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**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University  
Legislative Council  
February 21st, 2018, 6 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

- 6:03 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**

- Add Motion 9.4. Motion to Bring Credit and Debit Payments to SNAX.
- Add to 9.1 a whereas clause.

**5. Approval of the Minutes from February 24th 2018**

- Amend CSA roll call to change to Chip Smith from David Epstein.

**6. Review of Robert's Rules**

**7. Announcements**

- VP Internal: today is VP Social's birthday. Wish to sing a song for him.
- VP External: looking for proxies to go to SSMU meeting tomorrow as all execs will be going to the elections candidates' debate. AUS needs representation
- VP Academic: AUS Prof Talk and Francophone commissioner collaborative event next Monday at 6:30 pm. Departments running own tutor programs are due soon.
- AUsec: is giving away free Green tea this Friday if you bring a reusable mug and use the snapchat filter.
- AHCSSA: holding breakfast distress event on Feb. 28th. Event page on Facebook.
- GSFSSA: having an event tomorrow with a panel discussion on Peel to discuss race, representation topics, professors of colour, etc. Would like to have insight from people. Tomorrow at 6 pm.
- RUSS: holding a Prof Talk on Feb. 26th in Wilson Hall, Wendy Patrick room on industrialization.



- Speaker: food is prohibited in room. Three seats have been suspended: NASA, SUMS, and ASA due to not submitting reports. Will be submitting reports for reinstallation.

## 8. AUS Accountability Survey

- Deputy Secretary General: results of survey will be presented in 2 weeks at the next council meeting. Departmental execs can also fill out the survey.

## 9. New Business

### 1. Motion to Amend AUS VP External Role via Referendum

- Moved by VP External.
- ISAC to be folded into ACE due to its role not have grown since its debut two years ago. Events having trouble gaining an audience. ISAC will join ACE, which has more guidelines so ISAC will gain more experience
- AUS Council to send question for AUS Constitution amendment in Spring Period: remove ISAC from the list of committees that the VP External shall chair.
- ACE: Have you spoken with ACE?
- VP External: No.
- ACE: Do not know why ACE was not spoken to about this motion.
- VP External: Apologies, only found out about this recently and since referendum is happening soon, the motion had to be put out.
- Vote: 34 in favour, 2 opposed, 9 abstaining; **carried**

### 2. Motion to Amend Equity Committee Chair via Referendum

- Motion moved by AUS President.
- Equity Committee to be chaired from now on by an Arts Representative instead of the President.
- Equity can now be a more independent role in AUS, increase role in being able to hold AUS executives accountable.
- Arts Reps may also be more versed in equity.
- Equity Committee to be removed from President's portfolio.
- Senator Anderson: propose edit to "Arts Representatives to SSMU shall choose one to chair the committee" etc. Amendment withdrawn.
- President: retain it as it currently is for coherently across documents.
- Vote: All in favour; **carried**

### 3. Motion to Replace the Financial By-Laws

- Moved by President.
- Current Financial By-Laws have redundancies, inconsistencies and lack effectiveness.
- Proposed changes to be found in Appendix A.
- The changes would better define the role of joint associations and all accounts will be primarily internalized under the AUS.
- Changes would improve AUS finances and accounting practices etc.
- Changes to Article 3 “There must be a public budget, updated live...”
- Article 4 has been better organized.
- Article 5 budget deadline now better defined.
- Article 6 joint associations now defined more to have internal bank accounts. Increases majority needed to pass a deficit budget.
- Article 8 formatting. Stronger language to investigate misuses by FMC.
- Article 10 employee pay rules
- Article 11 internal accounts
- Article 16 SNAX
- Senator Anderson: these financial by-laws are completely new, or can we highlight what changes were made so viewers will find it easier to track the changes.
- President: started blank, so these by-laws are at least 60% distinct from previous by-laws. Cut out a lot of redundancies.
- Senator Anderson: Given starting over fresh, what role the VP Finance had in drafting financial by-laws, and if people can do a comparison with the older version.
- President: submitted before deadline and went through CBRC, so legislators had time to review. VP Finance and accountants participated and gave suggestions.
- Senator Nwabufu: what is the current vote needed to run a deficit budget?
- President: the clause was never used.
- Senator Nwabufu: motion to postpone this to next meeting as don't feel comfortable to not have read it beforehand.
- Seconded by Arts Senator Anderson.
- Vote to Table Motion: 1 Opposed. **Motion is postponed to 14th of March.**

### 4. Motion to Bring Credit/Debit payments to SNAX

- Feedback from recent survey wishes to have credit/debit payments available to SNAX to increase accessibility for students. As requested by students in survey
- AUS to shoulder costs associated with setting up Credit/Debit payments
- JSSA: Can you clarify “shoulder” the initial cost? Where in the budget would initial investment come from?
- VP External: it’s around \$300 for one payment, then monthly payments go \$60 onwards to operate machine.
- LAPSA: would this include OneCard payments?
- VP External: OneCard payments should be happening by the end of March
- President: OneCard is determined by McGill Student Housing and Hospitality Services (SHHS). This apparatus does not support OneCard yet but it could in the future
- ACHSSA: would there be a minimum for debit/credit payments?
- President: No minimum planned. Will research methods for not causing deficit; may ask for a “cash discount”, etc. or an additional fee for card payments
- MUGS: any considerations for whether there would be longer wait times?
- VP External: this way, people can pay with whatever they want.
- GSFSSA: Is there room in the SNAX budget for all the expenditures required?
- President: last year SNAX ran a surplus, currently still with a normal level surplus. Expect to be able to cover the \$60 fee due to SNAX selling more profitable items.
- VP Communications: Speak in favour to the motion; hear from a number of students wanting to pay with credit/debit. Will make us more accessible to the modern age.
- Vote: All in favour; **carried**

## 10. Reports of the AUS Executives

### 1. President

- Motions regarding small department associations submitted today. Candidates’ meeting held on Monday and debate tomorrow in Arts W-20. Still getting a few requests.
- Hiring platform ready for launch. Going live on March 14th when position applications will be opened
- Laptop Lending ready in a couple of weeks



- Revamping AUS By-Laws based on consultation with students through polls.
- Met with accountants on Thursdays to review taxes. Working on merging everything per advice. All departments that do not have their own bank account must bring cash money to AUS office. Cannot keep collected cash on hand for more than 48 hours from the time the money was collected.
- Certain activities such as samosa sales are now subject to taxes.

## 2. Academic

- Peer tutoring contract deadlines on Feb. 28th.
- Met with departmental executives to pilot textbook lending program. Allocated funding of \$5500 can only be used this year.
- Working with webmaster to revamp funding applications to be like the SSMU application.
- Taking on AUIF planning screened applications.
- Continuing writing course project, ideally SOCI, COMS, and PHIL.
- Submitted final LPC proposal to AUIF to include pleasure reading stations, lending service, etc. Send name of departmental rep to AUIFC.

## 3. Communications

- Rescheduling one French conversational circle and looking to hire another commissioner. Francophone Commission predominantly focused on Francofête and Cabane à Sucre. Getting a food truck etc.
- FAC met Feb. 14th to discuss feedback on Nuit Blanche. Extending the deadline for Winter Funding Applications for another week. Sending out surveys to gather feedback. Application linked in report.
- Marketing Committee designing stickers and posters for AUS.
- First Speaker booked for March 26th in W-215. Speaker is Cindie-Eve Bourassa: first female trade diplomat in Riyadh.
- Interviewing for graphic designer.

## 4. External

- WYBA attendance better than last year except for Speed Mentoring (had same attendance as past year).
- Reimbursements needed for UN Speaker etc.
- Looking for new venues for Grad Fair due to SSMU closing.
- EmbrACE Week from March 19th - 23rd.



- Met many people who wanted to be VP External next year. Will brainstorm how to restructure this portfolio to make it more efficient.

## 5. Finance

- Received funding money from McGill.
- Departmental allocations have been sent out. Contact VP Finance if allocation not received. Last semester some groups not sure if they need to pick up check. VP Externals please pick up checks for your department.
- FMC meeting cancelled.
- Two candidates passed VP Finance screening and will be running in the election. Debate will happen tomorrow night.
- Senator Anderson: what is the money that we received from McGill?
- VP Finance: the annual allocation from McGill.
- GSFSSA: if allocation was not received last semester because we were a new group, does the allocation carry over?
- President: no, funding is not allocated for that last semester.
- VP Finance: for future reference, money would usually roll over. This is a special case.

## 6. Internal

- Pick up events packet before 5:30pm on Tuesday. If you don't have it and security comes around, you may not be able to have your event.
- Finalizing budget for AUS Awards. Committed will be assembled in March.
- Met with building directors and SEDE representative about gender neutral bathrooms. However, we have a gender neutral bathroom but it's just not labelled. Will find the bathroom and looking into signage that will cost \$1000.
- AUSEC giving out free green tea on Feb 23rd.
- FEARC Quebec City trip happened. Potential formal with FYC.

## 7. Social

- Credit and Debit now taken at BdA. This week featuring \$1 wine and looking into more appealing \$1 gluten-free options. Looking into Sommersby or Sleeman's.
- EPIC has beer pong tournament this Friday. Looking to partner with McGill's Health and Fitness Promotion Lab to promote annual blood drive.
- Just released 2nd tier tickets for Grad Ball.
- Senator Nwabufu: regarding new reduced prices of BdA. How large are the portions?

- VP Social: it's the regular sized drinks.
- PSSA: regarding ticket sales, a couple people got errors after completing registration but payment has gone through.
- VP Social: the system got too many hits. Easy fix on our end and will be sending out tickets once received confirmations.
- President: We did not oversell as well, tickets were just not distributed.
- PSSA: so send payment confirmations to AUS?
- VP Social: yes.
- PSSA: If 2 tickets were purchased on the same order, can refund one without doing the other?
- VP Social: should be able to.
- MUGS: regarding blood drive, is there any acknowledgement by EPIC that blood drives are still exclusionary towards Men Who Have Sex With Men?
- VP Social: still thinking of how to promote this.

## 11. Reports of the Arts Representatives & Senators

### 1. Report of the Arts Representatives

- Arts Rep Chan
  - attended Clubs Committee, missed the Out Turn meeting due to conflict with AUS Equity committee meeting.
  - Equity Committee met last Wednesday. Please fill out survey crucial for future conferences.
- Arts Rep Zhou
  - SSMU Mental Health Advocacy meeting working on identifying key issues in residences
  - BoD meeting cancelled and will be trained next week.
  - AUIF screening meeting approved 4 applications.
  - Reconciling in quickbooks.
  - AUS awards, finalizing catering with McCord.
- Arts Rep Bulger
  - Services Review Committee created form for current services to fill out experience.
  - Updating Services Application so services do not have to be a club to become a service.
  - Provincial Representation Ad-Hoc Committee had presentation from both UEQ and AVEQ.

- Met with constituent to discuss MORSL. Currently under Student Services' jurisdiction.
- CSA: What is MORSL?
- Speaker: McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life.

## 2. Report of the Arts Senators

- Senate met Wednesday Feb. 21st. Senator Reddit AMA is up and will be answering questions tonight.
- Senate Caucus met Feb 5th to discuss Policy Briefs from individual senators.
- Senator Anderson
  - CSS meeting for Feb. 28th. Discuss how upcoming changes to Student-Life and Learning Portfolio may affect distribution in Student Services portfolio
  - Waiting for update for ESAAC.
  - Faculty of Arts Committee
  - Accountability Committee met Feb 14th to discuss Accountability Survey.
  - Ombudsman looked at how many cases were seen on campus. There has been a decrease and looking to advertise service more in case decrease was due to lack of visibility.
  - SLL covers highlights of what happened over 2016-2017, instead we are asking for areas of improvement Ex. increased student enrolment, etc. which uses a lot of campus resources Ex. lack of student housing this year.
- Senator Nwabufo
  - CESA waiting on update for next meeting.
  - MARAB met Jan 18th. Next meeting on April 5th.
  - Met with TVM and filmed first of series of Senator videos with SSMU President about food on campus. First one to come out this weekend.

## 12. Reports of Department Associations

### 1. JSSA

- Appointed new VP External.
- Planning rabbi round table discussion on topic of Jewish education.
- Jewish Studies Journal Dorot open for submissions.
- Callout for a Hebrew tutor.

### 2. LAPSA

- VP Coms to attend Equity Training.





- Collecting orders for sweatshirts.
- Possible wine and cheese this semester.

### 3. MESS

- Good turnout for Prof Talk on Feb 15th.
- Will collaborate with Branches for a cocktail launch party in April.
- Will collaborate with EASSA for an apartment crawl in March.
- Currently managing clothing orders.

### 4. MIRA

- Looking for participants in Industrial Relations case competition. Contact VP External if interested.
- Speaker Series on Feb 1st 2018.
- Wants to plan successful ILO Conference in tradition of past MIRA councils
- Participate in activities of CERI.

### 5. MPSA

- Now accepting online Square payments.
- NTCs this semester to include PSYC 318 (looking for writers/editors) and PSYC 337
- Psych Movie Night: Charlie Bartlett on Feb. 27th in Arts Lounge.
- MPSA Spins Again on March 24th
- Mental Health First Aid on March 24/25
- Psych Case Competition on March 30/31
- PSI Journal Launch tentatively March 26th
- Annual Psych Grad Event in the works for April 7th
- Fall 2017 clothing orders have arrived and are ready for pickup. Winter 2018 catalog has closed.

### 13. Question Period

- There were no questions.

### 14. Next Meeting Time and Date

- March 14th 2018 @ 6PM

### 15. Adjournment



- Adjournment at 7:22 PM

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Late/Leave Early</b>
<b>AUS President</b>	Eric Partridge	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Communications</b>	Maria Thomas	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Internal</b>	Rebecca Scarra	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Social</b>	Nathan Greene	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Academic</b>	Madeline Wilson	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Finance</b>	Noah Lew	Yes	Left Early
<b>AUS VP External</b>	Alice Yue	Yes	
<b>Arts Representative to SSMU</b>	Corinne Bulger	Excused	
<b>Arts Representative to SSMU</b>	Jennifer Chan	Excused	
<b>Arts Representative to SSMU</b>	Kevin Zhou	Excused	
<b>Arts Senator</b>	Isabella Anderson	Yes	
<b>Arts Senator</b>	Michael Nwabufo	Yes	
<b>FEARC</b>		Yes	
<b>AUS Environmental Council</b>		Yes	
<b>AUS Equity Committee (AUsec)</b>		Yes	Left Early
<b>ACE</b>		Yes	
<b>AGELF</b>	Felicia Thibaudeau	Yes	
<b>AHCSSA</b>	Sarah MacRae-Korobkov	Yes	
<b>ASA-S</b>	SUSPENDED	N/A	
<b>ASSA</b>	Carmella Munyuzangabo	Yes	
<b>BASiC-S</b>	Julia Kafato	Yes	
<b>CLASHA</b>	Leah Damo	Yes	
<b>CSA</b>	Chip Smith	Yes	
<b>CSAUS</b>	Aidan Fehr	Yes	
<b>CSUS</b>	Nicholas Lee	Yes	



<b>DESA</b>	Thomas MacDonald	Yes	
<b>EASSA</b>	Christopher MacDonald	Yes	
<b>EPIC</b>		No	<b>NOT excused</b>
<b>ESA</b>	Evan Chung (now VP External)	Yes	
<b>FMC (Financial Management Committee)</b>		No	<b>NOT excused</b>
<b>GSA-S</b>	Martin Croquez	Yes	
<b>GSFSSA</b>	Emma Clark, Bee Khaleeli, Emily Stimpson, Kyle Stewart	Yes	
<b>HSA</b>	Rachel Almuli	Yes	
<b>ISSA</b>	Mario Bozzo	Yes	
<b>IDSSA</b>	Zain Bhanji (new VP External)	Yes	
<b>JSSA</b>	Proxy today; Sara Gruszczynski	Yes	
<b>LAPSA-S</b>	Noah Kaplan	Yes	
<b>MESS</b>	Charlotte Aubrac	Yes	
<b>MIRA</b>	Sarah Bedard	Yes	
<b>MPSA</b>	Lilith Shiloh Li	Yes	
<b>MUGS</b>	Jesse Bartsoff	Yes	
<b>NASSA-S</b>	SUSPENDED	N/A	
<b>PSA</b>	James Lawrence	Yes	Left Early
<b>PSSA</b>	Liam Kirkpatrick	Yes	
<b>QSSA</b>		Yes	
<b>RSUS</b>	Jay Lu	Yes	
<b>RUSS</b>	Basil Sylvester	Yes	Late
<b>SLUM-S</b>	Nicole Ryan (filling in), Basil Sylvester	Yes	
<b>SSA</b>	Michelle Garcia	Yes	
<b>SUMS-S</b>	SUSPENDED	N/A	



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<b>Speaker of Council</b>	Husayn Jamal	Yes	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Rosalie Peng	Yes	

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