**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**March 22nd, 2017, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:04PM
   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: LAPSA, MESSA, MUGS
   2. Came late: CLASHA, SSA
   3. Left early: WIMESSA
3. Approval of Minutes from February 22nd 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. Announcements
   1. PSSA: Doing a skype call with MP David Lametti tomorrow at 5pm in Otto Maass room 217. He is talking about his path to parliament and opening floor to Qs. Will post link on FB page.
   2. VP Comms: Talking about planning for a while, but tomorrow is Nuit Blanche from 8pm to midnight, all of SSMU is open, we rented it. Gerts is open, beverages and fun, please come out.
   3. VP Social: As you all have seen in email, course evaluations are now open, important way to get feedback. If you really love one of your Profs, that feedback doesn’t go unnoticed, or if you dislike a Prof, give info on how that person can improve. And I’m pretty sure emails stop coming once you do it, helpful to other students in the faculty to fill out course evaluations.
   4. AUS President: Handed out tiny ballots, submit nominations for councillor of the year by today at 5pm, only received 1. Will announce at end of this council nominations and then we’ll vote. You should all come to AUS Awards.
6. Question Period
   1. None
7. Old Business
   1. Motion to Amend the SUMS and FEARC Constitutions
      1. AUS President: Both of these constitutions have been reviewed with CBRC, FEARC in-person last semester and SUMS by email. Pretty procedural.
      2. VP Academic Q: Little awkward because I am a mover, but can’t find actual amendments on website? Response: They were attached to bottom of last council’s agenda.
      3. No points of discussion
      4. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
8. New Business
   1. Motion to Amend Equity Policy
      1. Amanda Hills, PSSA: So this is same motion that came forward a few weeks ago, more consultation was done to make sure all parties on board. To reiterate, feel it’s important that student execs are prepared to handle situations that come their way, a lot of events we run have alcohol, affects nature of consent.
      2. Nick Milum, IDSSA: Trainings offered at beginning of the year, but could be offered again in January for students on exchange.
      3. Amanda Hills: Language echoes language of equity policy to be consistent.
      4. No points of discussion
      5. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   2. Motion to Appoint FMC Representative Lew as AUS VP Finance
      1. Noah Lew: As you guys know, the previous VP Finance has recently resigned, I’m currently FMC rep and sitting on financial committee right now, and I’m incoming VP Finance for next year. Officially my term was supposed to begin May 1st, but this motion allows me to begin term early so there’s no interim period where there’s no one responsible for AUS finances. I’m aware of my duties and already able to perform them, been trained by previous VP Finance.
      2. No points of discussion
      3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
   3. Motion to Appoint ACE Commissioner Catherine Jeffery as Arts Rep to SSMU:
      1. Catherine Jeffery: Hi everyone, I’m one of ACE commissioners and incoming VP External. This motion is like Noah’s, making sure we don’t have only two Arts reps sitting on SSMU, so I can start my job early. Good opportunity for early transition, I’d be starting my term earlier in the year.
      2. No points of discussion
      3. Voting: All in favour? All. Motion is approved.
9. Reports of Departmental Associations
10. FEARC: I think current report is from March 8th, quite a few updates. FEARC successfully added to MyInvolvement, so future members able to register themselves. And CBRC has approved bylaw amendments. Wine and cheese held in March and went well, and no longer planning semiformal with FUSS, but trivia night event on the 7th of April instead.
11. EASSA: Recently got our new VP Internal because former one left for exchange last month. Held second language exchange on Feb. 22nd, had small turnout because of room arrangement and midterms. We had Korean action film screening on Feb. 7th, it’s action movie not academic film because last semester held film series regarding LGBTQ rights. And on March 7th held wine and cheese event, and elections are ongoing and seeing our candidates soon.
12. ESA: We were supposed to do recruitment for Econ major students but got cancelled because company changed the plan to come to the university, postpone until next year. And sweater sale begin in two weeks, but date not set yet, potential dates announced in week or so.
    1. Senator Keita Q: Do you guys have pic of what sweaters look like? Response: I can ask president to get info and post on FB page.
13. GSA: Currently we have coffee event going on every Tuesday from 4-5pm and hosted companion coffee event, and hosted lot of faculty members during i-week and had wine and cheese on Valentine’s. Had movie night in Feb. and having another one tonight, and hosting journal launch on 20th of April. Our elections are ongoing.
14. HSA: We hosted trivia night on March 9th and working on redesigning HSA logo. Directing constitutional changes and passing those on to CBRC shortly, and changes coming to 200-level courses in history providing baseline of skills for history students in general, research and essay writing. And yesterday hosted two speakers as part of lecture series on Russian revolution, and taking orders for history apparel, available for pickup soon.
15. CLASHA: We had wine and cheese/prof talk at start of semester, good turnout. Most events we have in report didn’t happen, but have peer-tutoring going on and journal launch.
16. CSA: We just gave winter apparel orders, and having departmental elections next Tuesday. And last week had colloquium with Concordia and UdeM. Bake sale early next week and have journal launch in two weeks in RVC west lounge, same time as AUS council but if you finish early please join us.
17. CSAUS: We had trip to cabane à sucre/sugar shack recently, very nice. A few of us are editors for journal, getting ready for journal launch. Having a brunch on April 7th where we’re having journal contributors speak to interested students and faculty, and at next meeting discussing moving forward with getting exec for next election.
18. CSUS: We’re in middle of elections, voting ends tomorrow. And awkward semiformal is tomorrow, don’t think we’re selling tickets anymore, but can check with SUMS, Comp Sci, or Physics.
19. DESA: Held event on March 9th called “Possible Futures: What to do with BA in English?” Was great success, 30 students came. In light of its success, working on website to have platform for demos, tricks and advice for students entering professional fields. DESA finally ordering swag items and annual English honours symposium, FB pages for those will be up shortly.
    1. Senator Cleveland Q: What can you do with BA in English? Response: Had speakers who were freelance writers, one woman was a law litigator, and another person was event planner at TIFF.
20. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
    1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
       1. Arts Rep Anderson: SSMU council met on Thursday March 9th, as always the interactive agenda available online. Next meeting is tomorrow.
       2. Committees: Accountability Committee for AUS will be meeting on the 27th, just got that email two days ago. Student Affairs Committee next meeting April 5th, Faculty of Arts Committee on the 11th, and Steering Committee met on March 17th to set up agenda.
       3. For me personally, I was newly elected to board of directors for SSMU, had meeting on March 20th. Maria also came to steering committee, and mental health committee tabling with friendship bench this week, direct Qs toward Maria for that.
    2. Report of the Arts Senators
       1. Senator Hocevar: Report is pretty casual, we did have senate this afternoon, there wasn’t too much directly pertaining to students, but noteworthy that few Profs had put forward Qs on selling lectures notes, answer was dismissive and they don’t seem concerned about students doing that, more about private companies doing that to make a profit.
       2. The law senator Shannon has been writing letter on mental health, if want to give feedback please contact us, this is way to step away from formal bureaucracy, and show there’s concern for mental health on campus.
       3. Office for Sexual Violence having open house, it’s on March 27th at 560 Sherbrooke W. If interested in seeing what initiatives they have in terms of new policy this year, check them out.
21. Reports of the Executive Officers
    1. Report of the President
       1. Point of clarification, there’s a lot of speculation about why Deepak resigned, to clarify, he found a job off campus, would appreciate if rumours didn’t fly about that.
       2. Over course of last few years, Leacock Spaces project through the works, a lot presented to council of geometrically, pretty costly and we don’t have money for it, but some ideas would be beneficial to students, like extra seating at SNAX? Couldn’t apply to AUIF funding before because didn’t have commitment to funding before deadline, but been in contact with Dean to make that space more useful. Is this something council is interested in? To generate these funds through AUIF, we have 90k surplus in that account for this year, will rollover to next year but straw poll?
          1. Straw Poll: All agree.
       3. Also brief straw poll for lounge, circulated lounge survey, it didn’t disappear into cyberspace. Whether lounge should be social chill spot, feedback to add beanbag chairs and get rid of computers? But need to go through campus space and planning, first time we approached them was two years ago, but that AUS exec paid 3k to do that without consultation with council. Straw poll, whether council is interested in spending money for consultation on renovating lounge?
          1. Straw Poll: All agree.
       4. AUSec Q: What are you planning for recycling bins? Response: There’s one under staircase and some under elevators on basement floor, some chained in under corkboard on basement floor? The idea is to have sliding coverage for those, sliding door has space you can pins things on, instead of having to climb over bins can pin notices on there, more aesthetically pleasing.
       5. Senator Keita Q: Why does lounge smell and how can we stop it in the future? Response: Because of construction, we lost space for storage of BDA, we reappropriated space in the lounge, makes it smell like beer sometimes, but we get that storage space back in October.
       6. Leacock’s printed new editions are here, can pick them up in the lounge.
    2. Report of the VP Academic
       1. Two weeks ago, Provost report that didn’t say that much useful, but not planning on raising Arts tuition, but they’re always exploring possibility. Renovating Leacock terrace to include amphitheatre, need to re-slope that area, but idea proposed of outdoor amphitheatre with no roof. But gather that students don’t want to sit outside in winter...?
       2. Curriculum Committee: No more minor in Jewish law, incorporated into Jewish studies.
       3. Publications: Not going forward with uploading past copies of journal to library site, don’t have copyright, now journals have to fill out form to publish online so fixes that in the future.
       4. Last prof talk of year hosted by Madeline the future VPA, if you know any Profs interested in religion and identity, contact her.
       5. Teaching awards happened last night and valedictorian process is ongoing.
       6. Senator Cleveland Q: Has it been passed on to chain of admin that we have enough outdoor seating space, and money spent for amphitheatre more useful for something students interested in, like more study space? Response: They went forward with this project, they want to incorporate green space and gathering space, so we suggested some kind of ceiling for it? But we were also concerned with possibility of mud, they said they would study the possibility.
    3. Report of the VP Communications
       1. Nuit Blanche is tomorrow, last FAC workshop there.
       2. Franco Fête is official French cultural festival, reached out to us to collab, we had event, truck on campus when it was blizzard outside, super fun, people taking videos.
       3. Francophone Commission: Rap battle event with poutine and beer was day of snow day, which was heartbreaking. Looking at alternative option. Prof Talk en Français happened, good feedback. French convo circles attendance going down, work on promo?
       4. Marketing Committee: Flash mob happened with urban groove on St. Paddy’s, people came out of Leacock, will be another one tomorrow.
       5. AUS Media team, grad ball pics are ready and video coming soon.
       6. Started meeting with Maria for transition, looking at hiring for next year.
    4. Report of the VP External
       1. Not a ton to report right now, committees are winding down except for ACE, it’s embrACE week, Special Olympics was yesterday, another event tonight at Gerts for pencils of promise.
       2. Mental health commission are planning on doing wine and cheese for screening of video next week.
       3. Sponsorship Committee working on contracts, in convo with Téo taxi, for next year contracts more along sustainability?
       4. For career coord, talking about events for next year and discussing grad fair with next VP External.
       5. Focus group that Chanel and I are a part of, McGill working group on imagining future of undergrad education, is having focus group open to all. I’ll post more info on FB, it’s on April 10th at 3:30pm.
    5. Report of the VP Internal
       1. AUS Awards: Very excited, gotten all your form submissions and will send out confirmation soon. If you requested extra seats or if you know anyone who hasn’t filled it out, people fill it out. I don’t want you to eat something you don’t want to eat. In terms of dress code, there will be photographer, but it’s also chill. Will send out emails confirming submission soon.
    6. Report of the VP Social
       1. BDA new management team is hired, only two more BDAs run by me.
       2. EPIC’s event went well and raised a lot of money to save dolphins, another event this Friday.
       3. Grad Ball happened, people were able to survive tilt war of 2017, and we found new areas of improvement, sharing that with new VP social and internal. We hope anyone who attended enjoyed themselves and looking at restructuring event next year because of so much interest this year.
       4. Frosh committee have been hired, record-breaking 700 apps for frosh leaders, good luck to committee, that doesn’t seem fun. Sure next year will be best frosh yet.
22. Next Meeting Time and Date (**April 5th, 2017 at 6:00pm in LEA 232**)
23. Adjournment at 7:00PM.

**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 External** | Kia Kouyoumjian | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Isabella Anderson | 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 | Late |
| **CSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **GSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **HSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ISSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **LAPSA** |  | No | Excused |
| **MESS** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESSA** |  | No |  |
| **WIMESSA** |  | Yes | Left early |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MUGS** |  | No |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | Yes | Late |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
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