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Report of Political Science Students' Association

President

- Welcome back to a new semester, the PSSA hopes everybody had a relaxed and restful holiday!
- The PSSA Constitution is due to be amended in January 2018. The amendments will:
 - Remove inconsistencies and errors in the previous constitution, as noted by the Constitutional and By-law Review Committee, and reviewed with the AUS President.
 - Include greater detail about the hiring practices for the Editors in Chief of the McGill Journal of Political Studies.
 - Clarifies the responsibilities of the VP External in terms of management of the McGill delegation to the Jeux de la Science Politique.
- Come pick up your Political Science Departmental Apparel in Leacock 420 during office hours! You must bring cash with you to pick up your order, and you will not receive your order without payment! As a reminder, hoodies are \$30 and the tote bags are \$15.
- Three members of the PSSA executive will have a standing meeting with Department Chair Hudson Meadwell twice a month. This will improve the PSSA's ability to advocate on behalf of students' interests.
- Members of the executive filled out their feedback forms over the holiday, and responses will be reviewed by the President.
- Feedback forms will be released to portfolio members in the coming weeks.
- The entire executive will be setting the timeline to elect next year's executive in the first months of the semester.

VP Academic

- The MJPS website will be renewed this semester, keep an eye out for a fresh look.
- The MJPS has hired a new Editor in Chief for the Online edition.
- The PSSA will be hiring next semester's peer tutors in the coming weeks.
- The VP Academic is working with the President and the department to put together a new process for managing student complaints about professors.
- The VP Academic will be releasing a feedback form in the coming weeks.
- The VP Academic is compiling a database of political science internships to be used as a networking resource for the Political Science Community.

VP Communications

- Keep an eye out for the first listserv of the winter semester!

VP Events

- The PSSA welcome back get together will be held Monday, January 15 in Leacock 429. Come say hi, enjoy some snacks, and catch up with friends after the holidays!
- We are in the process of confirming our winter activities, but keep an eye out for the following exciting events coming up:
 - Another Trivia Night to be held with Concordia's PSSA
 - The Political Science Games
 - Women in Academia speaker event

VP External

- The Jeux de la Science Politique is taking place in Ottawa from January 12-14. Good luck to the McGill Delegation!
- Those who participated in the MGAPS-PSSA mentorship pilot program, a feedback form will be released in the coming weeks.
- The VP External will continue to work with Concordia's PSSA to plan events that bring our two communities closer together.

VP Finance

- The VP Finance is reviewing the PSSA budget ahead of the winter semester.

VP Internal

- The Facebook Groups for all this semester's political science classes have been created and will be released in this week's listserv.
- The feedback form for the PSSA undergraduate mentorship program will be coming out soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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