**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**November 2nd, 2016, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:10PM
   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: AGELF, HSA, RSUS, SAWC
   2. Came late:
   3. Left early:
3. Approval of Minutes from October 19th 2016 Council
   1. VP Academic: Point of order, minutes listed on website are from Oct. 5th, not from last council. Speaker of Council: I will change that. Arts Rep Igor: Are the minutes accessible now? Approval of minutes means you have to read them first. Can we approve two of them next time? Speaker: Sure, can do that.
   2. All those in favour to approve minutes from Oct. 19th next council? All. None against
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. AUS President: Motion to amend agenda and put VP External report after my report, she’s not here. VP Academic seconds this. Amendment added.
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Agenda is approved
5. Announcements
   1. VP Academic: OASIS international week is next week, so if you or your constituents are interested in studying abroad, info session next Tuesday.
   2. Arts Rep Igor: For SSMU, first it’s looking for members at large to fill seats on Board of Directors, apply for Friday. General assembly will be taking place next Monday, encourage everyone to attend so we can make quorum, we’ll be sad if we don’t.
   3. FEARC: Having our first event, a pizza party, this Monday from 6-8pm. Technically for all first years in Arts, but will not discriminate against others coming for free food.
   4. AUS President: Leacock’s having its first official launch on Nov. 9th, it’s a wine and cheese, most likely spoken word poetry for entertainment.
   5. PSSA: Lecture panel happening tomorrow at 6pm in Thompson house. And at we’re having election event at Gert’s from 8pm-closing on Nov. 8th, everyone come out.
6. AUS Executives Accountability Survey
   1. Speaker of Council: Now available, it’s survey for all members of council to fill out, it’s anonymous. Access it off website to look at agenda, it’s opening as of this council, 10 day period to fill it out. It’s important, helps keep AUS execs accountable, and helps us know how we’re doing going into next semester.
   2. VP Internal Q: Required to fill out every single box if we choose to fill out the form? Response: You can abstain from filling out ones you don’t want to.
7. Presentation of AUS Budget
   1. VP Finance: First thing to address is our projected working surplus: number is $18137.85 that changes from last year’s projection of closing budget being $17.9k. Summary of changes uploaded as well, I’ll run through them quickly.
   2. Revenues wise, extra 6k from McGill. And change in Presidential portfolio, which is less this year, External bringing in another 5k.
   3. Frosh revenues have changed: can announce frosh surplus, which is $1800. Reason for this is because this year we had more people participate, more sponsorships, and this number includes money AUS took in and divvied up to other faculties.
   4. GIC revenues lost $500. SNAX revenues a $3500 loss, but that will change when we increase prices as discussed two council ago, will update budget accordingly.
   5. Expenses: increase by 5k what divvied up to departments, McGill gave us more money because we have more majors and minors. FMC funding change in increasing what we’ve received from school. And saving 10k changing from one fulltime salaried employee, to having three employees paid on wage basis.
   6. Portfolios: Within my portfolio save 10.5k, entirely because of change in audit costs, have cut that down by ¾ to 2/3 this year, don’t know exact costs. Academic portfolio expenses increased by 5k, all goes to peer tutoring because have far more applications, see it as valuable service.
   7. SNAX rent change by 1k, changes every year. General expense changes have been accounted for in the budget because I structured it a little differently this year.
   8. Discussion:
      1. WIMESSA: Under the VP Finance tab, there’s $850 budget for food for FMC meetings, wondering about that? Weird to me that some committees get food budget. Response: Look at budget from last year and see same number. Historically there’s food, because meet once a month and on Friday, and meet between 3-4hrs.
      2. WIMESSA: Under VP Comms, wondering why the budget pays for exec sweaters? Response: Look at budgets in past, same sort of thing. Continued this in vein of how it was last year, budgets from 2011 to now have had that as a thing. Different conversation to have if that’s to be changed, but it’s been like that for a very long time.
   9. No more points of discussion.
8. New Business
   1. Motion to Change the Chair of the Arts Internship Office Advisory Committee
      1. VP Academic: This motion isn’t something that council is voting on if this should happen, but whether this should be posted in referendum period.
      2. Reasoning behind this is the chair was designated to be president when fee was passed two and half years ago, but AOI now in VPA portfolio. President still sits on committee, but so does VPA.
      3. Council has to approve it both English and French.
      4. Arts Rep Igor Q: This is only thing we have to bring to referendum? Response: Apparently, didn’t realize this until Monday. Igor: Worth doing referendum then? AUS President: Right now AIO is technically operating in conflict with its own bylaws, for transparency’s sake. In theory, can also table it for more comprehensive constitutional change next semester.
      5. Voting: All those in favour? All, with abstentions from Arts Rep Igor and Equity. Motion is approved.
   2. Motion to Approve the AUS Budget
      1. VP Finance: This motion addresses approving budget that I presented today, have Erik and Becky who are other people moving this motion with me. If there are any questions, can still be addressed.
      2. WIMESSA Q: How would I propose an amendment? I assume if it’s coming forward for approval, we have some kind of say. How do I do that? Speaker of Council: Need a seconder, motion to amend AUS budget, and what you want to amend it to.
      3. WIMESSA: Motion to amend budget of exec sweaters to moved toward Equity committee, seems like a more worthy cause. Speaker: Motion to approve AUS budget while striking out the amount budgeted toward executive committee sweaters and instead allocate to equity committee? Equity seconds this. VP Finance wants to vote on it, not friendly amendment.
      4. Debate on Sweater Budget Amendment:
         1. AUS President: Reason that equity number is low is because it was taken from budget from last year, decreased to $300 from $700. Allocation hadn’t bee used that year, Equity commissioners had applied for SSMU funding. Reason it’s great to have surplus with budget is because it’s projected numbers, leeway. Lots of flexibility with equity budget in past, not random number.
         2. Equity: Thanks for clarification, not that number is low, we’re concerned because other number is so high. $600 is double our budget. We do a lot of things for equity, territorial acknowledgment at beginning of meeting, that’s for saving face. But also need to do equitable events, why we urge council to vote for this amendment.
         3. VP Comms: When we went through with sweater orders, made effort to make it less than last year, did turn out to be less. Understand where you’re coming from, equity is super important, think it’s most important committee. But exec put a lot of work in, feel like they deserve sweaters, dedicated people. For us to get a little sweater, feel like they deserve it.
         4. VPI: speaking to issue at hand, agree that it’s important to voice this, does seem strange. Important to focus that on itself, not pitting equity against this cause. While equity is important, ton of other causes we could put toward to. Not in our power to where we put money from sweaters, could go to AUSec or FEARC. Don’t think issue to consider now.
         5. SUMS: Know execs work hard, but also have chance to get paid through work-study. Last year my departmental organization, our VPF told us in auditing you can’t use departmental money to pay for you sweaters, typically buy your own sweaters. If it’s costing like $800 at cost of other organizations…?
         6. CLASHA: Way to motion to table voting on this particular section? This budget of $800, to table it to next AUS meeting? Speaker: Budget will be approved as it stands if we pass budget, can move to table approving the budget?
         7. PSSA: Been on several associations on SSMU and AUS, initially bizarre to me of sweaters paid by budget, actual reason behind exec sweaters was equity thing. Not everyone can pay up $40 to $50 for a sweater, awkward if you don’t get sweater. But does makes budget looks strange.
         8. Equity: Totally makes sense. But clarification, are these sweaters subsidised or completely paid for by AUS? VPF: Not subsidized. Equity: For us, equity means not just free sweaters, but being completely fair. If some people are able to pay out of pocket, subsidization is important, but not necessarily paying for whole sweater.
         9. Arts Rep Igor: Make a sub-amendment? Instead of sweater budget being transferred to equity, just half of it transferred over? Seconded. Equity: If WIMESSAA is original person submitted that amendment is that friendly? WIMESSA: Yes.
         10. VP Internal: Not certain where we’re getting numbers. I agree equity needs money, but president decides money, talks between groups. Don’t think it is conversation for people who don’t exactly know what happens in these committees, discussion for all parties involved.
         11. Arts Rep Maria: Point of order, see Kira’s point, but if we follow amendment, how does approving budget go? Speaker: Budget including clause that money transfer over.
         12. WIMESSA: Also see Kira’s point. Guess reason I paralleled these two because it was striking to see on budget, don’t understand how budgets work or what alternatives are. But thing of equity budget being increased out of surplus, I would be open to that.
         13. VP Social: Want to mention that we have significant revenue and budget surplus, if groups are interested in having more funding, doesn’t have to be debate of who is more important. Think it’s wise for us to pivot the conversation there, if there are issues you support, speak up now to get more of that surplus.
         14. VP Academic: Point of information, is this money that has already been spent earlier in the year to acquire these sweaters? Response: Yes.
         15. Equity: Would you be amendable that $300 be taken off sweater budget and added to surplus? Whatever group needs more money gets it? VPF: Once budget is approved, that’s it. Whether council wants to table it, but can’t make changes to budget after it’s approved.
         16. SSA: Point of inquiry, on basis of budget for our tutoring has been cut. If we have surplus, why cuts in anything? VPF: Increase of 5k, because that decision was made on Monday, but possibility now of you getting more money, address to Erik of how much that may be.
         17. WIMESSA: Self-amendment? New amendment? To increase equity budget by $500, so this amendment doesn’t touch on sweaters? Increase equity budget by $500, nothing to do with sweaters. VPF: It’s something that can be done, given approval of council. But keep in mind that yes there’s a surplus, but it can change as it has done in the past. Might affect what our closing budget looks like.
         18. Arts Rep Igor: Can have everything on floor at the same time? Speaker: Only motion still on floor is yours. Igor: If no objection, happy to withdraw that.
      5. No more points of discussion.
      6. Debate for amendment to add surplus to Equity budget:
         1. VP Social: Deepak will have to speak whether it’s feasible, happy to move money out of my budget to equity. It’s in my mandate to have that. As long as it’s used in events.
         2. Equity: Thanks Kat. We believe that increasing by $500 might be too much for projected events for the year, can be allocated to different things. Wondering if original amendment could be changed to extra $200, that would make it total $500 for the year. WIMESSA: I withdraw my old amendment.
         3. VP Finance: Kat, you could transfer over $150, but you’re cutting it close. VP Social: Then let’s cut it close.
         4. Arts Rep Igor: guess I could say that I wouldn’t support cutting other budgets to increase equity. To put it into perspective, if other groups want to cut into surplus and you don’t spend that funding, just goes back into surplus.
         5. AUS President: Want to point out that there’s always change from projected amounts to actual amounts, that’s why it’s important to have cushioned surplus. Reason number was decreased because there was so much unspent, already has cushion factor in it. All committees have access to extra funding, expect there to be change from expected to actual.
         6. VP Academic: Question for mover, isn’t there still opportunity for groups to apply for funding from FMC? VPF: Yes, can apply to that. Funding decisions made off of what budget looks like, if you bring awareness that there has to be funds added, need to justify increase. Idea of where you want to increase? Not procedure to just hand out money.
         7. Equity: In response to Becky’s comment, we acknowledge that last year’s equity commissioners may have been MIA, but would like to do new slate. Trying to do new things, but need money to do that.
         8. CLASHA: Hard right now, but elaborate what this money would be spent on? Equity: Events planning next semester, for specific events, first in January is movie screening and trying to get free food to lure people in. Future events working around budget, but if do decide to get increase, will do events catered to that figure.
         9. VP Social: I love events, it’s my job. Really great opportunity for collab between EPIC and equity, if student body has need for equitable events, conversation here isn’t well placed because there are great resources in AUS already where you can spend other people’s budget to help with events. Think that concern of overcommitting resources to other groups is very real, but EPIC’s is continuous, budget goal is to breakeven, if you meet with cochairs in that committee, they’re always looking to expand portfolio.
         10. VP Comms: Personally, in marketing committee they have a lot more money than they did last year, think they will have surplus, same for francophone commission, which has $300 more. Willing to split that?
         11. AUS Environmental Council: With all this talk of extra money, if you guys want to talk with us, we’re also an option too if you want to plan environmentally friendly, equitable events.
         12. VP Finance: Amendment could come from operating budget, don’t see that small change making that big of difference, or from surplus for that matter.
      7. No more points of discussion.
      8. Voting: All those in favour of amendment to have $200 added to equity budget?
      9. Voting: All those in favour of amendment to have $200 added to equity budget? Majority, with VP Academic against and AUS President and VP Internal abstaining. Equity commissioner’s vote of yes noted for the record.
      10. Voting for budget as amended: All approve. Motion passes.
   3. Motion to Approve AUS Departmental Budgets
      1. VP Finance: The FMC ran over for department budgets. Looked at MIRA, CSA, CSAUS, and EASSA. Procedure for that is that we approve budget, and bring to council before final budget approved. You guys confirming that as stated in the bylaws.
      2. Voting: All those in favour? All. EASSA’s vote of yes noted for the record. Motion is approved.
   4. Motion to Approve Ad-Hoc Allocations from the Arts Student Employment Fund
      1. VP Academic: I’ll say that appendix is most important part in motion. We’ve been working with admin to change ASEF so that it’s not losing money each year. They began with Profs receiving 5k when hired, and then had three years to spend that on student researchers.
      2. Request for Profs to keep this budget who haven’t spent it, maybe forgot the deadline? In appendix A, anyone that had clear purpose of what they wanted to do with it, our recommendation to do it. If approved, would extend having this money until Sept. 1st, then remaining 8k returning back to ASEF.
      3. Any Profs rejected in this round of voting are still eligible to apply for funding elsewhere.
      4. Discussion:
         1. NASSA: Are the funds automatically allocated every three years, or have to apply? Response: Any Prof hired up to fiscal year of 2017, received 5k in start-up funding from McGill. Now in process of recovering money from 2011 and 2012, money going back to ASEF.
         2. NASSA: Use this money to go towards student research? Profs that aren’t currently conducting research, but might be beneficial for students. For there to be process in place where council member can nominate Profs to be emailed, saying that AUS council wants to give you this money to hire student researchers. Response: Arts Internship Office is designated in bylaws. Department can encourage Prof to apply to ASEF, if counsellors want to allocation to a certain Prof, then apply and council will decide in late Feb. or early March. NASA: Never mind then.
         3. WIMESSA: What are the highlighted ones in the appendix? Response: Highlighted by the faculty, to my understanding it’s where Profs are contractually obligated to hire students, didn’t get rid of any of this.
         4. CSA: Difference between appendix A and B? Response: Appendix A is for those who have received funding, whereas appendix B is who we’re recommending receives extension of funding.
      5. No more points of discussion
      6. Voting: All those in favour? All in favour, except WIMESSA. Motion is approved.
   5. Motion Regarding Support for QPIRG-McGill’s Existence Referendum
      1. AUS President: Representation from QPIRG that will join us? Arts Rep Igor: Not able to, but I can speak to it. AUS President: I’ll ask Igor to speak to this, missed opportunity to endorse this before referendum, think it’s important as a student society to endorse other student societies that have similar goals as our own. Groups that aren’t often represented in mainstream event planning, IE QPIRG’s culture shock series, social justice days, and lots of outreach in community outside of campus.
      2. Arts Rep Igor: I’m a board rep for QPIRG, and I’m on Yes Committee for referendum, so I’m abstaining from motion. So it’s a little in conflict to let me speak. Speaker of Council: Any objections? None.
      3. Arts Rep Igor: Think Becky spoke to the motion, but in terms of more concrete things we do for Arts students, includes research exchange program, IE can do research for class credit and for community organizations, work-study jobs, activism for social-environment justice. Even if you personally don’t want to pay fee, can support existence of group by supporting referendum. Has existed since 1980 and been funded by student fees at McGill since 1989, great to continue that.
      4. Discussion:
         1. PSSA: Personally not super familiar with QPIRG, but my VP External is and gave me notes. Most students don’t know what it is, actually has extremely inactive members despite paying membership fee. Automatic fee on Minerva, in position where less students know about organization the more funds they receive, not accountable to members. Of budget in 2015, in the funds, which include for fulltime staff, about 52% go directly to paying staff salaries, not including $1000s spent on insurance and other costs, little money going to events and services spent on students. QPIRG may be considered more radical and not representative by majority of McGill students and doesn’t represent public interest as it claims. QPIRG would not be organization if not allocated money by SSMU and student members, if it’s important to as many individuals on campus as members claim, then people will pay membership costs.
         2. VP Social: Speak to point of they do a lot of things outside of McGill is a weak one. Social justice and environmentalism occurs off campus, it’s a world we’re joining scarily soon after grad, and we need to make sure that world is funded to be better.
         3. Arts Rep Igor: If anyone has factual questions, I can answer them.
         4. AUS President: Point out that you mentioned it’s opt-outable fee, point that most students don’t realize they’re paying for this is weak one, important to give QPIRG a platform to become more public to students.
         5. Equity: Remind AUS that we operate under equitable and non-repressiveness, and QPIRG operates under this mandate. They do deserve our support.
         6. VP Academic: While I’m very supportive of this motion, don’t think this is in best interests of AUS to tell students how to vote in referendum.
         7. PSSA: Find it strange as McGill student that this money doesn’t come back to me, changes my vote? Important for student societies to go out into community and world, but when half of budget goes to staff salaries, and where events aren’t advertised and most people don’t know opt-out option exists… We are an informed minority in McGill community, we can’t act like everyone knows. Think that AUS as a body should not go forward with this, dissent in this room shows it’s not unified thing.
         8. VP Comms: Asking Igor, we touched on money going more toward salaries and staff, elaborate? Arts Rep Igor: I don’t know budget off top of my head, but yes they employ permanent staff. Culture shock and social justice days are students employed in conjunction with SSMU, they’re advertised, but obviously it’s impossible to easily reach 23k members.
         9. VP Social: I realize there’s lot of miseducation of what QPIRG is, partly relies on responsibility of people bringing this forward. It’s the Quebec Public Interest Research Group, looks into things of interest of things for our province, mandate to increase social equity. Representing university’s interests for our government, commitment to social equity, these people are ones lobbying for these things in Quebec. Also pay SSMU VP External’s salary, may say things you disagree with, but you still pay.
         10. AUS Environmental Council: It’s not necessarily social justice events, I was educating myself on their website, QPIRG has working groups including for indigenous, women of diverse origins, etc. A lot of clubs on AUS, but nothing that covers these issues, in terms of equity.
         11. NASSA: Super undecided about this motion, just hearing Qs of what actually goes on, motion if AUS will endorse continued existence? People’s Qs going unanswered a bit irresponsible don’t think it’s comfortable to vote on something that people bringing motion forward can’t defend.
         12. Equity: Just because a person from QPIRG isn’t here for reasons we don’t know, so can’t judge that. Doesn’t invalidate QPIRG’s mandate and great work that they do. And if we endorse QPIRG, doesn’t mean we force every Arts student to vote yes, we operate under democracy, just need simple majority, it’s not a consensus.
         13. Arts Rep Igor: To clarify, there’s no one from QPIRG because the other person had a different meeting and I was here. Only two permanent staff, run day-to-day operations of QPIRG building, and outreach to 18 working groups and external student groups. As a political organization, lead by board of directors, mass majority is McGill students, now staff isn’t here because office is open all day.
         14. AUS President: To person who said that motivators haven’t done good job of why it’s in line with mandate, can you clarify? We have certain policies within AUS, and general conversation has shown that QPIRG is in line with these ethics.
         15. SSA: I want to add that I agree, it’s first time I hear about QPIRG, exemplified by them not being present today, sounds great but see no physical presence here today or in the school? Need clear understanding of what we’re voting for.
         16. PSSA: What if the yes vote goes through, what will QPIRG be doing? In future, what are McGill students going to get out of this? Seems to do a lot off campus, a lot of people see it as very radical and left. With extra money will hire more staff, or what’s happening? Igor Response: someone from QPIRG is coming up. Will not be getting more money, just same money it always gets, $5. And it’s an opt-outable fee, it will continue with event series it runs at McGill. Question if it will happen if fee isn’t passed? Not really be able to continue as it is without this fee.
         17. VP Comms: Personally, I will abstain. Helpful to have someone speak on the no side to hear both sides. This person is coming up which is nice, but I feel like I don’t have that much information. Like myself, wasn’t aware I was paying for this fee.
         18. CLASHA: Go in other direction, knew about QPIRG when I was in high school, known all throughout Montreal. Also have QPIRG at Concordia. Some people don’t know, but they’re known in Montreal.
         19. ACHSSA: I’m on yes committee as well. QPIRG does help a lot of groups that need the help, shadowed a lot by larger voices. Fee doesn’t increase or anything like that, just saying that if you want to continue giving support for groups who don’t necessarily have the coverage, that’s what we’re supporting. Other people do need it.
         20. VP Social: You not knowing where your student fees go is your own fault. IE SSMU takes $100 every year, and that’s a hard opt-out insurance form to fill out. First frosh to sell out this year was Rad frosh by QPIRG, so they’re doing great work. Not great if it’s not relevant to you, but you can’t speak to people whose lives it’s changed. Fills need that actually exists.
         21. PSSA: QPIRG rep is here, but comment that you made, as visible minority “people we’re helping,” etc., looks at it as a facts things. NGOs exist that think they’re doing great things and actually don’t do great things. If automatic fee is removed, will still exist but get allocation from SSMU, can QPIRG person speak to this?
         22. QPIRG: Sorry, for the lateness. To address question about if QPIRG doesn’t pass referendum, will we get funding from SSMU? This is not true. We have agreement with McGill that we have to run a referendum, and if students don’t support us, McGill doesn’t sign agreement with us that includes rent and building fees.
         23. AUS President: Talking about concept of Rad frosh, AUS frosh can’t really sustain expanding in terms of additional events. And while it’s increasingly more inclusive, there are more people who choose to opt out for variety of reasons. Lot of people who chose Rad frosh as more inclusive opportunity as first years. Great opportunity to endorse QPIRG, giving platform upon with QPIRG can advertise its events and services to more people, relative unknownness can be countered.
         24. Equity: Think idea of being opt-outable is positive, if you don’t support, can always opt out of this. As Kat said, if you don’t know about opt-out option, that’s your personal fault, don’t think this motion should fail.
         25. WIMESSA: If we do publish endorsement, could it inform people it’s opt-outable? AUS President: I’m a mover and mandate endorsement, we can include the word opt-outable.
      5. No more points of discussion
      6. Voting: All those in favour? 21 in favour, VP Academic opposed, 13 abstentions. For the record: PSSA abstained, Arts Rep Igor abstained,
      7. PSSA, Arts Rep Igor, VP Comms, AUS President, ASA, VP Finance abstained. PSA and Equity voted for, and VP Academic was against. Motion is approved.
9. Question Period:
   1. None
10. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations (AGELF-WSSA)
    * 1. MESS: We’re the McGill Environment Student’ Society. Events so far, we’ve had one welcome back BBQ, two prof talks, one apple-picking event, all were successful.
      2. VPA creating peer-tutoring program, VP Media creating peer mentoring program where new students paired with older students. Looking for mentors, going well.
      3. This month we have one prof talk planned, one open mic session, and a samosa sale at end of Nov. In January, having ski trip with MUGS.
      4. WIMESSA: We’re the World Islamic and Middle East Studies Student Association. We had bake sale last week and coffee hour on Friday, Profs and students came.
      5. Finally elected VP Finance, exec been slow going because haven’t had full exec, but looking better now. Collab photo exhibit with other associations, slow but getting back on that because of exec. Will be about indigenous struggles around the world.
      6. Peer tutoring program for Arabic started, open to language minors as well, spread word. And VP Exchange working on establishing exchange relationship in Middle East, currently only one.
      7. MIRA: We’re the McGill Industrial Relations Association. Had welcome back event at Gerts, great samosa sales too.
      8. VP Events planning event with VP HR from Pratt & Whitney who is a McGill alum, and trying to get one from Bombardier, also an IR alum.
      9. Placing clothing order for sweaters and mugs, looking for labour-friendly company, sadly been difficult.
      10. MPSA: We are working on NTC sales as usual. We have a blog post weekly, doing journal submissions.
      11. Changed elections so only U1 Rep and VP Finance are appointed.
      12. U1 meet and greet is happening Nov. 4th, anyone is welcome even if you’re not in Psych. Bake sale as well on the 7th, and movie night on Nov. 10th, about woman with Alzheimer’s plus discussion following. Past event of how to get into grad school, was very successful.
      13. MUGS: Few ongoing initiatives, taking clothing order for sweaters, looking for older models so get Burnside coords.
      14. Summer internships, sending info out in listserv, and looking for people interested in that. And GIS workshops, image processing and map-making program, vital to major. Polls of times and attendance to find best times for workshops.
      15. Apartment crawl on Saturday, have all the stops figured out. Selling tickets in Burnside this week from 12-2pm. Tea and pumpkin carving in MUGS lounge. And joint ski trip coming up with MESS, contact anyone in McGill Geography.
11. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
    1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
       1. Arts Rep Isabella: For SSMU council our last meeting was Oct. 20th, was supposed to be one last week, but had 4Floors going on. Linked agenda available, next meeting is tomorrow. At last meeting had guest speaker from Library Improvement Fund, did presentation on fiat lux, pretty cool. Passed a bunch of motions and referendum Qs. Passed motion regarding free menstrual products, super fun. And passed motion regarding health and hygiene products fund Q. Had motion regarding midnight kitchen Q show up on referendum, change in budget that can be found through the link. Motion regarding creation of musician’s collective fee, passed so they can operate on campus.
       2. Committees: Accountability Committee for AUS met on Friday, reviewed time sheets, put together survey for exec. Student Affairs committee meeting on Nov. 9th. Steering Committee for SSMU met on Oct. 27th but failed to meet quorum due to confusion about time of meeting.
       3. Igor and Maria’s reports are up here, can ask them personally if you have Qs. Things going well.
       4. AUS President Q: How to approve agenda for next meeting on Thurs.? Response: Had emailed it to us past the meeting time, emailed Ben and Victor regarding that. Arts Rep Igor: It’s not a requirement to get agenda passed. Isabella: Yeah, very few things on agenda from what I’ve seen.
    2. Report of the Arts Senators
       1. Senator Casarina: Charles went over Senate last meeting because we had it prior to this, but I did put up info over here. Went over sexual violence policy, next Senate meeting is Nov. 23rd, it’s open you guys are always welcome. Before that have joint board-senate meeting on Nov. 10th, happens once a year, topic is sustainability?
       2. Senate Caucus: Dean of Students join us for Q&A, really receptive for feedback, suggestions on how to make office more effective. Very nice to get fresh intake from admin and see them working with us.
       3. Meeting on Oct. 24th with Provost Campbell and Manfredi to join discussion for sexual violence policy, hoping to pass it this senate or one after if no major amendments, just subtle changes. Check out highlights on our biweekly reports.
       4. Points of discussion: Prof assigning their own material is a conflict of interest and you’re allowed to report it. It’s not actually supposed to be on the syllabus, you can contact us Senators and facilitate that process.
       5. Accessibility in terms of construction, happy to take feedback. Submitting Q for Senate for Nov. 23rd, hopefully admin will take note, include in discussion.
       6. Enrolment services is undergoing review of all programs, been in touch with all of you at some point, please fill this out.
       7. Posted something about mental health on FB group, please check it out and if you have Qs let me know.
       8. AUS President Q: Think there’s miscommunication at last council regarding council and senate for sexual assault policy? Response: Charles said it passed, it didn’t, was just presented for its first reading. We had original draft and then suggestions made by working groups, then underneath the recommendations we’re going to make. Wasn’t that long, fearful that some Senators didn’t read it over? But we did get through it, no opposition. Should be passed in next senate or senate after.
       9. Arts Rep Igor Q: Changes proposed to sexual violence policy adequately included? Response: Pretty reflective of suggestions we advocated for, brought it up in meeting with Provost and Deputy Provost, for most part were receptive to feedback and pro-survivor.
       10. PSSA Q: VP External said I should ask about mental health policy, some of terminology was confusing? Provide me a summary of what happened? Response: What used to happen if you went to mental health services would be you’d fill out a form, written section to give idea what your situation is. In some cases would take you in right there, or 2-week waiting period for consultation appointment where they’d assess your needs. What happens now is safety appointments for that day, which is problematic. Unless you’ve already seen counselling services before, won’t get in unless you’re suicidal or assaulted, etc. Ironic that they put your physical health over mental health, but not that these aren’t real issues. So if looking to get a note might have to wait two weeks, or if having mental breakdown, don’t get those services.
       11. VP Internal Q: Besides emailing them, how to show support of some kind of change? Response: If this is something that’s bothersome to you, totally welcome to take all of your feedback and make a report and submit it to the office. Within senate caucus have emailed them directly, and have other issues and have said we see this as unacceptable. But also see that mental health is limited in their capacity, but need student input.

1. Reports of the Executive Officers
   1. Report of the President
      1. Leacock’s launched online, have fun articles, Editors in Chief did great. Website needs some work, but articles are great. Wine and cheese on Nov. 9th for Leacock’s, and launch hard copy on Nov. 14th to be distributed.
      2. CRC met on Friday, temporarily paused going through all constitutions and bylaws projects, instead went through departmental bylaws.
      3. Elections for departmental execs that needed to be replaced or filled are finished. Liberal Arts is registered as two things, one as their self and other as Dean’s office, some people not getting election package email. Instead, selection process linked in listserv.
      4. Followed up with admin on comments for info tech fund, sent that on Friday after council, didn’t receive info and got response yesterday of “we’ll get back to you in a day or two.” But it doesn’t go through without our approval.
      5. AUS videographer, AIOAC, promote our services to Arts students. He was at event last week and slowly interviewing people who have received internships through AIO and disseminate video through Arts community.
      6. Equity met, documentary screening as well as uploading form on equity complaints and attaching that form to the bottom of listservs.
      7. Mental health meeting on Friday, one commissioner going on exchange. Select a new one or just have one of them? Video project starting.
      8. FMC funding, thorough budgets please. If confused about something, invite rep from FMC to explain budget in person.
      9. Work Your BA planning committee has meeting tomorrow. Consult on events relevant to your department.
      10. HR: Our Secretary Generals doing research on hiring procedures. And Dean’s Brunch on Dec. 22nd.
   2. Report of the VP External
      1. AUS President: Kia joining me for Work your BA.
      2. Community engagement has successful open mic night, samosas didn’t arrive but said they‘d give us free ones for next event.
      3. Distressing event during exams.
      4. ISAC planning wine and cheese, awaiting logo from graphic designers.
      5. Sponsorship Committee expanding positions, hiring has finished.
      6. Grad fair happened and it was great and fun.
   3. Report of the VP Academic
      1. Focus of big thing on Monday was peer-tutoring allocation increased by 5k, $1600 will go to adding more final exam review sessions, average of 36% increase in funding for this semester. Meeting Friday and Monday, based on previous apps where this money will go, hear about it next week.
      2. Academic roundtable last week, productive to figure out focus for this upcoming year. Know your rights training session and lobbying tutorial to lobby admin, happening next semester.
      3. Cyclical review coming to many departments in Arts, important to have voice heard, they bring in outside actors and chairs of department, faculty and students figure out how to run department better. Languages, literatures, cultures, get in touch with me.
      4. ASEF looking good, focus on student rights campaigns, and working with the Deputy Provost to get review for economics, had a couple roadblocks but still optimistic.
   4. Report of the VP Communications
      1. Yesterday Fine Arts Council had first workshop, went well and was at TNC. Second workshop is about visual arts representation, aiming for Nov. 25h.
      2. Francophone Commission brought group to museum, hired a new commissioner, still working on poutine event in lounge on Nov. 23rd
      3. Marketing committee meeting on Nov. 7th, puppet and mask workshop given during midterm season.
      4. Graphic designer working on ISAC logo and Arts health and wellness week.
      5. Printing services, finally got in touch since midterms are over. Meeting with CTF on Friday.
      6. McGill Talks looking to do mental health edition. AUSec collab for another video? Wanted to do “Dear McGill University,” video more aimed toward admin? Like “I wish you cared more about sexual assault policies, mental health services, etc.” We’re not the only ones dealing with this, happens at other universities too.
      7. AUS website, not everything up to date. About half is done. To everyone who is in your department, we have so many events going on, so use submission form on AUS page. If you can, please submit to listserv submission form on AUS.com.
   5. Report of the VP Finance
      1. First thing is our audited financial statement, more clarifications needed, which have been made. Statements will be made available next week, where after I’ll present to council. Once we pay for them, I’ll reappoint auditors for next year as per agreement with McGill.
      2. FMC met again, in favour of having rollovers contingent on completed final budgets.
      3. Operations going well, bookkeeping, etc. No hiccups with that.
   6. Report of the VP Internal
      1. Reiterate what Chanel said, congrats what you’re doing for your department, we appreciate what you’re doing. But use the listserv.
      2. Met with Savy and Jillian, Associate Dean, about spaces. Trying to figure out how reallocation of space will work. If you have event, come to office and pick up basket, office always open from 9-5. Hours on forms might not say that, more extended time.
      3. AUSec is meeting tomorrow to discusses paper policy, setting standard for AUS.
      4. FEARC met recently, bylaw amendments coming to council soon.
      5. Free menstrual products initiative, met with Ben and Elaine how AUS can support that, how we can support that through provision of products throughout our own facilities. Ensuring our building managers support this initiative.
   7. Report of the VP Social
      1. Guys we’re at the end, finally. All same stuff, one thing is that we reorganized BDA, grilled cheese no longer at front.
      2. Stachedash on Nov. 18th, partner up with Chef on Call to get special burger where proceeds are donated to Movember.
      3. Grad Ball: Previously in negotiations with the Windsor to get lower rate for event, some savings for grad ball, which will be on March 11th.
2. Next Meeting Time and Date (**November 16th, 2016 at 6:00pm in LEA 232**)
3. Adjournment at 8:22PM

**Membership of AUS Council**

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| **Name** | **Name** | **Present?** | **Late / leave early?** |
| **AUS President** | Becky Goldberg | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Communications** | Chanèle Couture De-Graft | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Internal** | Kira Smith | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Social** | Kat Svikhnushin | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Academic** | Erik Partridge | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Finance** | Deepak Punjabi | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP External** | Kia Kouyoumjian | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Isabella Anderson | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Igor Sadikov | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Maria Thomas | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | William Cleveland | No | Excused |
| **Arts Senator** | Casarina Hocevar | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Charles Keita | No | Excused |
| **FEARC** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Environmental Council** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Equity Committee** |  | Yes |  |
| **AGELF** |  | No |  |
| **AHCSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **BASiC** |  | Yes |  |
| **CLASHA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | No | Excused |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | No | Excused |
| **GSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **HSA** |  | No |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESS** |  | Yes |  |
| **WIMESSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MUGS** |  | Yes |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | No |  |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SAWC** |  | No |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** | Jonathan Glustein |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |