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Report of the International Development Studies Students' Association (IDSSA) to the AUS Council (11/16/16)

General Updates

- We have relocated offices to 541 Leacock and our new office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12pm-5pm.
- The executive decided to create an ad-hoc Academic Committee under the VP-Academic in order to help advocate around academic reform that the IDSSA is seeking to implement this year, something that falls under the portfolios of both the President and VP Academic. Please contact me at external.idssa@gmail.com in order to see the terms of reference for the Academic Committee.

Past Projects / Events

- On November 14th, the IDSSA facilitated an Open Forum for all IDS students to voice their opinion on certain topics inherent to development studies. Several articles published in student newspapers and magazines on campus, as well as the upcoming cyclical review in December sparked the need for this forum. Currently, the President, VP Academic, and Academic Committee are working to summarize what was discussed during this forum to be shared with program administration and the general public.

Current Projects / Events

- The IDSSA is hosting a training session for the Sustainable Development Goals run by a representative from the United Nations on December 1st in the SSMU ballroom. Currently, all early bird tickets have sold out, and over 150 tickets have sold to people from the McGill community and greater Montreal. This event is open to students from all departments and faculties, in order to purchase a ticket, visit the Facebook event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1815145848725270/>
- The IDSSA is continuing to offer peer tutoring for students in INTD 200, 313 and 314.
- The publications committee has started meeting in order to discuss a new name for the journal as well as the process for article submissions.

Upcoming Projects / Events

- The IDSSA will be offering apparel for students in the IDS program soon. Order forms will be available within the week.

The next meeting of the IDSSA is scheduled for Monday, December 5th from 6:00PM – 7:30PM in the new IDSSA office (541 Leacock).

Respectfully Submitted,

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