**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**January 25th, 2017, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:03PM
   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:
   2. Came late:
   3. Left early:
3. Approval of Minutes from January 11th 2016 Council
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Minutes are approved
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Arts Rep Sadikov: Move Robert’s Rules presentation to the end? Seconded by ASA. Voting: Fails by 1.
   2. No amendments to the agenda. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Agenda is approved
5. Announcements
   1. Arts Rep Thomas: Reminder that it’s mental health awareness week, bunch of events going on around campus, recommend you check them out. Panel in SSMU tomorrow about post-grad mental health, I recommend that.
   2. PSSA: Probably saw it advertised, week from today at 5:30pm in Burnside there’s workshop regarding policy procedures, disclosure for student execs, I’ll be facilitating it. Even if you did frosh or anything like that, it will be new to you. Pick one person from your exec to come
   3. AUS President: Probably saw Facebook bombardments, Work Your BA is going on, just had first event and was well attended, want to keep it up.
   4. VP Academic: Nominations for TA and teaching awards now open, please submit names/applications for any profs you’ve had that are awesome. Applications available on AUS website.
   5. CLASHA: Doing apartment crawl, posted link on FB page.
   6. Senator Cleveland: If interested in running for exec position in SSMU there’s info session next Monday in Lev Bukhman at 5pm. Don’t need SSMU experience, council experience is great. Come if you’re thinking of running.
   7. VP Internal: New people joining us either from exec turnover or new execs, invite them to introduce themselves if they want to say hey.
   8. Arts Rep Isabella: With exec elections for SSMU coming up, they have webpage where you can sign up to shadow exec for a day, you can go and see what they do and see what their job entails and get to know them better. If you’re interested in running for position you should do it, it doesn’t last the full day.
   9. EASSA: East Asian studies holding language exchange next Monday in SSMU at 6pm, for Japanese, Korean, or Chinese languages.
   10. AHCSSA: Let you know we have trip to Boston on March 24th, we posted everything on FB page. Registration is almost finished. We’re going to see museums, etc.
   11. ISSA: I’m Stefanie, the new president and we have Laura here who is the VP Academic, we’re here tonight to reinstate the Italian studies students’ association.
   12. ESA: Technology company based in Montreal asked to hire econ students, contact president of ESA if interested. They’re looking for data analysts, if interested in tech and economics you should apply, will have application dates posted soon.
   13. VP Comms: Funding applications for the semester are open for FAC, deadline is Feb 3rd, if you need funding for it then apply, or if looking to showcase at Nuit Blanche. Also, dance workshop will be on Feb. 4th at Ballet Divertimento on Rue Durocher.
   14. AHCSSA: Forgot to mention that the trip is just for Art History and Comms students.
6. Robert’s Rules Presentation
   1. Presented by Speaker of Council – see agenda for PowerPoint.
   2. AUS President Q: Can you clarify whether you need majority vote to pass a friendly amendment or just have the movers of the motion approve it? Response: In terms of a friendly amendment, if all the movers of the motion are friendly to it, don’t need to vote.
   3. Arts Rep Igor Q: Friendly amendments, in my personal view, should still be voted on. Once the motion is being debated it technically no longer belongs to the movers, it belongs to the assembly, should vote unless everyone consents. Response: If it’s an amendment that everyone will be on board with, just for time, will not proceed with vote.
7. New Business
   1. Motion to Approve ASEFC Membership
      1. VP Academic: ASEFC meets once per year to allocate research funding. Committee made up of Dean of Arts, myself, AUS VP Finance, plus one councillor and a VPA of a large department on campus.
      2. No points of discussion.
      3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   2. Motion to Re-Instate ISSA as a Departmental Association
      1. AUS President: So pretty self-explanatory, ISSA been in touch to be reinstated, been over constitution with CBRC. This is to give them the right to representation.
      2. VP Academic Q: Just to confirm that membership is below the $250? Response: Yes it’s below amount required to pay per person, which is why it defaults to $250. Reason it’s $250 and not $500 is because we only have one semester left in the year.
      3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   3. Motion to Create SNAX Committee
      1. Speaker of Council: Reminder that this was tabled two councils ago, now it’s coming back.
      2. AUS President: Motion to amend the motion? Basically we’ve been putting this off to do consultation with SNAX managers, which we’ve done. Committee will have AUS President and VP Finance as co-chairs, plus SNAX manager and assistant manager and three AUS councillors – not one SNAX cashier – to be on the committee. VP Academic seconds motion.
      3. Senator Cleveland: I know when this was originally presented we discussed a lot about consultation, was there rationale about including managers and no cashiers? VP Finance Response: One of them was that we paid cashiers by hourly wage/stipend whereas manager and assistant manager are paid by salary, so this falls under their job. And they better have idea of day-to-day running of SNAX so they would be there to provide that information.
      4. Speaker of Council: Voting on amendment, with changes being one less AUS councillor and the SNAX manager and assistant manager instead of a cashier. All in favour? All. Amendment is added.
      5. VP Finance: The task of committee stayed the same, to oversee multi-operations of the business, to improve financial state, which has improved vastly since we made those changes. Health and safety still major concern, health inspection from government in March, yearly inspection, want to make sure that goes well. And any issues that pop up during operations.
      6. Arts Rep Isabella Q: In your motion where it says, “committee will report…” does it mean that committee will report at every single AUS meeting? AUS President: Way they work under our bylaws, Deepak or myself can update you since it will be reported through exec report.
      7. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   4. Motion from the Floor: Reinstate Senator Keita to AUS Council
      1. Senator Keita: I move that we reinstate Senator Keita to AUS Council, which is myself.
      2. Point of Information: If we need to reinstate Senator Keita can he move this motion by himself? Response: No. Motion then moved by AUS President and seconded by Senator Cleveland.
      3. Senator Keita: Last semester I didn’t make it to most of meetings because of scheduling conflict, I had class on Wednesdays.
      4. HSA: Not necessarily towards Keita, but if only issue was scheduling conflict why would he be kicked out in the first place? Response: If exec misses 4 or more meetings have to be removed from council, it’s procedural thing.
      5. VP Internal: With absences, when you have number of them or failed to submit reports, I’ll email you to meet with me during office hours. If it’s scheduling conflict, in future I’ll invite you to meet with me before you get to the point of needing to be reinstated, so this won’t even need to happen in the future. We’re flexible and understand you have lives, we can amend agenda and fix reports that you feel were incorrectly recorded.
      6. Voting: All in favour? All. Reinstatement is approved.
8. Question Period
   1. None
9. Discussion about Elections:
   1. VP Social: –We were talking last week at exec committee, want pilot program to make better AUS elections, better informed candidates make for better informed execs. Want to talk at council about your thoughts about meeting with current incumbent exec something they need to do before they run? An exec can’t disagree with candidate and not sign their paper, just need proof they met. Opportunity to ask Qs and run through portfolio, lead to better candidates running for general election.
   2. Not presenting in formal motion, running as pilot program and ask for your general feedback. If successful, after elections can introduce as a motion, will ask for a straw poll here on whether or not we should move to the Chief Electoral Officer for this proposal.
   3. PSSA Q: Are there stipulations of timeframe of what will count for official meeting, IE if you met way earlier in the year in an informal chat? Response: Yes there’s nomination period where you need to get 75 signatures from AUS members so within that similar time, so an informal chat in September wouldn’t cut it.
   4. Want to move into straw poll and based on how it goes, make recommendation to Chief Electoral Officer on what we want to do. Whether or not council recommends as pilot program, whether mandatory meeting with incumbent execs part of the election process?
      1. Straw Poll: All in favour.
10. Reports of Departmental Associations
11. SLUM: Kind of a lot, I’ll go through main things. First event, Bilabial Plosives, had beverages and pizza. That was successful, we had 40 people there, most successful event that SLUM has done? And movie night moved to next week, sometime in February, we’re watching Genie, should be exciting. Future Week at the end of March, we’ll have 3 people working in fields related to linguistics giving talks, if interested let me know. And big event of year is teaming up with Concordia’s LSA to organize annual linguistic symposium, where students with various projects, papers, etc. can present.
12. SSA: I’m Maria, I’m from sociology student association, but I sent wrong report. We haven’t figured out meeting date, and welcome back event soon as well as movie screening but don’t have specific dates yet, but follow us on FB.
13. SUMS: I’m Marie, actually not rep he’s ill and I’m filling in. We have new meeting day, and last week held joint winterfest with Biology, were on lower field with burgers and BBQ. And we’re setting up new computers in SUMS lounge, selling old computers and monitors. And new arrangements in lounge, new chairs and tables and couches. Looking to hire tutors for SUMS, have about 90 right now. And we’re planning Q&A about grad school with Profs from math department, and planning career fair and planning a LaTEX tutorial on Jan 30th in Burnside, have on FB webpage. R tutorial coming up, and selling old books donated to SUMS and selling hoodies and aiming to continue offering free tea and bagels in lounge, and next week have free pie for pie day.
14. Senator Will Q: Where is the free pie day? In the SUMS lounge, and might be ice-skating.
15. WIMESSA: Our VP External resigned this semester, so I’ve been filling in. Last semester had 6 events, went well. Haven’t had meeting yet because all execs aren’t back in town, but will be next week on Jan 30th. Peer tutoring back up again, for anyone in Arabic program. Traditional cooking night and movie screening, don’t have dates for these events yet but will post on council group once we’ve met.
16. RSUS Q: Is Arabic course free? Response: Yes.
17. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
    1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
       1. Arts Rep Thomas: SSMU meeting was on January 12th, these are motions we passed, link in report.
       2. For Isabella, Accountability Committee has no meeting scheduled met, same with Judicial Board Review Committee. FAC scheduled meeting cancelled, went and no one was there.
       3. Steering Committee for Igor met on Jan 20th, and Indigenous Affairs Committee met on Jan 20th, Board of Directors status quo. And Athletics Rep met with Igor, wants to share his thoughts.
       4. Erik and I done with LPC so far, like what we’re spending money on for McLennan, thanks for filling out the survey. And it’s mental health awareness week, check out events on FB page, and steering committee status quo.
    2. Report of the Arts Senators
       1. Senator Keita: We always post biweekly reports online, link on minutes. Nothing too special about last senate apart from us getting shut down. SSMU Execs info session is next week, but also had Senator info session, talk to us if you want feedback on that.
       2. Pertaining to intellectual property, McGill only owns grad schoolwork, can reuse for class or not use it. Course evaluations meeting on Feb. 8th.
       3. Senator Cleveland: Pretty good write-up about last senate meeting in The Tribune, debate between senators and new chair for that meeting.
18. Reports of the Executive Officers
    1. Report of the President
       1. Brief report because most of my time taken up with Work Your BA. First event today had huge turnout, room was overflowing. Make sure you tell people to preregister, give preference to them for coming in.
       2. Leacock’s was defunct for a while, but good job of editors of getting it going again. Go to leacocks.com, planning hardcopy in Feb. but have to do fundraising for that.
       3. Meeting with elections CRO and doing elections perspective meeting on Wednesday Feb. 1st, and candidates’ debate on Feb. 15th, come out to get a feel of who’s running for exec next year.
    2. Report of the VP Academic
       1. As Maria said, FAC meeting cancelled on Tuesday unfortunately due to weather.
       2. In terms of LPC, finishing submission today, number changed slightly to $73600 instead of $69500.
       3. Peer tutoring switched from stipend/volunteer model to independent contractor model, make sure everyone gets paid on time.
       4. Deputy Provost tabling in Leacock didn’t go well, only one student showed up. Prof talk on Feb. 17th, prof TBA, still finalizing between 3 candidates.
       5. ASEF applications now open. And on Sunday night the valedictorian apps going online, only need 3.3 GPA to apply.
       6. Free course packs, little trouble finding all kinds of course packs, about 75-80% components of course packs have been found in library, but not all of it, so can’t get all profs on board. So ask for course packs to be shortened so can pay 80% less?
    3. Report of the VP Communications
       1. For FAC, dance workshop and funding apps now open. We’ll post callouts for volunteers for Nuit Blanche soon, and posting ads for dance groups who want to participate but we’re not necessarily giving money to. Theme for Nuit Blanche is “fly me to the moon.” And would like to rewrite bylaws for FAC for next year.
       2. Francophone Commission had successful first week of convo circles, prof talk date is wrong it’s March 14th. Met with FrancoFête, idea was food truck, that’s what we pitched today, more info in next 2 weeks.
       3. Marketing Committee meeting next Monday for first time at 7:15pm, talking about grad ball promotion, and working on Work Your BA events. Idea for “Get to Know the AUS” video for McGill Talks, mini interviews with execs, good timing for people who want to run in elections. And women empowerment videos someone suggested, or prof who is reading mean comments about them, like on Jimmy Kimmel?
       4. Meant with task force with Deputy Provost and Andrew Piper to re-envision pathway to McGill degree. IE it’s not creative environment, it’s not collaborative environment, etc. If you have suggestions, reach out to me. We have access to the people who can make changes.
       5. ISAC logo and FMC logo are in the works.
       6. Arts Rep Igor Q: What’s the goal of the task force? Response: We walked in and they said “tbh it’s kind of ambiguous,” but what he told me is that he sits in class and they’re sick and tired of seeing students dying of boredom, they want change too. Some Profs really do care and want to work towards a better classroom environment that would maximize learning, IE web 2.0 for lectures and seminars, want to step away from that. I pointed them towards education faculty who have innovative teaching, redesigning of classrooms. This was only first meeting, second meeting in Feb. It’s ambitious, but there’s lots of things wrong with the education system, but really hope this works out.
    4. Report of the VP External
       1. Not a ton going on at the moment besides Work Your BA.
       2. ACE had first wine and cheese last night. Next meeting is planning for embrACE, weeklong series of events that happen at end of March. If you have suggestions feel free to come to us, things in realm of social justice or community engagement
       3. ISAC logo finally done, FB page coming soon.
       4. Mental health commission finished filming for video project, met with someone willing to let us use music for videos, exciting. And hiring new commissioner this week, one went on exchange.
       5. No updates from sponsorship committee.
       6. Work Your BA events going on from now to Feb. 2nd, recommend checking it out.
    5. Report of the VP Finance
       1. AUIF applications are out, were uploaded on Monday the 16th, due on the 31st. Please fill them out and send them to me ASAP, I can see if anything’s missing. And looking for people to sit on that committee, send me an email. Meeting on the 13th between 2:30-4:30.
       2. SNAX deposits have shown improvement, would expect we come close to breaking even this year, with a little extra this semester. Next goal would have set list of items we sell a lot to minimize wastage.
       3. FMC met yesterday and went over funding apps, same as usual.
    6. Report of the VP Internal
       1. Projector only vaguely functional, sent app to AUIF and we’ll be restored to working order, I know frustrating to rent through education. And if you have any suggestions for AUIF, AUS publications submission is asking for bookshelf, I’d be happy to work with you for app.
       2. AUSec hosted panel, well attended. Also meeting next week to discuss policy change to constitution as well.
       3. FEARC hosting Quebec City trip next Saturday, if there’s extra room on bus then other non-first year students invited to come. But hoping it will be full, will keep you in loop about that.
       4. Posted about departmental visits, asked at presidential roundtable about members of execs coming to visit to say hey. I met with SUS, was fun. Please fill out spreadsheet that I’m posting to ask when you meet, so far no one has.
       5. AUIF apps, come chat with me.
    7. Report of the VP Social
       1. My time is rolling down, grad ball last major event. If you were here last year, you’ll remember AUS elections pushed up for frosh planning, because minute elections happen, frosh planning gets into full spring. In Feb. if you’re planning to be frosh leader, coord, etc. should also happen.
       2. BDA running despite McGill admin and construction, get in early if you want to get in. Last week crazy because of science games, but meeting with security to address concerns, but kind of crazy with rowdy crowds.
       3. EPIC met on Monday, few ideas in the works. But McGill social calendar is full this semester, trying to figure out innovative event.
       4. Grad ball committee met on Monday, went through expectations and deciding tasks. Had 4x apps than we did ever before, figure out way to enhance role of committee going into next year since there was so much interest this year.
19. Next Meeting Time and Date (**February 8th, 2017 at 6:00pm in LEA 232**)
20. Adjournment at 7:23PM.

**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 | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Casarina Hocevar | No | Excused |
| **Arts Senator** | Charles Keita | Yes |  |
| **FEARC** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Environmental Council** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Equity Committee** |  | Yes |  |
| **AGELF** |  | Yes |  |
| **AHCSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **BASiC** |  | Yes |  |
| **CLASHA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **GSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **HSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **LAPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESS** |  | Yes |  |
| **WIMESSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MUGS** |  | Yes |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** | Jonathan Glustein |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |