**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**February 22nd, 2017, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:07PM
   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: VP Finance, VP Social, SAWC
   2. Came late:
   3. Left early: VP Comms
3. Approval of Minutes from February 8th 2017 Council
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Agenda is approved
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Minutes are approved
5. Procedural Question and Answer
   1. Speaker of Council: Heated, contentious meeting, debate nature of student politics. But think adhering tightly to rules and procedure so that volatility doesn’t get out of hand, and people don’t feel marginalized or frustrated. I will adhere to your AUS regulations as well as Robert’s Rules of Order.
   2. If things warrant more discussion will need a 2/3 vote, for sake of time. Standing rules, no proxy voting as well, even though attendance is quite high anyways so don’t need to worry. And whomever you’re addressing comment to, make eye contact or look in my general vicinity, I want to de-escalate tone of communication. If you’re too impassioned you can make people feel they can’t express themselves. I will mediate, make sure what you’re saying is productive.
   3. This conversation may be wide-ranging and goal is to be constructive. I’m mindful of hearsay, these unsubstantiated statements don’t belong in this debate. Need to stick to things that are verifiable and true. As well, you folks made it clear in your internal rulings that personal attacks are not accepted, I agree. Membership can vote to limit speaking rights of members, or I can take it on myself to take a recess, there will be security to escort someone if necessary. You have options as far as restoring order and staying civil.
   4. Any agenda item begins with motion and seconder, and after there’s speaker list and debate. So seconding motion doesn’t mean you agree with it, just merits discussing. At my discretion whether I grant speaking rights to the gallery in the back. If you’re here you have same responsibly of being civil.
6. Announcements
   1. PSSA: Registration now open for PSSA Games on March 18th, event that’s first of its kind. 18 teams competing against each other, discussing electoral reform during a EU simulation. $9 to participate and proceeds go to Against Malaria Foundation.
   2. HSA: We put together workshop for tomorrow, in two parts. First part at 11AM where history librarian will go over research tactics for history students, will last 60mins. Then at 12:30PM second part led by tutor from essay centre, last 60mins.
   3. Arts Rep Anderson: There’s international women’s day coming up, Women of Color Collective of McGill Law hosting event on Wed March 8th at 6PM at Thompson House. Will be a night of artistic expression and celebrating how women resist violence in their communities. Will be music, performances, and food. There are also still spots open to share your artwork if you want.
   4. EASSA: We’re having language exchange in SSMU building Room 403, teaching Japanese, Chinese, and Korean.
   5. VP Academic: Deadline to nominate Prof, TA, or advisor is Friday at 5pm. Please gets applications in, very short form.
   6. VP Comms: Soirée francophone in Arts lounge on March 15th, collab with le délit and French Students Club. Will be music and beer and other drinks, so be there.
7. Statement from the AUS Executive
   1. AUS President: On behalf exec specifically, condemn Igor’s tweet, the way he acted was unfitting of student leader. Need to have conversations about it in safe and equitable environment, where intentions can’t be misconstrued. But want to give Arts community decision-making power, exec doesn’t intend to undermine your constituents. So we want to retract our statement calling for Igor’s resignation, put it in the hands of AUS to decide. We’re trying to be professional, want to have a communal conversation and decision-making process.
8. New Business
   1. Motion to Impeach Arts Representative to SSMU
      1. HSA brings the motion forward and reads it. NASSA seconds motion. HSA/Adam Templer reads appendix.
      2. Appendix: We are calling for the impeachment of Arts Rep Igor Sadikov due to impropriety violating many of the society’s governance documents, and result in his inability to represent this society to the SSMU with the full confidence of our members. The impropriety results from a tweet dated Feb. 6th 2017, and now deleted, which incited violence against Zionists. While this was not conducted in an official capacity, and so an equity complaint is no recourse to restitution, we reiterate that his public actions have rendered him unable to serve with the full confidence of the members of this society. This is not the result of political beliefs, but a result of his call for violence against a political ideology to which he opposes. The movers of this motion would also like to affirm their own commitment to non-violence and denounce the threats of violence that Igor has received. They are as unacceptable as his own comments, and neither can be tolerated. This call to inflict physical harm against adherents of Zionism has left Rep Sadikov with any legitimate claim to fulfilling the mandate of the AUS through his position. He is no longer able to represent all students in the Faculty of Arts or to promote their welfare and interests in good standing, *Constitution Article 2.1.1*. His tweet and the detrimental effect which is has had against members of the society has damaged the social conditions and the safety of its members, *Constitution, Article 2.1.2*. It also represents a serious violation of the AUS Equity policy. In publishing his tweet Rep Sadikov has failed to conduct himself according to the high standards of respect, fairness, integrity, safety and equitable treatment with regards to the diverse membership of the society, *Equity Policy Bylaws, Article 1.1*. Rep Sadikov has damaged efforts by the AUS to create a “community that exceeds social standards of equitable treatment, creating a safer space for all of our members.” Equity *Policy Bylaws, Article 1.2*. Also feel that Rep Sadikov’s attempts to apologize for his tweet may have failed to properly reassure constituent members of the AUS that he can represent them impartially and in good faith, particularly if those members are Jewish and/or Zionists. One comment under his apology offered to “punch one for you if your position does not allow you to.” Rep Sadikov then liked this comment. While his failure to adequately apologize is concerning, it is compounded by his disregard for large portions of his constituents. In writing “I have the support of the communities I trust,” Rep Sadikov continues to raise serious Qs about his commitment to all his constituents from diverse communities. He admitted that “I have inflicted harm and violence on others in the past, and I have not always been held accountable for it,” is a serious cause for concern and demands his accountability in this instance. The movers of this motion strongly believe that his service and presence on both this council, and at the SSMU, is damaging to the society, a failure of the service to the membership, and cannot continue.
      3. Arts Rep Sadikov: I want to begin by saying that I sincerely apologize for my tweet, and expressing a political viewpoint that was insensitive considering my position. I deeply regret harm to McGill community, and making members of that community feel unsafe. I understand, given that with no context it seems like a general call to violence. I am Jewish myself, I understand importance of state of Israel to me and my community, I do not condone violence of any kind, despite high level of attention my tweet garnered. It’s not a credible call to violence and instead a poor joke with political meaning.

I’ve had opportunities to engage in conversations about Zionism with those who have reached out to me, both in Jewish community and Zionists, with shared commitment to tolerance and social justice. I’ve been reaching out to groups harmed by this tweet to engage in dialogue and apologize, and engaged in training in order to better understand Zionism, and also plan to seek out and collab with set of campus groups to set space for discussion on this topic, and be of whatever support I can be. Regarding my role on council, my stance on Zionism is a political stance, there’s diversity of political stances here, I hope my stance doesn’t define relationship with colleagues or constituents. I value my position despite possible disagreements, and believe in my role of Arts Rep I have fought for my constituents. And when people reached out to me for feedback, including SSMU motion, I have addressed concerns with good faith and to the best of my ability. I understand this work requires trust of constituents, so I’m open to recommendations from council, and have begun to do that. In order to respond directly to a few statements made by mover of this motion, in terms of having liked comment under my original post, that’s inexcusable, and I will not defend that. I was under extreme stress and I liked every supportive comment, given my emotional situation at time. And mover of motion quoted statement I made on FB the following day, I want to condemn that these quotes have been extracted and removed from this statement, so I will contextualize them here. These quotes regarding “communities I trust,” this doesn’t refer to political communities or ethnic or other communities, they’re not subsets of my constituents, but rather people around me who have supported me through this difficult time. When I mention I had inflicted harm in my past and not always been held accountable, it was not referring to things relevant to my position. My statement was about violence, and this is true of most of us in here, especially those who have a lot of privilege. This is what I was referring to, quotes were decontextualized. In regards to matters AUS constitution doesn’t mention, I will defer to equity commissioners, whether this is violation of their code of policy. To conclude, no matter how this goes, has been a pleasure and privilege to work with all of you, grateful to have had this experience and hope to continue to do so.

* + 1. Debate:
       1. CLASHA: In light of tense atmosphere, our exec discussed issue and decided to motion for vote by ballot for this impeachment motion. Potential for traps on both sides, want to promote atmosphere of safety. Speaker of Council: Motion to proceed by vote by ballot? Seconded by Equity.
          1. Voting: All in favour? All. Voting by ballot is approved.
       2. MUGS: Point of information about statement by AUS exec? Because we went directly to impeachment motion. To clarify, if motion not passed, AUS Council will not call for Arts Rep Sadikov’s resignation after this meeting? AUS President: Yes, we want to reinvest deciding power to legislative council, wouldn’t make sense to call for him to resign if council decides not to impeach.
       3. Alara, Jewish Studies: To punch and strike someone with first is action that shuts down and denies, alarming incitement of violence against individuals that have opinions he doesn’t share. If student acted violently based on tweet might target Jews, how can we be sure that Sadikov’s tweet is first time? At my experience at McGill this is first that calls for act of violence that threatens violence against a minority on campus. If AUS doesn’t impeach, will not be protecting any of the minorities on campus, not just Jewish students. Sadikov shouldn’t be able to represent students.
       4. Greg, U3: Like to comment on two points. First, as student who publically stood in defence of Igor and against slander, pressure, and harassment that he has experienced due to result of his anonymous tweet, a badly formulated joke on an ideology. As a result of defending him, I have personally received several instances of harassment, threats, faced campaign of political repression based on identities and this is disgusting. This shows these comments have pushed it to magnitudes that are inadequate. Political repression that this has grown into, disgusting involvement regardless of counsellor’s position of tweet, we’re in situation that admin is justified in threatening systemic violence on all students to repeal funding that all students need. So impeaching Igor now is fixing destruction of our autonomy, and not fixing things for students.
       5. E-tai, Co-President ASA: The idea that admin is engaging in some sort of threats against students stemmed from McGill Daily article, where one SSMU exec described that. Tribune article came out today to say that was false. I find it absurd that students who were in support of Rep Sadikov turned it into discussion of Zionism, when all we have today is a counsellor calling for violence against students, conversation should end there. And to deny there’s any connection between Zionism and Israel is absurd.
       6. Marina Cupido, McGill Daily: I’d like to offer clarification, I wrote article you’re referencing, my biggest source was Ben Ger, President of SSMU… He confirmed that admin had threatened SSMU with financial and legal action.
       7. Zack, Arts Student: In response to Greg’s comment, you made it known that people have attacked you in a similar way, talked that people came at you about what you were standing behind. Point is that those students coming at you aren’t on a council representing students, and if they were, could be in similar situation. I would agree that they shouldn’t be representing other students.
       8. AUS President: Point of order, ask for people to address speaker and not each other.
       9. Arts Rep Sadikov: First, regarding making this about Zionism, there’s two things to understand. I will reiterate, it’s important not to conflate anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. It’s not statement against Jewish people, it’s statement against a political ideology. The political aspect is crucial to understanding original tweet, was highlighting the violence of Zionism and colonization of Palestine, by mirroring violence of white supremacy, the punch a Nazi meme. That wasn’t appropriate form, comparison between Zionism and fascism, the comparison ends there, that’s why this particular format inappropriate. It was clear to immediate audience of my tweet wasn’t genuine call to violence, and while I agree that this sort of act shuts down discourse, I haven’t punched anyone or called for anyone to be punched, or has anyone been punched because of this tweet. But I and others have been on receiving ends of 100s of threats of violence because of it. I’ll add that last week SSMU Board of Directors considered motion of my removal which was defeated because after discussion saw that this tweet wasn’t general call to violence. However to close point on threats of admin, clarify that while whatever happened with SSMU exec is one thing, I’ve also been personally pressured by McGill President herself, that pressures from donors and alumni and political pressures in the media guiding admin decision there and not concern for safety and wellbeing on everyone on campus or running of student governance.
       10. PSSA: Clarify that “violence” as a word is getting used a lot and feeling of not being safe. We’ve received a lot of feedback, and in terms of unsafe feeling students citing more psychological or mental safety, important to acknowledge, not just physical harm.
       11. Morgan, VP Internal of GSA: I’ll present a controversial idea, incite to violence isn’t only motive. Don’t question what motives for counsellors who asked for this motion are, but large majority who put pressure on Igor are more motivated by the political opinions expressed by it than the call to violence. If he had put a less popular political belief, people would’ve considered his apology instead of escalating like it did. Don’t questions motivations of people here tonight, think there should be some form of punishment but not actual impeachment?
       12. RSUS: We wrote a public statement. Not because we agree with his political philosophy, we condemn violence against any organization or individuals, but we don’t wish to cast the first stone against our partner. RSUS would like to be treated with respect, build community of trust and interdependence, that’s why we can’t impeach Rep Sadikov responsibly, don’t wish to impose these values to other associations, but would like to remind ourselves why we came here in the first place, what goals we want to accomplish? And consequences, conclude with quote from Dalai Lama, “anger and hatred are the real enemies,” we stand next to Arts Rep Sadikov, continue his great work for wellbeing of McGill community, tremendous emotional difficulty. RSUS open for discussion and can always drop by our weekly meetings.
       13. NASSA: Think we can all agree that tweet was inappropriate and offensive, but all of us in this room have done the same or something similar. But larger harm caused, comment that Sadikov made in SSMU legislative council on Feb. 9th said “Jews are ethno-ancestry group with no connections to the Levant.” This statement is anti-Semitic, can’t be put off with reference to his own Jewish ancestry. Because of this, NASSA sees no other choice but to call for his impeachment, unworthy to sit on body that represents students.
       14. Arts Rep Sadikov: The way that comment was presented by the NASSA rep isn’t exactly correct, from recording from council meeting I said, “as someone that has Jewish heritage this is deeply contentious claim,” definitely could’ve phrased this better, but core part is whether Jews are single ethno-indigenous group indigenous to the Levant, what’s contested whether they’re *single* ethnic group indigenous to the Levant, because there’s different geographies and histories of Jews across the world. Presenting my statement as anti-Semitism makes it clear that it’s attack on political ideology, because from Zionist perspective it’s convenient to ignore other Jewish communities who don’t share same political goals. Regarding original tweet, not appropriate and I take responsibility for harm caused, and I do want to be accountable for it, Board of Directors issued motion of censure and expect AUS council to do something similar, but don’t believe that removal is proportionate response to harm caused.
       15. Equity: Request for knocking, keep it lesser volume? Point of personal privilege, can’t hear in the back.
       16. Jordan, Arts Student: Like to reiterate that what Rep Sadikov said is anti-Semitic, that Jews don’t constitute single ethno religious group, even according to history. People knocking and agreeing with his tweet don’t take Jewish studies, you learn about this, and appreciating sentiments that are explicitly anti-Semitic. Maybe research what you’re endorsing, so ashamed to be sitting in people who deny Jewishdom…
       17. VP Comms: Point of order that we should not make speculations that people here aren’t in Jewish study courses or not looking things up? We’re against making assumptions of being identifying or not identifying with Judaism.
       18. AUS President: Think to un-okay knocking, it’s contributing to aggressive environment in this room? Speaker of Council: Yes.
       19. Senator Cleveland: Brought up originally during Igor’s first response at beginning, in relation to motions of Equity policy bylaws, maybe equity commissioner could speak more to whether his tweet infringes those policy bylaws? If commissioner feels comfortable, or another member here who is better versed in bylaws than I, talk about this? Equity Response: There’s process for equity complaints, seeing as we haven’t received formal complaint, we’re still reviewing policy throughout this debate, and maybe at the end can mention something. But no official complaints but can still go through that process after tonight if you need to.
       20. HSA/Adam Templer: Think it’s important that recognize threats of violence that any students have received regardless of their stance on this issue are all unacceptable, hope McGill admin is informed and disciplining these individuals. But I know students supporting impeachment of this individual have received threats, images prompted by Sadikov’s tweet. Students shared with me vandalism of swastikas in Arts 120 with Sadikov’s name, reported to admin and dealt with. Involved in this issue, not disingenuous to say it is message for support for him, anti-Semitic. Recent article that in McGill Daily said tweet may incite violence by group that is anti-Zionist, recognizing that his tweet is interpreted by individuals as call to violence. Vandalism in Arts building motivated by this tweet, and his argument that tweet is a joke is poor excuse, see article from The Guardian. I don’t speculate, and I can share article on AUS council group. And Board of Directors reconvening tomorrow and this matter isn’t concluded, disappointed by Rep Sadikov’s misleading statements to this council.
       21. Ralph Haddad, Editor of McGill Daily: Very existence of Rep Sadikov’s last name between the swastikas is call of violence against him as well as Jewish students on this campus.
       22. Arts Rep Sadikov: Point made by Ralph, made it unconscionable that this act of hate framed by indicating anti-Semitic support from me. For context, that classroom is where I’m in a course, that’s not a coincidence. Being made aware of that event was act of violence towards me, still under shock from that, shocked hearing comments from counsellor before. Yes, there’s further meeting from Board of Directors, it’s outcome of admin interference and legal liabilities to student society, think that Board is telling of its opinion indicated by statement of Board last week. And believe mover of motion for equity policy, this falls outside scope, think equity complaint is right way to proceed instead of moving right to an impeachment. Address the matter fully at this time, comment made earlier from the gallery, hope counsellors take that there’s diversity of viewpoints in Jewish community on how to name or describe things, we all share oppression and discrimination towards Jews, use different words to refer to different things, hope that’s clear.
       23. Arts Rep Thomas: Wondering, if someone is from the media, do they have to state their newspaper? Speaker of Council: Can’t speak to that level of detail, doesn’t seem like clear answer to that. Arts Rep Sadikov: Not clear rule, but for integrity ask to state you’re from news.
       24. HSA: Not trying to imply that Sadikov is anti-Semitic, merely stating couldn’t be sure whether it was attack against him or some deranged individual prompted by his comments. Arts Rep Sadikov: It’s clearly both of these things, yes that’s obviously prompted by recent situation but to cast that as someone being emboldened by my statement to practise anti-Semitism is incorrect because it’s also an act of violence against me.
       25. Danielle, PSA and PSSA Student: Inciting violence is wrong, this is universally accepted statement, human right that all individuals deserve. Rather than being met with swift condemnation, have inspired debate about Zionism. Need to separate political ideology with violence, two layers at play here, easy to make this convo into diatribe. Important that student leader incited violence against students on campus. I am a proud Zionist and my political beliefs do not give you the right to violate my body. Although I keep hearing comments about equating Zionism with fascism, this is not true. Religious Studies commented before in her assertion that Sadikov did a lot of good for AUS, I don’t doubt that. But a line was indeed crossed, I hope people will vote today for Sadikov’s resignation and prove that inciting violence is indisputably wrong, and vote not interpreted through one’s political affiliation.
       26. Kyle Shaw, VP External of ASA: About the main premise that this tweet consisted of literal threat of violence and thus is grounds for Rep Sadikov’s impeachment. I ask council, equity commissioner’s comments so far have made me question, if this is in good faith a call for violence or a literal threat? If so, why weren’t appropriate avenues like addressing equity commission not taken before moving straight to impeachment? And why aren’t people, if saying they were literally threatened, not reporting this to police or law enforcement? But because being addressed in high up political forum, this is political debate and not a debate on threat of violence.
       27. GSA: My opinion. People have been calling each other anti-Semitic, drawn us away from argument about call to violence.
       28. Samara, Arts Student: Why would anyone think that violence itself incites more violence? Judith Butler, Noam Chomsky, etc., we all need to educate ourselves. President of Harvard has denounced violence against Israel, calling it Zionism. This tweet, apartheid violence. Somehow created an act to normalize it, people who like me feel amounts of institutional corruption and oppression don’t feel safe, if you denounce Rep Sadikov then sending message we’ll always be oppressed. If you keep him and give him lesser punishment, sending message that he did something wrong but yet your message is still alive and not dead, whereas now cancelling out this message for us.
       29. Georges Gabriel, U3 Arts: Don’t want to make this convo about Zionism but unfortunately already is. Media coverage conflating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism, unfortunately only down to interpretation. Quickly refer to something, graffiti in Arts 120, to speculate that it was motivated by Sadikov’s statement is huge ideological leap and that Igor is reasonable…? Has anyone looked at how many followers Igor has on Twitter? And Igor stated no actual overt violence has occurred. There are implicit forms of structural violence that exist, such as political ideology that is Zionism, I am member-at-large of Arts faculty and I’m of Palestinian heritage, and Zionism is exclusionary towards my heritage and people. These things already exist within our society, you can interpret it as anti-Semitism, I’m fighting against political ideology, trying to convince people otherwise through rhetoric of fear mongering campaign against Sadikov in past few weeks, by people who don’t see Zionism clearly. Not speaking against those who have Zionist believes, but there are nuances. But do NOT say that Zionism itself as political ideology isn’t exclusionary, look at history, not saying people next to me are conducting acts of violence, you’re white washing…. \* Gets cut off \*
       30. E-tai, ASA: Like to respond to couple things said in the conversation, I maintain that this is no place to debate Zionism, totally irrelevant. To that rep questioning how students reacted, how dare you suggest something’s wrong with how students have reacted, that it’s somehow not legitimate by not going to the police? Think to silence anti-Zionist voices on campus, look to last semester at AUS council voting to endorse QPIRG to keep their funding. Where was anti-Zionist debate then? There has never been situation like this, because there was never call to violence. If I see any counsellor inciting threats to Sadikov, will call for their impeachment as well. But life has consequences, doesn’t excuse what went wrong in the first place, we’re the mechanism to restore this, if we fail to impeach Sadikov we send message to McGill community and country who is watching that it’s not okay to call for violence against students, but okay if they’re Zionists, which is unacceptable.
       31. Lucy, Arts Student: People been saying that if Sadikov had said this tweet about any other group we’d be reacting in the same way, but I want to call your bluff there. If he had said “punch a communist,” wouldn’t be the same reaction, hasn’t been heated debate about communism on campus, reason this tweet exploded because of history of BDS on campus, skirting around this, this tweet wouldn’t have gone viral if weren’t for this context. Was in bathroom today, saw graffiti “fight the bourgeoisie,” is this also a call to violence? People often make statements that are in poor taste, but people use that rhetoric a lot, generally understood that you’re not literally inciting violence, reason that this situation has exploded is important.
       32. VP Academic: Move to call the question? Arts Rep Thomas seconds.
       33. Question: To clarify, does Rep Sadikov get a vote? Speaker of Council: Yes, I’ve been looking over the bylaws and there’s nothing stopping him from getting a vote to decide his own fate.
       34. Jennifer Yoon: From point made before, I’m from The Bull & Bear. Stating that to confirm this isn’t confidential session of the AUS, just to confirm that in good faith.
    2. No more points of debate.
    3. Voting: 16 votes in favor, 22 votes opposed, 7 abstentions. Motion is defeated.
  1. Motion to Amend Equity Policy By-Laws
     1. PSSA reads motion, IDSSA seconds. Reads appendix.
     2. PSSA: I have really placed emphasis in my role in student government to increase focus on consent training, hope number of you went to our workshops done around campus. There’s huge void on campus concerning consent training, I don’t think this solves issue surrounding it, but step in right direction. Collab with Consent McGill and Dean’s office and members of Equity committee. And in terms of language it mirrors language already in bylaws regarding equity training, IE “to be completed by end of September” is mirroring language that already exists.
     3. Equity Q: Like this motion, think it’s important to introduce importance of consent, and I worked with Amanda during Arts frosh. But propose to table this motion until next council, so could talk to Equity commissioners and bring it up to larger equity committee? Maybe more things to amend or add to the policy, increase number of voices? Speaker of Council: Formal motion to table this until next council? Senator Keita seconds. PSSA: Clarification, not just one commissioner I talked to, but amendable to table the motion.
     4. Voting to table motion until next council: All in favour? All. Motion is tabled until March 8th council.
  2. Motion to Approve Question Regarding ASEF
     1. VP Academic reads motion. Arts Rep Thomas seconds.
     2. VP Academic: Every 3 years have to put this up, 2017 due for renewal. Would like to put it on ballot for this electoral period.
     3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
  3. Motion to Approve ASEF Decisions
     1. VP Academic reads motion. Senator Cleveland seconds.
     2. VP Academic: The decisions of committee this year focused around AIO and what had greatest returns for student money. IE if you add $1 increase in student fees, gets $4 back. Fairly critical of many of the apps, shown in these decisions.
     3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
  4. Motion to Approve AUIF Allocations
     1. VP Academic reads motion. AUS President seconds.
     2. VP Academic: Can’t speak to this quite as well, VP Finance can do better, but he’s not here. Committee met and had quorum and made decisions, rejections were for those otherwise funded through faculty funds. But have surplus from AUIF that rolls over, and next VPF decide whether to have one or two meetings next year.
     3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.

1. Question Period
   1. Senator Cleveland Q: Unfortunately person I was going to ask directly isn’t here, the VP Social. Wondering whether exec can answer. Whether signing memorandum with Chris Buddle the Dean of Students to expand student context to include frosh? What inspired Tribune article? Speaker of Council: Will be recorded in the minutes, one of the members of exec can reply in email?
   2. Ralph from McGill Daily: Can you clarify votes for impeachment motion, didn’t hear? Speaker of Council: 16 votes in favour and 22 opposed, 7 abstentions.
2. Discussion about SSMU Motion on Internal Regulations
   1. Arts Rep Thomas: We’re going to run by you the amended IR motion that came to SSMU. Advocated for its tabling, unsure how to vote and number of emails we’ve received in opposition to this motion. A lot of the complaints addressed by the drafters, but want your opinion how to vote tomorrow.
   2. Arts Rep Anderson: Uploaded on FB group and SSMU exec did informal session regarding all these amendments. Hope you guys have read it, if you have Qs will open up to question period.
   3. Clarifications from SSMU Exec: People that said we can’t enact policies as SSMU council, last semester we enacted policy for free menstrual hygiene on campus, which we did. And no change to GA power to adopt policies, and must still go online for ratification and approval, primarily used for changes to student fees. Typically require deliberation and amendments. And judicial board decisions must always be ratified under Board of Directors; J-Board is body for appeals process. And Legislative Council is responsible for overseeing implementation of equity policy, and all other bodies remain bound by the SSMU constitution, J-Board not sole arbiter of these policies.
   4. Discussion:
      1. CLASHA Q: Purpose? Response: Internal regulations being amended to clarify power, there are no big changes with these, trying to reiterate legitimacy of this motion and the fact that it’s apolitical doc being brought to council.
      2. MUGS Q: So for things the SSMU legislative council adopts, what do they have to go through currently, what are the checks on SSMU legislative council? Arts Rep Sadikov Response: Current process is that all resolutions must be ratified by the Board of Directors. MUGS: So that’s not really changing? Arts Rep Anderson: No.
      3. Marina from Arts, McGill Daily: As a constituent I’m in favour.
      4. ASA: Also in favour, more democratic power for our legislative assembly.
   5. No more points of discussion.
   6. Voting on whether or not to vote yes tomorrow at council?
      1. Straw Poll: All votes for yes, 1 abstention from Senator Cleveland.
3. Reports of Departmental Associations
4. IDSSA: Currently not holding regular office hours but by appointment, scheduled through email or FB page. Publications Committee stopped taking in submissions and now editing articles, going into design phase. Idea to hold film screening on documentary about sustainable urbanization, and in late March still TBD but holding a panel to discuss how media has influenced conflict in the Middle East.
5. MESS: We had wine and cheese very successful, and two prof talks, plus had open mic night and coffee house event tomorrow. Our VP Events resigned. Found tutors to have tutoring sessions before finals.
6. MIRA: Recently held two midterm review sessions with 25 students coming to each, well reviewed and great opportunity to reach out to first years. And working with president of major union to talk for our IR speaker series. And working on organizing Negotiation Cup on March 24th, thinking of case right now.
7. MUGS: Ordered clothing for MUGS, painting night on Monday successful, and just started MUGS Assassins. And event called “Pints, Lines, and Polygons,” which is bar night we’re aiming to have every 2-3 weeks, hopefully next one with Concordia’s geography society.

1. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
   1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
      1. Arts Rep Anderson: SSMU council met last Thursday Feb. 9th, interactive agenda available at link. Motion passed regarding SSMU electoral timeline and to advocate immediate suspension of Canada-US third-safe country. Next meeting tomorrow, reviewing a lot of notices of motions that came to council, find them online. And motion regarding endorsement of McGill communities’ council letter to Board to Governors, and IR of governance motion that we just went over.
      2. For me, Accountability Committee had last meeting on Feb. 6th and reviewed draft of HR policy that’s coming to you soon. For Committee on Student Affairs, changing to deferred or supplemental exam schedule. Fall deferrals moved to reading week, hard to take it after you’ve done a full semester, and winter ones happening at end of August over 3 days instead of 2. And Faculty of Arts Committee will be meeting in March.
      3. SSMU: Steering Committee didn’t meet but approved agenda, mostly notices of motions. J Board Review Committee scheduling meeting soon, probably after reading week.
      4. Maria ran great de-stress event in AUS lounge on the 15th, and Mental Health met on the 14th.
      5. If you haven’t looked at SSMU agenda, we have a lot of interesting things, IE motion for policy against unpaid internships. Email us if you have concerns or Qs. These are unpaid internships on campus or through McGill. And motions regarding indigenous solidarity policy, short notice between councils but it’s worthwhile.
      6. CLASHA Q regarding changes to deferred exams. Response: For CSA, as she put it, it’s group of people to give us feedback, they’re in process of new assessment policy, but will come up for review before it’s implemented. And pretty sure VPA can address these Qs too since he’s a lot closer to this.
      7. Arts Rep Sadikov: To speak further about motions coming up, there’s motion against unpaid internships, giving mandates to specific exec offices to review internships being offered through McGill, make sure they’re conforming to law and policy, that they’re paid. And in terms of indigenous solidary revision coming out of indigenous affairs committee, clarifying ethics of that policy, clarifying responsibly of student groups affiliated with SSMU. And couple referendum Qs coming up tomorrow, one is athletics fee increase, whether that policy goes through, take that into account at council PGSS also disputed fee increase this week, expect some opposition. And some discussion of increase to equity fee, goal of expanding service provision, and some constitutional amendments. I personally want to apologize not making these available to you earlier, ask Qs now or else will circulate on SSMU website.
      8. SSA Q: How are fall deferral dates chosen? Arts Rep Anderson: I’m assuming they’re moved to reading week because it’s easier to take test closer to end of your course, but can get back to you about what kind of student consultation was done.
   2. Report of the Arts Senators
      1. Senator Keita: Black History Month motion passed, happy it passed unanimously.
      2. Senator Hocevar: Report said we had caucus, but moved to Tuesday, we apologize on that front. At last week’s Senate caucus meeting, impeached Management senator because he failed to attend any of the meetings. And did a lot of stuff about winter GA, discussed by Arts Reps. And then on March 14th the McGill Writing Centre will have review meeting, for anyone who wants to give feedback, in Sherbrooke 688, Room 1291 at 10:45AM.
      3. And in terms of project I had mentioned, myself and other AUS counsellors have been working on Women in Leadership forum, if interesting in contributing, please contact me. Would love to have your input, already had some great meetings. And both of our Arts Reps and Kira have also been involved, can contact them.
      4. Senator Keita: Nomination period for SSMU execs have closed at 5pm today, will be voting for new SSMU execs, encourage you to participate.
2. Reports of the Executive Officers
   1. Report of the President
      1. VP Finance and VP Social aren’t here, asked to report on their behalf but to save time, their reports are posted online, go and read them.
      2. My report is scant and status quo, go rogue and talk about something I’m investigating, more inclusive dialogue for things discussed in this room. Working on this with Ben from SSMU, and recognizing fact that I’m person of particular identity and can’t plan event unilaterally, so willing to chat about it anytime, welcome it.
   2. Report of the VP Academic
      1. Curriculum Committee meeting was cancelled, and reminder that valedictorian applications due. Teaching awards, TA awards, these do matter, due Friday at 5pm.
      2. To follow up on Student Affairs Committee, the reading week exams are not set in stone, believe it’s going through enrolment services at university level, one for August is set in stone at this time, but Senators can speak to that?
      3. Changes to Language Departments assessment policies, more investigations because inconsistencies and possible violations? We have a rep on that committee, from East Asian studies. Expect this will continue into next VP Academic’s tenure next fall.
   3. Report of the VP Communications
      1. Report posted online, VP Comms had to leave early.
   4. Report of the VP External
      1. Really short report, community engagement committee will have embrACE week on third week of March, if have collab ideas please submit via Google form on event page.
      2. For careers, McGill 24 is coming up which is philanthropic campaign with alumni, info going up this week or next.
      3. MHAUS, video is done and wrapping up. Our commissioners will now have consultation hours on Mondays, so if there’s something you’d like to talk about with them please drop in.
   5. Report of the VP Finance
      1. Report posted online.
   6. Report of the VP Internal
      1. Please don’t serve alcohol without badges on, don’t drink while serving, we have server trained group you can hire. If you want to drink at your own wine and cheese that’s fine, just don’t drink on the job, we will lose our permits.
      2. We have projector now, very excited!
      3. AUS awards coming up on April 3rd at Wienstein & Gavino’s, trying to get beaver tails truck, if you have idea about sponsorship, I’ll let you know.
   7. Report of the VP Social
      1. Report posted online.
3. Next Meeting Time and Date (**March 8th, 2017 at 6:00pm in LEA 232**)
4. Adjournment at 8:45PM.

**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 | Left early |
| **AUS VP Internal** | Kira Smith | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Social** | Kat Svikhnushin | No | Excused |
| **AUS VP Academic** | Erik Partridge | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Finance** | Deepak Punjabi | No | Excused |
| **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 | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Charles Keita | Yes |  |
| **FEARC** |  | Yes |  |
| **FMC** |  | Yes |  |
| **ACE** |  | 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 |  |
| **ISSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **LAPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESS** |  | Yes |  |
| **WIMESSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MUGS** |  | Yes |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SAWC** |  | No |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** |  |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |