**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**November 30th, 2016, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:06PM
   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, CLASHA, CSA, MUGS, PSA, RUSS, SAWC
   2. Came late: VP External
   3. Left early:
3. Approval of Minutes from November 16th 2016 Council
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Minutes are approved
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Agenda is approved
5. Announcements
   1. Senator Will: The University Affairs Committee alongside the VP University Affairs is announcing callout for volunteers to help with Know Your Rights Campaign. Training offered in early January, have volunteers help with postering or tabling during add-drop so students understand their rights during add-drop, or their rights overall. Don’t need a lot of experience, will post the link from the SSMU Facebook page.
   2. IDSSA: Event happening tomorrow that I talked about at last council. We’re bringing in the senior advisor to assistant SG of UN Women, talking about sustainable development goals. All students welcome to attend, will walk away with diploma, good for your LinkedIn. Tickets only available until noon tomorrow, $7 each.
   3. AUS President: On Friday morning there’s breakfast to celebrate graduating students in SSMU, even if you’re not graduating you can come too.
   4. Arts Rep Maria: Mental health tabling at Redpath on Dec. 5th, will be info regarding mental health services during exam period. Notes and treats will be available, tell your friends.
   5. VP Academic: Starting from Dec. 5th – 20th email me to report complaints regarding students rights violations, I’ll have a 24hr response time for each issue.
   6. WIMESSA: Holding finals dinner/movie screening on Friday in Arts lounge from 5-8:30pm, info on FB page. Only six people attending so far, but we have enough to feed 100, so please come.
   7. ACE: From Dec. 5th–7th we’re holding de-stress events in lounge. Dec. 5th is a waffle breakfast, Dec. 6th is cookie decorating, Dec. 7th is a vent/tea talk about stress for finals.
6. New Business
   1. Motion to Approve AUS Departmental Budgets
      1. VP Finance: This is just the last set of budgets to be passed, included in appendix of agenda. WIMESSA passed last council, but had a couple changes approved by FMC, wanted you guys to have a look as well.
      2. No points of discussion
      3. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   2. Motion to Create SNAX Committee
      1. VP Finance: So as you guys know, we’ve reported few issues with SNAX, profitability things, and health and safety stuff that have come up during McGill inspections.
      2. SNAX is one-fifth of AUS budget, great if you guys were more directly involved. With this committee would have four counsellors sitting on it, improves accountability for SNAX as well as for myself.
      3. Arts Rep Igor Q: What’s the process for selection of counsellors? Response: Done by Becky and I, we’re looking for if you guys have experience running a small business or working in one, working in groceries or cafés, or have business idea, we’d be happy to have you.
      4. Discussion:
         1. AUS President: Made this recommendation before motion went through, think there should be more than one cashier on committee. SNAX runs as an independent business, should have more people on committee that are familiar with it. Amend to include 3 AUS counsellors and 2 SNAX cashiers? Seconded by Arts Rep Isabella.
         2. VP Finance: There’s reason to do that, but I think having as many counsellors on it as possible is good. Could have 5-2 ratio, but increase in size of committee becomes difficult for scheduling.
         3. Arts Rep Igor: What’s expected workload for committee, especially for cashiers, since this is additional unpaid work for them? Response: Essentially meeting once every 2 weeks or once a month. Talking a lot about profits and general day-to-day running, only last a couple hours. It’s a lot to ask for, but could be rotating system so that workload is spread out over 13 people we have there.
         4. HSA: Point of order, can we firmly establish if all movers see this as friendly or not? VP Finance Response: In the case of 3-2 ratio, no. So the first amendment is not friendly. VP Academic: Not friendly. HSA: Friendly.
         5. Arts Rep Igor: Point of order, if VP Finance wants to make sub-amendment to modify amendment on floor, that’s in order. Speaker of Council: If it’s not friendly to mover of amendment you have to vote. Arts Rep Igor: Yes, but easier to go to sub-amendment.
         6. Equity: Becky raised good idea, because AUS counsellors don’t know day-to-day functions of SNAX cashiers. But logistically hard to do doodle poll for 10 people, so decrease by one for AUS counsellors not bad idea?
         7. VP Academic: Reminder this is an oversight advisory committee, not affecting day-to-day operations. Can give point of view, but not binding to SNAX, more about accountability.
         8. AUS President: Recognizing autonomy of SNAX as a business, need equal say from members actually coming from SNAX.
         9. VP Social: I agree with VP Finance, fact that it’s such a huge part of AUS budget. Seen over past few years what SNAX problems are, are actually AUS problems, like last year’s negotiation for MOA came from President, not SNAX managers. Need more accountability for VP Finance instead of adding extra cashier and putting strain on them. Understand intent, but think that President and VPF should become more familiar with business they have.
         10. Voting for first amendment: All those in favour? Majority. Amendment is approved.
         11. Arts Rep Igor: Can we amend “2 SNAX cashiers to be selected,” to add, “to be selected by SNAX cashiers?” Seconded by Equity. VP Academic: That’s friendly to all movers.
         12. VP Social: Why are the managers not on this committee? VP Finance Response: That’s a fair Q. One of reasons is that because cashiers are doing day-to-day stuff, they spend the most hours there, 4-5hrs a day. If recommendations to be made, they’re good ones to be there since they see business from the ground up.
         13. Senator Will: While I understand rationale, is it not important to have manager there to elucidate why things are the way they’ve been running? Gap in managerial structure in exec to cashiers, without word from managers themselves. VP Finance: Amendment being 1 SNAX cashier and 1 SNAX manager? All movers of this motion are friendly to this. AUS President: I have concerns because there are only two managers, they have larger workloads than cashiers, not sure if they’re able to commit.
         14. HSA: If we pass amendment and it goes to main doc, isn’t it considered main doc and not an amendment still? Arts Rep Igor: Friendly amendments are meant for things that are uncontroversial, not substantial changes.
         15. VP Social: I have a Q and possibly a motion? What consultation done with SNAX when preparing this motion? VP Finance: I let them know it’s something I’m thinking about. VP Social: I mean in terms of their representation. VPF: Haven’t given them breakdown of committee, which is why more cashiers on rotation would’ve been better. VP Social: Right now we’re talking on behalf of SNAX, motion to table until next council until we can ask SNAX. Seconded by AUS President.
         16. Arts Rep Igor: To the movers, would it be helpful to have this committee instituted, so it can begin its work before next council, or is it not a big deal? VP Finance: Changes we’d make are at start of next semester, in circumstance that we have committee we’d have winter break to make the decision so it can be instituted before semester starts.
         17. VP Internal: Not sure how this would happen, but possible to amend it to 2 SNAX representatives chosen by SNAX, so could be cashiers or managers? Speaker of Council: Yes, but dealing with motion to table right now.
         18. AUS President: This is last week of classes, likelihood of committee meeting before next council isn’t that high anyway.
      5. No more points of discussion.
      6. Voting on motion to table until next council meeting, Jan 11th: All those in favour? Majority. Motion is tabled until next council.
7. Question Period:
   1. None
8. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations (AGELF-WSSA)
   * 1. SLUM: Basically this semester we’ve had fair amount of stuff going on, something new is weekly review sessions for LING 360, semantics. Considered one of most difficult courses, complaints from people who have switched out of LING or made it a minor because of this course specifically. Review sessions held for midterms, and review for finals all set up.
     2. This year have committee of three students to put together Cellar Door, our journal. Not put out last year, but want to set that up again.
     3. Misc. events: Bake sale and samosa sale, had brunch, movie night, and big event was film Arrival. Deals with themes somewhat related to linguistics, but several of consultants were from McGill and Concordia, went to see film in theatres and had socialization thing after in bar. And SLUMpkin pie event happened.
     4. Put out clothing order forms, had 30 people ordering things, selling clothes, mugs, and buttons. Next meeting is on Friday.
     5. SSA: Samosa sales, free tutoring, bake sale, all happened this semester. Bigger plans next semester, with wine and cheese event, etc.
     6. SUMS: We had meeting the day after we submitted this, so have more things. Had apparel sale, being delivered on the 9th. Made no profit, non-profit clothing sale, held contest for design and winner got free stuff.
     7. Providing free coffee in SLUMS lounge every Friday, bought coffee machine. Got $1500 for improvement fund, buying hammocks for lounge.
     8. Changing constitution to add lounge administrator, lounge is pretty small, but have 50 people in it at times. Security people told us that 5 people sleep there on any given night? And pretty messy, runs out of chalk, honours student like to do their stuff in there, get a lot of Qs in emails about lounge. Add in constitution for person to deal with admin stuff for the lounge?
     9. Holding tutorials for courses, honours undergrad students teaching them, popular for midterms so continuing that for finals.
     10. Problem with one of courses this year, where prof for MATH 318 failed like 70% of class. Out of 120 kids, 50 withdrew from course. Math department getting complaints, setting up negotiations with SLUMS, so because of that decided next year that course has restriction where you can’t register for it on Minerva unless you’ve spoken to the prof. He can’t turn you down, more conversation to understand how difficult it’s going to be.
     11. FEARC: Recently participated in Stache Dash. And hosting two study sessions on Dec. 1st and 7th, currently looking for TAs in Philosophy, Poli Sci, Math, etc.
     12. Bylaws edits submitted to CBRC for review. And registered ourselves in myInvolvement because FEARC wasn’t registered as an extracurricular.
     13. Quebec trip with FYC, tentative date set for Feb. 4th. Next year will have skating rink event with hot chocolate? And may attend FYC’s town hall tomorrow at Gerts.
     14. HSA Q: how did you register on myInvolvement? Response: Our President did that, apparently there’s a function out there, but have to ask permission first? I can ask how that’s done.
9. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
   1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
      1. Arts Rep Igor: We basically only had GA motions that came to council, both passed but global access to med policy requires two readings, coming for final review tomorrow. I posted in council group if you want to provide feedback. Also had presentation on support for students from foster care.
      2. Next meeting is a GA, set of motions regarding election processes in various faculties. And recording secretary hired for SSMU, so minutes finally available online.
      3. Committee reports: Library Partnership focusing on mental health, survey that’s ongoing. SSMU Mental Health committee reaching out to first years in residence to advertise resources. Democratic Governance Review Committee holding a meeting in the coming weeks, and for Indigenous Affairs Committee, I missed first meeting but at second meeting talking how to incorporate indigenous content into courses.
      4. SSMU Board of Directors met for first time, wasn’t a lot in public session but more lengthy confidential session.
   2. Report of the Arts Senators
      1. Senator Cleveland: Much shorter than last update, at last senate meeting policy against sexual violence passed unanimously. Not perfect, but much needed improvement to not having anything at all. Very happy.
      2. Q&A regarding accessibility on campus and student internships, and report on student discipline presented. Meeting docs are posted, not a lot going on in Senate.
      3. Misc.: If you see accessibility issues on campus, I will post link in FB group, but form you can fill out and McGill will get it passed on to Montreal construction people. Otherwise contact me and I’ll pester the higher admin about it.
10. Reports of the Executive Officers
    1. Report of the President
       1. Comment on survey that I speak for too long, so I’ll just highlight things. President’s roundtable happened on Monday, good feedback, sent around minutes.
       2. Leacock’s published its hardcopy.
       3. Had meeting with deputy provost about SNAX, looking to add study space, got permission to do so, as well as adding meal plan reader and debit card reader.
       4. Equity Q: Know when meal plan reader would be available? Response: Just got permission, which is the hardest part, but still TBD.
    2. Report of the VP Academic
       1. We met with entire Faculty of Arts Council, they’re looking for feedback in terms of summer courses. Trying to figure out whether use $200k to increase number of summer courses or use money to add to fall and winter courses. At moment, leaning towards fall/winter, but interested in feedback. Also, fall reading week continued to be pushed back, and looking at creating ways to create four exam slots in same day?
       2. For reassessment policies, got through History, English, and Poli Sci. Most departments don’t have mandated reassessment policies, email to inform them to create one before January.
       3. Library Partnership Committee: plan to add desks, framing artwork on walls, etc.
       4. Peer tutoring, make sure departments get check requests before finals, so before finals can determine rollover.
       5. Student life and learning, ArtsCram not happening for Economics, but we’re trying to move ArtsCram program on to Psychology or Math for next semester.
       6. Great prof talks coming up shortly. And I will have email hotline for student rights violations during exam period, promote that.
    3. Report of the VP Communications
       1. Fine Arts Council had successful second workshop on Nov. 25th, the street art one. And signing contract for Nuit Blanche with SSMU, theme is confirmed and it’s “Fly Me to the Moon.” Looking to make new FAC cover photo for better marketing, see next semester.
       2. Francophone Commission: Poutine event went well, not bad turnout, almost sold all the poutine and had good francophone music playing. People there expressed interest in coming to the circle, was great. David, VP External of SSMU, and I met last week to talk about collab for Quebec Culture Week. And expanding French convo circles to staff or maybe even permanent residents? Francophone Prof Talk maybe happening, talk to Erik? And next semester will have movie screening.
       3. McGill Talks: Happy with 8-10 people for Dear McGill video, but only have 5 participants. For MHAUS, sent out a doodle, they want to film a video like McGill talks, have more participants now, maybe meeting on Sunday to film? Last week we filmed McGill Talks at BDA, if any of your clubs want to be featured, good place to get your name out there, we’re open to collab.
       4. AUS Exec Surveys: I’d love to hear your comments, we do want to improve. Let us know how to get from 7 to a 10, come talk to us, or send us an email.
    4. Report of the VP External
       1. I was co-chairing MASEC meeting, which ended at 7pm, that’s why I’m late.
       2. Committees update, ACE had pad and tampon drive from Nov. 25th—28th, people donated clothes as well. Super successful and everything will be taken to women’s centre on Friday.
       3. We’re doing de-stress event before exams, from Dec. 5th—7th or 8th, be on lookout for that. Will be crafts, free breakfast, etc.
       4. International Student Affairs Committee finalized their logo, so FB page should be up hopefully before end of semester. Wine and cheese booked, and planning events during i-week, for any association involved in that, ISAC is open to collab.
       5. MHAUS: We’re going to start filming videos for video series project, lots of interest, and hiring new commissioner due to one leaving on exchange.
       6. Sponsorship Committee in process of contacting companies, Falafel Avenue for holiday party?
       7. Career coords, Jessica, Becky, and myself, planning Work Your BA. And for MASEC, learned a lot of. President of SSMU was there, big list to share in next report.
    5. Report of the VP Finance
       1. To address comments I got in survey, one was email and complaint that I don’t respond to emails quickly enough. From now on my signoff will be that I will take max. 3 business days to respond, if it’s more urgent then quicker, but then if I take longer you can always point to my emails. Good for accountability, budget debacle have a lot to do with survey comments? SNAX committee will go a long way towards letting you guys know what’s happening in a large part of my portfolio, plus I will write more in my reports.
       2. Audited financial statements are prepared as of yesterday and signed by Becky and me. SNAX numbers didn’t reconcile, I caught 10k loss and they saw 12k loss, but works-study reimbursements were missed. Second thing with SNAX were issues regarding health and safety, Templer and I met on Monday on how to get you guys more involved/informed on that.
       3. FMC looked over funding apps and budgets, which I presented. Operations wise, taxes divvied up more distinctively. Have person looking at cash boxes themselves and I’d act as supervising set of eyes. Also, would love to reimburse you guys who tip out of hand, but receipt doesn’t account for that. Create gratuity form, see if they’re okay with that, entail how much you guys hand to person as a tip, and signing on that.
    6. Report of the VP Internal
       1. Reiterate what Chanel ended report with, Sec Gens happy to take your emails, or tell Jonathan, we really want to know how to improve.
       2. Motion regarding support for SSMU free menstrual products passed at last council and fee passed, super excited. Will have them in lounge ASAP.
       3. Holiday party, any dietary restrictions, please tell me. There will be wine, also have water, pretty sure everyone can drink water…
       4. Before your event, pick up basket. Issues with bringing basket right after to office, led to massive issues, need to have it back. Will do a sign-out form because it has all liquor permits, assistants will ensure you’re signing that. For bookings, available wine and cheese dates emailed to you guys for next semester.
       5. AUSec meeting Friday with WWF to host speaker series next semester, and bringing up paper policy next semester.
    7. Report of the VP Social
       1. Big news is that last BDA of year is here, afterparty at Gerts, in case you’ve have 5-8pm classes all year, you’ll be able to make it.
       2. Stache Dash big success, finalizing numbers, but doubling what we gave last year to Movember, collab with Chef on Call did great.
       3. Grad ball planned for March 11th, really exciting. Committee callout will be in January.
11. Next Meeting Time and Date (**January 11th, 2016 at 6:00pm in LEA 232**)
12. Adjournment at 7:25PM

**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 | Late |
| **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 | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Casarina Hocevar | No | Excused |
| **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** |  | No |  |
| **CSA** |  | No |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | No | Excused |
| **GSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **HSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESS** |  | Yes |  |
| **WIMESSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | No | Excused |
| **MUGS** |  | No |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | No |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **RUSS** |  | No |  |
| **SAWC** |  | No |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** | Jonathan Glustein |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |