maria for her masterful planning of AUS awards, it was a great improvement from past years.
   3. DESA: Have our journal launch next Wednesday in Arts 160.
   4. AUSec: Having sustainability wine and cheese tomorrow, we’ll have vegan cheese and normal cheese.
   5. VP Internal: Jacob and I holding last president’s roundtable next Thursday at 6:30pm in SSMU.
   6. CSAUS: Canadian studies have research brunch tomorrow at 10:30, lots of free food.
   7. AHCSSA: Have panel in Leacock 232. Art History and Communication Studies panels are separate, but in same timeframe.
   8. Senator Sobat: SSMU University Affairs is recruiting students. Lots of opportunities available, something for everyone. Deadline to apply is April 18th.
6. New Business
   1. Motion to Adopt AUS Publishing Bylaws
      1. VP Academic: Two weeks ago we presented draft version of this motion, this is the final version approved by bylaw review committee. No major changes, we just made some clarifications due to concerns by council members who were afraid that AUS was taking over what publishing departments do. That’s not our job. We’re streamlining best processes.
      2. Also deals with how we’re recruiting teams in future years, committee becomes progressively institutionalized in progressive years. And we made mission statement clearer.
      3. Make sure everything is in compliance with what university and the law wants. We’re taking on burden of departments, not vice versa. Faraz Oman: We’re providing departments on how they can improve.
      4. Faraz Oman: If you go to Article 4.3.3, it was vague and wasn’t attached to any other article, so we changed that. And 4.2.2 is regarding what Gab talked about. Planned on putting minimum standards, Article 7, that’s new.
      5. No points of discussion.
      6. Voting: All those in favour? Majority. 1 abstention from Arts Rep Templer. Motion is approved.
   2. Motion to Amend AUS Financial Bylaws Regarding Journal Fund
      1. FEARC: Basically, change in this one is to create enforcement for bylaws that we just passed in Article 7. If a journal applies to the fund, they comply with rules that are required for legal copyright.
      2. No points of discussion.
      3. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   3. Motion to Adopt AUS Rules of Conduct Bylaws
      1. President: Like the publishing bylaws last council, I’m just highlighting changes. These are made by CBRC in response to concerns at last council. These are bylaws that clarify provisions of constitution and Robert’s Rules of Order and how meetings are run in the future.
      2. Article 3.2: added this. It’s continuation of idea that president and exec can call emergency council meetings. This says that five councillors can call also call an emergency meeting.
      3. Article 5.4.1: finalizing everything departmental associations report to council. Left a lot of it up to the Speaker about which departments report at which meeting. Gave a brief description of what they should be reporting on, and we did go with a strike rule for departments that fail to submit reports. If you miss one council meeting and don’t give a report for two, you lose funding. Like a two-strike rule.
      4. Article 9: can’t vote by absence or by proxy.
      5. Article 11.2: if you leave council before meeting’s concluded, have to get permission from speaker. That’s already done in practice.
      6. Article 14.2: if these rules of conduct want to be amended or rescinded, it requires a 2/3 majority vote.
      7. Discussion:
         1. Senator Sobat: For the proxy, is that imagined to include other members of that departmental association? Jacob Response: No, you can have any rep from department present, more like you can’t text someone else to vote for you.
      8. No more points of discussion.
      9. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   4. Motion Regarding Course Outlines
      1. Senator Kpeglo-Hennessy: I asked a senate question in Feb. about course outlines, asking Deputy-Provost to post them earlier online to let students structure schedules. His response gave my own preamble back to me. Not much response. He’s working on it, but no answer for last senate meeting. Instead, updating us at the April senate meeting.
      2. See that there’s student support for this and hope it’s going forward next year in case nothing happens this year.
      3. Discussion:
         1. Arts Rep Templer: Want to speak in favour of this. This is something that candidates for many positions, like Senators and VP Academics, all support across departments. It’s going to be a big project next year, commend Arts Senator and VP Internal for bringing this up.
         2. Jacob: SUS is also bringing this forward, as well as SSMU at last meeting of the year. Waiting to hear from other faculty associations.
      4. No more points of discussion.
      5. Voting: All those in favour? Majority. 1 abstention from FEARC. Motion is approved.
      6. VP Comms: Motion to add AIO Advisory Committee Bylaws to the agenda, item 6f. Seconded. Motion is approved.
   5. Motion to Approve Amendments to Financial Bylaws
      1. Arts Rep Templer: Motion being brought forward to increase financial transparency of AUS. Sets out the budget of society in the listserv.
      2. Not so much changes as additions. Went through bylaw review committee, most recent one last Friday.
      3. Bylaws are read to council.
      4. Articles 4.5 and 4.6 are because councillors have technical knowledge to hold VP Finance accountable, but FMC needs more of that. McGill relies on us to complete our audit to release student funds.
      5. No points of discussion
      6. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   6. Motion to Adopt AIO Advisory Committee Bylaws
      1. President: Long awaited AIO advisory committee bylaws. Backstory is the Arts internship office lost funding last year. Government cut it during austerity measures. So the Dean of Arts asked AUS to create student fee for this, approved in referendum.
      2. But part of bargaining is to keep it for five years, trying to create 5-million dollar endowment fund. Advisory committee is made up of students and admin to oversee this endowment, make sure money is used correctly. These bylaws kind of advise this committee.
      3. VP Academic: Another point is that AIO’s finances have been unstable for last couple years. Have been working closely this year to make sure everything’s on track. Last few years have received large endowment from funds and spent all money instead of streamlining cash over future years.
      4. For example, able to enlist 50 student for ARIA, but this year not sure they can reach even 30. So this is taking into account students in long run.
      5. Close work between VP Academic and VP Finance so these mistakes don’t get made again. Make sure that students have consistent service, no difference like lots of jobs one year and no jobs the next year.
      6. Jacob: Article 3 has a slight student majority for the committee composition. And 3.2 is just conflict of interest provision, so if someone knows in September they want to get an internship that’s hired through AIO, it’s a conflict of interest and know not to.
      7. Article 3.3 says VP Academic can collect feedback from students on AIO. 4.4 says once per semester that VP Academic will report on these meetings to AUS council. Want to make sure that since this is a 5-year fee, that after these 5 years they can’t ask us to renew this automatically.
      8. Appendix: AIO is a little confusing on how it gets funding, this is clarifying it. Gets funding through operations budget and student fee, plus AUS provides something and ASEF grants a little. Goes towards internship funding rather than the operation and the office.
      9. Discussion:
         1. Senator Sobat: Do you think it’s necessary for VP Academic to chair the committee since there’s already so much in their portfolio? Couldn’t AIO coordinate more of the administrative work? More work for VPA. Gab Response: Yeah, I agree it’s an extra burden for someone who is overloaded. We’ll try it out for next year and see what workload is. But meetings won’t be too long and not that much to talk about. It’s more about being in the room with the Dean and student reps and seeing what’s going on. And in the future, Erik can introduce motion to make it more efficient.
         2. Jacob: The VP Academic is already basically responsible for relationships with AIO, so this formalizes that. Also think it’s important to have student chair of this committee, I have no concerns with AIO now, but I’m a cynical person when it comes to making bylaws. Gab: And I’ve had these meetings all year long, so it’s just formalizing this. Jacob: And they’re eager to hear more student input.
      10. No more points of discussion.
      11. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
      12. Arts Rep Templer: Motion to move MAASH report before the exec reports. Reason being as committee chair I have to give that report, but I also have to be at town hall at 7pm for SSMU. Seconded. Motion is approved.
   7. Report of McGill Students Allied Against Sexual Harassment (MAASH)
      1. Arts Rep Templer: You guys have heard me talk about this committee all year, started as project between myself and equity commissioners. Goal to combat sexual harassment and draw attention to it. Especially verbal harassment, which tends to be overlooked in favor of more physical issues.
      2. Conclusions of committee are that we felt like events series was successful. But talked about how appropriate showcase was to have at BDA, though staff there was great. Wine and cheese was successful, following unsuccessful documentary screening.
      3. Disconnect between equity commissioners, took a bit to get off the ground. But did pick up two members at large. I had to turn away several applications. Ended up being me as committee chair.
      4. After speaking with committee and events aftermath, it was felt that we had two options: first to move committee as standing committee under equity portfolio under President OR have committee apply for interim status under SSMU. Picked that second option.
      5. I did submit a club application. Only concern was a mandate overlap with a few clubs on campus. Haven’t heard what the status of this app is, TBD. Mandate will be to raise awareness of sexual harassment or how to handle it, both within McGill faculty and wider Montreal area. Serving as a support service and drawing attention to marginalization of groups, etc.
      6. One point that came up surprising bit was large number of students who have experienced sexual harassment from Profs and TAs. Before I was on this committee I’d never heard about before this. A lot of people coming forward talking about their experiences. Number of instances where we’ve directed individuals for channels for reporting that.
      7. Committee recommends that AUS publish something as part of its listserv. Time before exams is when students are most in touch with Profs. So publishing something about the process for reporting harassment.
      8. Discussion:
         1. Arts Rep Hennessy: Have you made this an actual committee through AUS council? Templer Response: I don’t recall whether this was through official motion or just through special project. Did receive budget, but don’t officially believe it was. Kpeglo-Hennessy: Have you done any work with sexual harassment assessors who work on campus? There are 10 of them. Templer: No, we didn’t. Long period where committee struggled to organize.
         2. RSUS: So whose portfolio would this committee be under? Templer Response: Not technically a committee, but maybe President’s? But applied to be a club. This report is just outlining what we’ve done throughout the year.
         3. AUSEC – Because I’ve dealt with SSMU’s clubs in the past, do you have backup plan in case you’re rejected? Templer Response: I know there is an appeals process, which we’ll do if needed.
      9. No more points of discussion.
7. Reports of the Executive Officers
   1. Report of the President
      1. Thanks to everyone on AUS council for coming this year and dedicating your time. We got a lot done and didn’t have five hour meetings.
      2. Human Resources met April 5th. Still an ad-hoc committee, but hoping to institutionalize it. Constitutional Bylaw Review Committee met April 1st.
      3. Arts Computer Lab Fund and Info Tech Committees: had March 30th joint meeting. Heard one proposal on online/Skype advising for OASIS. Have a meeting in April to finalize plans and approve funding. From AUS side, want to spend that money more on renovations of labs.
      4. AUS 20/20: Couldn’t complete that by this council meeting, will post on website in future or do as exit report.
      5. Referendum Qs approved, turnout not as high as we’d like.
      6. Meeting with Hospitality Services next week to get student feedback on dining locations near Leacock – the library and subway? Send me your comments on Premiere Moisson and I’ll relay them.
      7. Arts Rep Michaud Q: Because so many people do complain about Premiere Moisson prices, is there anything we can do? Jacob: Met with them last year, said they have to charge the same prices as other Premiere Moisson locations. But pretty sure McGill’s contract with them is two-fold, so it’s incentive to have higher profits.
      8. RSUS: Think that McGill should employ more students in these ventures. Don’t think anything a Premiere Moisson employee does that a part-time undergrad can’t do. Need to create student jobs. Jacob: I agree with that, thing with Premiere Moisson is that they took employees that were working in Redpath too.
   2. Report of the VP Academic
      1. AUS Teaching Awards were under-attended to say the least. A bunch of the Profs and students that had sent in nominations that I’d invited just didn’t show up. If you want good food, knock on AUS office. We have way too much food.
      2. Valedictorians have been selected, but official names will be sent out tomorrow afternoon. Had to make a couple last minute modifications with group listings. So Dean has to talk to McGill about that and will call me, and then I’ll send it out.
      3. Curriculum Committee met on Monday, but I couldn’t make it.
      4. Student Affairs Committee meeting today cancelled.
      5. Transitioning new VP Academic, meeting with people. Erik had great idea of having academic roundtable with old and new execs. Also planning to meet with OASIS and bunch of other departments.
      6. Thanks to council for making this enjoyable.
   3. Report of the VP Communications
      1. Fine Arts Council having final meeting on April 12th. Having commissioners write an exit report for incoming commissioners and having new Fine Arts reps write a brief exit report for specific event that they threw this year. This is a new creation, before had zero exit reports from anyone on Fine Arts.
      2. Francophone Commission: decide whether we want convo circles next week since it’s the last week of classes. Also having meeting with incoming VP Comms to continue momentum of good turnout we’ve had here.
      3. Marketing Committee: having final coffee in Ferrier during exam period or doing something in Arts lounge during exams. I’ll be talking with the President. When there’s leftover money, spend money on food?
      4. Prof Talk is status quo.
      5. TV in Arts Lounge now functioning, but proceed with caution as it might fall off the wall? BDA make use of it for last of the year. And check out the charging station in the lounge. Looking to get a sign for it to let people know it’s there, took a lot to get this.
      6. Working on portfolio hiring with incoming VP Comms. Transition period is going well. Creating detailed exit report.
      7. President and I attended Info Tech meeting on 30th. Talked about different plans from Campus Space and Planning and feasibility of going forward with those plans. Meeting this semester to talk about budgeting for that? Maybe.
   4. Report of the VP External
      1. Jacob: I’m doing Becky’s report since she’s sick.
      2. Holding interviews for a couple positions, both general and president’s portfolio.
      3. Alumni meeting next week.
      4. AGM is tomorrow which she’ll be attending, if she’s feeling better.
   5. Report of the VP Finance
      1. Closing budget for the year. Point to set a precedence that if there is a deficit next year, can look at numbers from this year.
      2. FMC is meeting next Friday, so email me ASAP if you really need funding.
      3. Finished hiring for summer bookkeeper and fall/winter bookkeeper. Audit is going well. And Friday I’ll be going over SNAX cashier interviews.
      4. Budget: all our revenues went according to plan, 1k difference from 85k budget. We spent less than what we projected, surplus will roll over into our savings which can fund projects execs may want in future.
      5. VP Internal Q: Why’s it projected $500? Response: That’s just lounge bookings, but FEARC got multiple sources of funding.
      6. Senator Sobat Q: For the funds, do you have the same as actual and as projected? Response: A lot of exact amounts are allocations at the first of the year. And for certain things I made the projected equal to the actual because the year is not over yet. I’ll update it, but can’t report to council.
   6. Report of the VP Internal
      1. Been working on AUS awards for last two weeks.
      2. No more liquor permits.
      3. Had transition in lounge last Saturday.
      4. Not mentioned in report: president’s roundtable next Wednesday from 6:30-9pm with incoming and outgoing presidents.
      5. Send me names of your execs for next year so Kira can have an easier job.
   7. Report of the VP Social
      1. Two BDAs left, having one last week of school. Managers and cochairs working on transitioning new committee, who will have leading role so they’ll feel more prepared for next year. Incoming and outgoing cochairs had meeting yesterday with Leacock admin. We did good job this year improving this relationship with Leacock security, even though we were lot more popular than we expected to be.
      2. EPIC: we couldn’t generate enough interest in open-mic event so we’re not having that. But exit reports include how to be more successful.
      3. Rest of semester spent compiling exit report. Will have my office hours.
8. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
   1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
      1. Lexi: We had an extra SSMU council recently, that’s three in a row. See if there’s a chance to get through everything and end earlier, didn’t really work. First week there was motion to support Black Lives Matter in Toronto, was passed.
      2. Committee to Advise on Social Responsibility released refusal to divest from fossil fuels. Split question because engineers wanted to.
      3. Straw poll done that AVEQ and only AVEQ should continue to pursue representation there.
      4. Adam gave Health and Dental Review report. Family Care Policy amended, looking at making family care more accessible on campus, but a lot says “pending funds.”
      5. Adam also gave report on sexual harassment, and Health and Dental is now a standing committee of SSMU.
      6. Electoral Reform having a town hall tonight to discuss changes being made there at council this Thurs.
      7. Steering Committee not having any more meetings. Gab’s engagement committee cancelled.
      8. I’m still working on equity project, rough draft released before end of year.
      9. Awards of Distinction will be selected shortly.
   2. Report of the Arts Senators
      1. Sobat: April senate meeting is on the 20th, submitting Qs by tomorrow. One question on universal design of learning and another on student grievance process. And I’m submitting one on the Polish institute as the building they’re in on Peel has been condemned and they’ve been asked to move out but not offered any other space on campus. It’s a blow to research community.
      2. Kpeglo-Hennessy: Motion being written that may be submitting about moving McGill towards carbon neutral campus. But it’s a draft right now.
      3. For myself, had two meetings cancelled today and appointment committee for Dean of Students is moving forward over the summer?
      4. Sobat: Sexual Assault Policy working group has encountered challenges with relationship with admin. Press release tomorrow. I’m also working on having conversations with Indigenous Solidarity group that was ratified at the GA, so I invite Qs and feedback into the summer.
      5. Kpeglo-Hennessy: Thanks for two years of AUS.
      6. Sobat: We’re recruiting for committees, so any students looking to get involved can reach out.
      7. RSUS: Thank you guys a lot, it’s been a frustrating year but think you did a lot of good work. Erin, have so much fun. But what’s happening with Senators transition? Kpeglo-Hennessy: That’s something I’ve been working on, weird process because training doesn’t happen until September. Meet and greet on Friday to meet everyone, but on faculty basis it’s more ad-hoc. Senators invited to the meetings to get perspectives during the summer. And also more exit reports to give them. Sobat: Caucus reports and exit reports.
      8. RSUS Q: What’s happening with Andre’s replacement and when is he leaving? How is the university consulting for that hiring decision? Hennessy: Going to be a meeting to discuss priorities of what people want in the role. Look at five years ago when he was hired, very different. He’s become more of a crisis manager, needs of students is different now and includes mental health or sexual assault. Secretary arranging details right now. RSUS: Can you guys make a recommendation to make frosh a priority at that council? Andre’s super supportive of that, and we need to keep that for next person hired. Sobat: FYI, we’re talking about Dean of Students, so if anyone has feedback, please give it to us. In terms of summer, he’s leaving by June.
      9. VP Finance Q: Regarding BASiC, any move towards incorporation? Daisy Response: at this point, we had a motion from this year’s exec for next year’s exec to continue pushing for it, but there are certain steps to take that we’ll be keep AUS in the loop about.
      10. Sobat: Trying to do Senator transition for new Arts Senator and looking at President and VP Academic how they can have better luck with advocacy, desire for McGill to improve on that.
9. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations (AGELF-WSSA)
   * 1. SUMS: Last semester had clothing sale, but a lot of people had messaged us saying they missed the opportunity. So briefly reopened it, sold 40-50 hoodies.
     2. Last summer McGill got rid of math library for a “math lab.” Donated a bunch of books to us, now we have a huge amount we don’t know what do with. SUMS lounge can’t hold it. McGill told us remainder of books would be put in gym in storage, but then no access to them. So decided to sell them for $5 each, sold a bunch of them in hours, made $700 in unexpected money. Buy people bagels during exams?
     3. Clothing order arrived today.
     4. VP Academic Q: If you still have a bunch of books, you could wait for AUIF and apply for bookshelf. SUMS: We could do that, but there are a couple thousand books, so...
     5. President Q: How many bagels can you buy with that money? SUMS: A lot.
     6. RSUS: Had potluck earlier this year in honour of Prof who worked in department for 20 years, since he had this potluck each year. But kind of failed. He was a monk for like 20 years before he was a Prof, so his apartment was cool to see. Realized this is why it was successful.
     7. Looking new applicants for our execs, shoot email if interested.
     8. Speaking to our Profs about transition to school rather than faculty religious studies. Still a lot of concerns from theology students, who are both at McGill and at a theological college, but are still a part of our faculty. This is a 3-year project about these changes to be made.
     9. SSA: Had our last event on March 22nd. Had a successful wine and cheese for our journal launch.
     10. Had our last council meeting.
     11. Held elections, but got applications from two people who applied for President and VP Internal. So looking for more people.
10. Question Period
    * 1. None
11. Adjournment at 7:33PM

**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 | Excused |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Adam Templer | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Lexi Michaud | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Gabriel Ning | Excused |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Erin Sobat | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy | Yes |  |
| **FEARC** | Erik Partridge | Yes |  |
| **AUS Environmental Council** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Equity Committee** |  | Yes |  |
| **EPIC** |  | No |  |
| **FMC** |  | Yes |  |
| **AGELF** |  | Excused |  |
| **AHCSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASSA** |  | No |  |
| **BASiC** |  | Yes |  |
| **CLASHSA** |  | Excused |  |
| **CSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **GSA** |  | No |  |
| **HSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | No |  |
| **MESS** |  | No |  |
| **MESSA** |  | No |  |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MUGS** |  | Yes |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | No |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **WSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** | Priya Dube |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |