



**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University
Legislative Council
November 8th, 2017, 6 PM**

1. Call to Order
 - 6:00 PM
2. Territorial Acknowledgement
 - 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.
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - President: Move to amend the agenda to rename 9.2 to Appoint AUS Positions. Seconded by VP External. All in Favour. None opposed or Abstaining.
 - Agenda Approved.
5. Approval of the Minutes from October 25th
 - Minutes are approved.
6. Review of Roberts' Rules
7. Announcements
 1. Senator Anderson: Committee on Student Services. November 13th holding a visioning session of upcoming changes to student services over the summer and next year. 12-2 Brown Building. Can send 5 people to attend.
 2. VP Internal: 27th of November at 5:30 holiday party in the Arts Lounge. Official invitation will be sent out soon for all members of AUS committees and departments
 3. VP Academic: November 20th Town Hall for AUS will be hosted.
 4. President: campaign period opens November 14th for referendum
 5. EPiC: Stache Dash coming up on November 17th. Contact Nathan Green to join
 6. PSSA: November 14th holding Wine and Cheese event. Networking with Internship office and student resources.
 7. Speaker's Memorandum
 - Memorandum summarizes important reminders for all Councillors:
 - Departmental reports must be submitted. Speaker determines submission deadline for reports (6PM on Sunday before meeting). Reports submitted following will count as absences (half)
 - Speaker determines deadline for submission of motions (48 hours before each meeting). Can still be raised from the floor, but will require majority vote to be added to agenda. Motions proposing change to By-Laws to be submitted before Thursday meeting
8. AUS Accountability Survey



- Semester basis the survey is presented. 5 minutes to complete by council. Executives will step out of the room while council completes the survey.
- Results to be presented at next (last) legislative meeting of the semester.

9. New Business

1. Motion to Instate QSSA

- VP Internal: QSSA is small department but wants to have an organization
- VP Academic: Program considered for termination because of low-enrolment. Need to get enrolment up. Does QSSA have plans to increase enrolment?
- VP Internal: did not talk about concrete plans, but hope visibility in AUS would get more people to enroll. Intend for collaborative events with other departments to get more enrolment.
- Vote: All in favour (47)

2. Motion to Appoint AUS Positions (Amend the AUS HR Policy)

- President: Name amended from the following: Motion to Amend the AUS HR Policy
- President: appoint people to stipend positions and people to various committees Ex. Fine arts committee, FMC, etc.
- VP Internal: wasn't she on the computer lab committee?
- President: on the Infolab committee
- Vote: 47 in favor

3. Motion to Correct Languages for Fee Changes via Referendum

- President: submitted Fee for approval office. Does not think the fee is worded well enough (for the referendum questions). Added one line to the referendum question.
- Vote: 47 in favor.

4. Motion to Amend the Fine Arts Council By-Laws

- Large group of FAC present in the gallery. Funds arts for groups and artists. Runs events such as French language literary journal and Drama Festival. Need to consider these in budget according to By-Laws. Current clause undermines ability of applicants outside of usual pools to obtain funding.
- there are defunct groups that will currently get money according to FAC's by-laws (up to \$1000). Unsatisfactory applicants.
- Arts Rep Bulger: extend by 2 minutes. Seconded by President
- FAC does not target to withdraw funding to current groups that rely on funding. Only to make sure limited funds reach the most worthy and efficient projects. Have discussed amendment with current clients; assent from clients to amend.
- DESA: also represent the Veg, an affiliate. Support initiatives, but needs to be nuanced. Is it transparent?



- FAC: Did not inform of every group. But because not completely defunding, not entirely un-transparent
- AHCSSA: rhetoric justifying this is that affiliate programs not fulfilling FAC's requirements. What justifies limited guaranteed funding to good candidates? How about making an accountability measure instead?
- FAC: affiliated program deeply flawed. Should fund long-standing groups.
- VP Communications: affiliates are defunct; but Leacock is reinstated and the Veg is still working.
- FAC: Leacock no longer publish and print; need to reassess.
- VP Internal: Which groups are defunct?
- FAC: reached out to Steps many times, never heard back. Late applications for funding also considered
- VP Internal: Which ones are defunct?
- FAC: Steps, Leacock, etc.
- President: ATS applied late for funding, but by-laws say don't need to apply to get funding
- FAC: what is the point of applications if don't hold them to merit-based system?
- VP Academic: why were these groups applying for funding? Why are the applications unsatisfactory if they were supposed to get funding anyways?
- FAC: By-Laws convoluted. Requires these applications to be sent in.
- GSA: Feel that this is a big change. Is this change to be adjusted, is it considered "perfect"? Is this the first and last change?
- FAC: series of changes to be made. Not the only outline problem
- HSA: abolish affiliate program? How about revising to disregard the defunct one.
- FAC: Inequitable. No consensus to take groups of.
- FAC: important for FAC to look at new projects and consider them alongside applications from groups. In order to support the best projects.
- Presidents: Budgets made to be ensured that FAC budget does not push affiliate into surplus
- AHCSSA: what would happen with current affiliates. Would they be funded for this semester/year?
- FAC: no current affiliate that is not defunct will be defunded. Not a covert operation to defund groups.
- AHCSSA: how would abolishing affiliate program without securities in place to ensure long-standing affiliates will continue receiving funding
- FAC: will intrude an amendment to answer this question.



- President: Movement to amend 7.5, 7.7 (grant priority to AUS groups) for FAC constitution. VP Communication seconded. Amendment is friendly.
- President: second Amendment. Striking of the affiliate clauses that would delay to February 2018. Unfriendly.
- Debate.
- President: people not informed
- FAC: Most of FAC not brought along until a month ago.
- VP Communications: Time pressure is not an excuse for these groups to get their funding. They were under impression that for years they would receive funding.
- Fine Arts Commissioners: Very significant to know nothing is going to change if amendment is passed for any organization compared to last year. 2016-2017 there were no objections. DON't know if organizations actually expecting money since last year FAC did not function according to by-laws
- VP Academic: last year's negligence not an excuse for this year. Groups who did take initiative should not be penalized.
- FAC: reiterate that this is not a measure directed at funing, but rather at the affiliate program. Does not determine funding provided by FAC.
- AHCSSA: clauses are related to monetary amounts directed to certain groups. Issue of being funding guaranteed is through by-law, not writing.
- AHCSSA: Under by-laws it is guaranteed groups will be made aware, but groups were not made aware. Notified with barely 48 hours notice before council today.
- Fine Arts Commissioner: keep in mind this is not the final solution. Would love to rewrite. This is a temporary solution.
- VP Communications: Amendment should be a middle ground, wouldn't shock groups expecting the funding this semester. Next semester should be amended. FAC has received highest amount of applications.
- President: suspend rules to allow VP Communication to speak indefinitely.
- Vote: 47 in favor. Rules suspended
- VP Communications: amendment proposed by president will allow fairness to groups expecting money and also allow a fair solution to be developed in the next semester. Why is FAC under impression nothing would be changed? Many affiliates will be excluded from amounts they were promised
- FAC: there are groups supportive of the measures FAC taken. They are not represented at council at the moment, and so cannot hear their side.
- AHCSSA: amendment to delay effectiveness should consider departmental associations to provide funding from the groups. Would have to reconfigure budgets.

- DESA: the Veg does not receive funding from DESA. The Veg does completely support FAC. Motion to table discussion to next meeting so all voices represented
 - President: Call the question on the amendment.
 - Voting to Call the Question: 47 in favour. Question has been called.
 - Vote in favour of amendment: 45 in favour. 2 opposed. No abstentions
 - VP Academic: Personal Privileged request to leave.
 - FAC: there will be a defunct group funded around \$550. Change of bylaws is supported by FAC and constituents
 - DESA: Table. Seconded by AHCSSA
 - GSA: Funding due to tomorrow. How would funding be determined if we are discussing it next week?
 - Fine Arts Commissioner: the funding is due by tomorrow evening. Tabling would make FAC follow through with current budget. Would prove challenging.
 - AHCSSA: motion right now delays effect until February anyways.
 - VP Communication: affiliate striking moved to next semester. Now debating on the proposed amendment of the President.
 - Vote to postpone to next council: 27 in favour, 13 Opposed, Abstaining 6
 - Motion Fails. Main Motion still on the floor.
 - FAC: bill as it stands is crucial, wish of the FAC and its constituents. Bylaws open to interpretation, could be taken advantage of
 - PSA: like to mention if concern of tabling for motion is due to transparency, several affiliate programs were reached out to and did have discussion and are here supporting this decision. Decision should rest in FAC and AUS. President's proposal were ensure AUS will receive funding.
 - Arts Rep Chan: Motion to Call the Question. Seconded by VP Internal
 - Vote call the Question: 43 in favour. 2 Opposed. 1 Abstention. Question has been called.
 - Vote: 40 in favor: 2, 3 abstaining
 - Motion is Amended
5. **Motion to Endorse a YES vote in SSMU Existence Referendum for Daily Publication Society**
- DESA: SSMU voted not to endorse a yes vote for DPS existence. Good opportunity at school with no journalism program. Le Délit is the only francophone newspaper on campus.
 - FAC: Personal Privilege: Request permission for early departure for AHCSSA.
 - GSA: if DPS deemed not to exist, what would happen?



- DESA: referendum about non-opt-outable fee
- GSA: Recognition? Funding?
- DESA: DPS would just disappear.
- EPiC: Non-opt-outable, is there a precedence?
- DESA: there is a long-standing precedence for mandatory fees for newspaper groups.
- President: Will vote NO on this endorsement because does not wish to support endorsements on part of Arts Students
- Arts Rep Bulger: because SSMU voted no, AUS as another large group should vote YES. Otherwise only smaller groups trying to vote YES.
- Senator Anderson: Many would argue against this, but we go to a school in Quebec but only have 1 newspaper written in French. Important to have a newspaper that caters to the provincial language.
- GSA: Will vote for endorsement. But a new francophone newspaper would also be made. Fee should be made non-mandatory. Would rather change it than get rid of it.
- PSSA: Option of being non-opt-outable, if DPS not renewed by SSMU, they would not have any funding to carry out their daily doings. Do not agree with the political position expressed, but believe they should exist.
- SLUM: AUS needs to take a stand to express what AUS believes about student journalism. By voting YES, we will be showing what we value as an institution.
- Senator Anderson: this was something that had to be continuously voted at SSMU: DPS is separate from Le Délit. They fund the newspapers, but may not share same views.
- Vote: Recorded Vote. 2 opposed
- 32 in Favor. 7 Opposed. 7 Abstentions. 4 Unable to Vote. Carried.

10. Reports of the AUS Executives

1. President

- President's Round Table: hope next time there would be more appearances next time.
- CBRC met last Friday. Amendments for Equity Policy and MUGS Constitution tabled.
- Equity training happening this week: Monday, Tuesday, Friday.
- DPSLL: submitted formal request for fee changes with Deputy Provost's Office on election results. Small change in MoA . McGill wants it to go through CBRC.
- Acquired a new printer
- Audit is complete



- Computer Lab Fund coming up in 2 weeks. Will discuss cut of fees if those end up passing referendum.
- Haven't signed Gassman contract with SSMU yet.
- GA for GSFSSA coming up; setting something comparable of QSSA.
- Work-study increased cap for AUS Executives and Arts Reps.
- Sexual Violence Prevention Fund/ Survivor Support Fund may be the most effective thing to do on campus. Doing consultations with major faculties. Want to take all possible opportunities.

2. Academic

- Deadline for applications for Arts Employment funds last Friday; decision will be made for next week
- ProfTalk on Oct. 30th. Next one scheduled for Nov. 22nd.
- Arts Senator Anderson: what professors were at the last Prof Talk? Heard there was low attendance. Personally was not aware of this event.
- VP External: topic was Religious Discussion in the Modern World. Madeline now wants to reach out to departmental listservs. Failed to publicize from platforms other than Facebook.
- WIMESSA: if there is a professor from department, please contact us for promotion.
- Library Partnership Committee tabling in McLennan-Redpath W and Th next week. Survey for suggesting ideas on Report.
- Commuter Support and Engagement Committee hired 2 commissioners, created Facebook page. First meeting on Nov. 1st, will be presenting at AUS Town Hall. Projects include adding stop on Mac Campus, Fairview, etc.
- Curriculum Committee met
- AUS Town Hall Nov. 20th 5:30-7:30pm.
- Successfully added McGill Writing Centre Courses to Humanities list of approved for Freshman Program.

3. Communications

- Francophone commission to hold event La Banquise with conversation circles. Next event Nov. 29th.
- FAC see aforementioned.
- Marketing Committee next meeting on Nov. 15th.
- Speaker Series then is Intersectional Empowerment. Ms. Bourassa confirmed Jan. 26th. Sent letters to different speakers.
- Hiring another photographer.
- Arts Senator Anderson: what is the date of La Banquise? Not in the report.
- VP Communications: probably this time now next week.

4. External



- ACE's Open Mic Night on Nov. 14th 6:30-8:30pm in Arts Lounge. ACCM Trivia Night tentative launch fro 10-14 Nov.
- MHAUS outlined AUS Mental Health Week with OASIS and Healthy McGill. To take place before Spring Break.
- ISAC exec applications open
- Sponsorship package outlines finished: working on tiers, layout, letter from the dean.
- Graduate and Professional Schools Fair last Wednesday.
- Work Your B.A. planning underway.

5. Finance

- FMC went through applications to AUS journal, Supplementary Departmental, and Special Projects Fund.
- Waiting on completion of audit.
- Department allocations will be calculated for newly re-instated department.
- Aim for higher voter turnout for the referendum period.
- Senator Anderson: Is it possible to send out list of FMC Approvals? Possible to include these numbers in the report?
- AUS Journal application deadlines? No deadline. Can continue applying for funding.
- CSAUS: for the organizations that received funding,s how did they receive it?
- VP Finance: if it's for a special project, can write a check. Supplementary departmental funding will be included in allocation. Depends on what funding is needed for

6. Internal

- Scheduled to look for office space at McTavish o Nov. 6th. In process of allocations for AUTS, JSSA, and CLASHA.
- ordered a new projector.
- Wants to sit in on departmental meetings.
- Working on AUS Town Hall.
- Holiday Party on Nov. 27th 5:30-8pm
- AUSEC in process of a movie screening on Nov. 3rd in LEA 110
- FEARC Meet and Greet Nov. 6th.

7. Social

- Bar des Arts starts this week; security to organize shifts of Thursday. Access to lounge to be discussed.
- EPiC's Stache Dash to take place.
- Grad Ball venue determined: Saturday March 10 @ Le Windsor
- Grad Fair: Held on the 1st of November. Improved Turnout from last year.

11. Reports of the Arts Representatives & Senators



1. Report of the Arts Representatives

- Report given by Arts Rep Chan
- Chan: clubs committee setting up time for weekly meeting.
- Zhou: SSMU mental Health Committee meeting Friday. Following up with Accountability committee on poor attendance of MUS councillors.
- Bulger: advocate for the YES vote of the Bike Facility
- Last SSMU meeting discussed contestation of Bill 62 and Adhoc Committee on Provincial Representation
- Time extended for 1 minute.
- Motion for DPS failed.
- Presentation from organization Our Turn (given by VP External Connor Spencer)

2. Report of the Arts Senators

- Senate: Joint Board-Senate meeting Wednesday November 15th. Senate meeting for 23rd of November
- Senate Caucus: discussion on Mental Health. Motion in Opposition to Bill 62. Student Code of Conduct, Faculty Guidebook, Senator Project/Goals Roundtable (did not happen)
- Senator Anderson: CSS has updated visioning sessions (confirm by email to join). ESAAC: missed because was not sent an email. Accountability committee reviewed timesheet.
- Arts Rep Bulger: extend time by 1.5 minutes.
- Senator Nwabufo: approved reward for history students. Finally met with MARAB : update on nutrition lab. Increased hazing managements, affect eligibility to play. Proposed changes to Student Athlete Code and Varsity Code.

12. Reports of Department Associations

1. GSA

- Conversation circles on Mondays at 4.
- GSA Exec time now fuller than previous years.
- Yet to spend any more this semester; costs for Potluck this Thursday will only be buying drinks/

2. HSA

- collecting apparel design submissions.
- Will run research essay skills workshop by History librarian on Tuesday November 14th.
- Town Hall-type meeting scheduled for Friday November 10th to discuss changes to curriculum.

3. IDSSA

- Planning a case competition for Winter 2018. Meeting with potential sponsors and partners. Selected an executive team to plan this.



- Recruited academic peer tutors.
- Wine and Cheese was on Tuesday Oct. 24th with record turnout. Founder of IDS program showed up.
- IDPCC info session was yesterday.
- launching speaker series on Thursday Nov. 16th.
- Working on sweater order forms.
- Planning documentary screening and panel discussion on development issues.

4. ISSA

- Cineclub event was on Sept. 20th. Book Club began on Sept. 27th
- Biweekly meetings held for Caffé Italia
- Upcoming tour of Little Italy on Nov. 12th
- Tutoring service in Italian language skills.
- Meet Your Professor's event to gauge students' thoughts on program, and gain knowledge about the program.

5. JSSA

- Rabbi Round Table set for Nov. 22nd. Confirming Rabbis currently.
- Tour with WIMESSA.
- Want to take photos of execs.
- VP Communications: can request AUS photographers.

6. LAPSA

- Training of VP Finance, resignation of VP Communications, search for new VP Communications and Student Life.
- Listserv sent out for new Execs, meet and greet, Movie screening night, departmental sweatshirts.
- Fall budget finalized.

7. MESS

- Postponed to next meeting.

8. MIRA

- Appointed First Year Rep.
- Program name will be changed from "Industrial Relations" to "Industrial and Labor Relations".
- Past Events: Welcome Back Party, Bake Sale, Samosa Sale, tabled at McGill Open House
- Post-Midterm Party at Suwu on Nov. 8th 2017
- Speaker Series to happen.

9. MPSA

- New website, new executive members hired. MPSA Office moved to room 478 at 2001 Ave McGill College.



- Past Events: Effective Funding, PSI Journal Call-Out for Editors, How to Get into Grad School, Counselling vs. Clinical Psych Conference, U0/U1 Boozy Board Game Night
- SpinÉnergie Charity Event on Nov. 12th.
- MPSA: So You Think You Can Write on Nov. 14th in collaboration with McGill Writing Centre.
- First ever McGill Psychology Conference on Nov. 18th.
- Clothing orders have closed.

10. MUGS

- Still in search of a Fieldnotes Journal Editor-In-Chief.
- #BYOBiome Apartment Crawl on past Saturday; over 60 attendees. Will hold another crawl in the winter semester.
- Bob Ross paint night was a success.
- GIC workshops continuing every Friday at 2:30pm until end of semester. RSVP to attend.

11. NASSA

- October 11th Report: planning a research brunch or a departmental wine and cheese. Hoping to reach out to Liberal Arts Exec for a collaboration.
- November 8th Report: planning a wine and cheese to be held either in end of November or December. Will be finalizing details of event in the following 2 years.

13. Question Period

14. Next Meeting Time and Date

- November 22nd 2017 at 6pm

15. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 8:05 PM.

Title	Name	Present	Late/Leave Early	Recorded Vote on DPS
AUS President	Eric Partridge	Y		Opposed
AUS VP Communications	Maria Thomas	Y		In Favor
AUS VP Internal	Rebecca Scarra	Y		In Favor
AUS VP Social	Nathan Greene	Y		Opposed
AUS VP Academic	Madeline Wilson	Y		N/A
AUS VP Finance	Noah Lew	Y		Opposed
AUS VP External		Y		Opposed



Arts Representative to SSMU	Corinne Bulger	Y		In Favor
Arts Representative to SSMU	Jennifer Chan	Y		In Favor
Arts Representative to SSMU	Kevin Zhou	Y	Late (after recorded vote)	N/A
Arts Senator	Isabella Anderson	Y		In Favor
Arts Senator	Michael Nwabuo	N		In Favor
FEARC		Y		In Favor
AUS Environmental Council		Y		In Favor
AUS Equity Committee (AUsec)		Y		In Favor
ACE		Y		In Favor
AGELF		Y		In Favor
AHCSSA	Stefana Arvinte	Y		In Favor
ASA		Y		In Favor
ASSA		Y		In Favor
BASiC		Y	Left Early	In Favor
CLASHA		Y		In Favor
CSA		Y	Left Early	N/A
CSAUS		Y		In Favor
CSUS		Y		In Favor
DESA	Thomas MacDonald	Y		In Favor
EASSA		Y		In Favor
EPIC		Y	Left Early	Abstain
ESA	Buland Junejo	Y		In Favor
FMC (Financial Management Committee)		Y	Late	In Favor
GSA		Y		In Favor
HSA		Y		In Favor



ISSA		Y	Leave Early	In Favor
IDSSA		Y	Late	In Favor
JSSA		Y		Abstain
LAPSA		Y		Abstain
MESS		Y		In Favor
MIRA		Y		In Favor
MPSA		Y		In Favor
MUGS		Y		Abstain
NASSA		Y		In Favor
PSA		Y		In Favor
PSSA		Y		Abstain
RSUS		Y	Left early	Opposed
RUSS		Y		Abstain
SLUM		Y	Left Early	Opposed
SSA		Y		Opposed
SUMS		Y		Abstain
WIMESSA	Andrew Sandock	Y		In Favor
WSSA		N		N/A
Speaker of Council	Husayn Jamal	Y		
Recording Secretary	Rosalie Peng	Y		