



**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University
Legislative Council
January 10th 2018, 6 PM**

1. Call to Order
 - 6:02 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
5. Approval of the Minutes from November 22nd
6. Review of Robert's Rules
7. Announcements
 - VP Internal: sent out email about doing Intramurals. If anyone is still interested, need to sign up a team by tomorrow.
 - VP Academic: if department wants to do a peer tutoring program, application materials sent out today.
 - Senator Anderson: reminder that next Student Wellness meeting is on the 16th in the Brown Building in room 302.
 - President: all Referendum questions passed.
 - Arts Rep Bulger: Daycare Board of Directors looking for new board members.
 - Speaker: GSFSSA welcomed to council. Food and beverages are prohibited in LEA 232. Reports must be submitted by Sunday evening at 6pm. If hit 3 absences, your funding next semester will be cut.
8. Straw Poll: Computer Reduction (AUS President)
 - Where should computers be taken away from?
 - Ferrier Computer Lab — 34
 - Lab in basement of Leacock — 3
 - Computers throughout Leacock Lobby (2 will remain) — 5
9. New Business
 1. Generative Discussion: Departmental Funding Allocations (AUS President)
 - Because base fee was increased, options are available to put this extra money to use
 - Discussion:
 - No discussions raised.

- Straw Poll
 - Present Level — 0
 - Adjusted for CPI (8%) — 0
 - Adjusted for CPI + Baseline Increase — 33
 - \$1.50, \$1.00, \$2.75 — 4
 - 15% + Baseline — 4
 - 25% + Baseline — 0

2. Generative Discussion: Arts Undergraduate Society Budget (AUS President and VP Finance)

- Base Fee increased, so now can decide ideas and projects that are deserving of additional funding.
- Surplus of \$23,000 surplus currently; can spend \$11,000 on new projects and would still have a few thousand left for surplus
- Questions
 - Senator Anderson: AUS is not for profit, so are these ways to spend down to break even, or to continue having surplus? The surplus is currently long.
 - VP Finance: aiming for small surplus. Currently surplus is too big, so need to spend it down.
Senator Nwabuo: is any of the money going towards the Departmental Funds?
 - President: \$1,700 moved to departments
- Ideas
 - VP Academic: Textbook resource Session. List of high enrolment classes: buy textbooks for 10% of the enrolment and have course rent/borrow out the textbooks to students. Made a list (10-15) and would require \$4000 for this project. No parameters for which students qualify for need (or if there would be any)
 - Senator Nwabuo: how much would VP Academic need?
 - VP Academic: \$4000, but haven't actually calculated the enrolment of classes yet.
 - Senator Nwabuo: Up the amount off \$5500.
 - VP Internal: President's Round Table, FEARC allocation had been decreased, AUsec budget, request to increase budget.
 - VP Social: give VP Internal a budget for AUS Awards. In past years, runs off surplus from Sleeman's contract.

- VP Internal: Already have that allocated in budget.
- VP Communications: Speaker Series hasn't been accounted for financially past \$1000, which is an ineffective amount. Couple thousand allocated to Speaker Series.
- President: Equity committee increase \$250.
- VP Finance: the figure noted is \$11k. Do have a lot of money sitting in bank right now, and there are good suggestions put forward. It is possible and financially feasible for AUS to run a deficit this year. Requires 2/3 vote to run a deficit.
- President: FMC gets large allocation (\$55,000). In past only spent 50%. Additional \$20,000 and don't have to go into deficit.
- Senator Nwabufo: what is the FMC's mandate?
- President: the journal fund (approx. \$20,000), department funds, special projects fund.
- HSA: question for VP Academic, ideas are cool but textbooks change year to year for high enrolment classes.
- VP Academic: talk to library about trying to sell them. Ideally contact department who will tell when textbooks have changed. Open to suggestions as do not have a good one now. Donation possible.
- AGELF: Francophone commission has a project to translate all the AUS documents. Current involved translators do not receive salaries. Would it be possible to allocate towards this.

3. Motion to Amend the Allocation Decisions of the Arts Student Employment Fund Committee

- Moved by VP Academic
- \$16,850.00 approved in funding on Nov. 22nd 2017; professors now realized that there was left over money from a now non-existent program and no longer require the recently approved funds
- As Professors Nicholson and Doering no longer require their funding, the new appropriate amounts would be \$13,850.00
- Vote:
 - In favour — 40
 - Against — 0
 - Abstain — 0
- Passes

10. Reports of the AUS Executives

1. President

- Met with Teaching and Learning Services on Mon. to discuss increased collaboration between AUS and TLS
- Arts Rep Chan will act as Chair of Equity Committee for semester on trial basis.
- DPSLL processed new fees that are now reflected for this upcoming semester as election deadline was still past the McGill deadline (despite being earliest in years).
- New printer installed
- MoA signed with Lassman Photography Contract, currently working on the rebate implementation

2. Academic

- ASEF amended two approved allocations
- Peer Tutoring tutors received checks and if not should go to the AUS office. Applications for 2018 have just went out.
- Departmental funding applications for Winter 2018 has gone out earlier this week.
- Hired new External Coordinator for the Essay Centre
- Met with Enrolment Services to discuss implementation options for waitlist universalization. Disheartening meeting, but SOCI will use them next semester and Enrolment Services suggests other chairs to consider.
- Curricula Review: working with PSSA to increase number of 200-Level courses for the Major program from 5 to 6. All VP Academics should review their department's curricula and contact AUS VP Academic if there's anything that should be changed.
- Senator Anderson: what are the implementation options for the waitlist universalization?
- VP Academic: currently it is a departmental decision whether or not to use waitlists. Also has an "Opt-out" decision in addition to "Opt-in"

3. Communications

- 1 Francophone commissioner going on exchange so looking to recruit anew one. Small turnout to holiday story telling event.
- Nuit Blanche (by FAC) happening Feb 1st. Currently looking for performers.
- Marketing Committee recruited 4 new members and is restructuring the committee to include positions and portfolio.
- McGill Talks will begin.

4. External

- ACE
- MHAUS: working on expanding into a full committee for next year and is drafting bylaws.



- ISAC: main projects are resource website and office hours
- Looking for sponsors for laptop lending program
- WYBA starting at the end of the month in collaboration with CaPS. Full schedule now available.

5. Finance

- FMC will be meeting next week for allocations
- Stipends were paid to stipend employees at the end of the semester
- Cancellation of AUS Ball and AUS 25 will reduce expenses by approximately 13k
- Fee changes that passed in Referendum period will cause AUS revenues to rise by approximately 17k
- PSA: when can projects expect to receive their funding from last year?
- VP Finance: should receive once goes through council.
- VP Internal: when will applications come out for _____
- VP Finance: next few weeks.

6. Internal

- Room Bookings & Liquor Permits: before event, come to AUS office and pick up "events basket" with permits, rules, cleaning supplies, etc.
- Still remaining pre-booked wine and cheese dates in Arts 160. Contact VP Internal if which to claim one of them. Submit liquor permit request at least 7 weeks in advance.
- AUS Intramural: will be either Dodgeball or Volleyball. Those who wish to be on the team should fill out interest form and await confirmation.
- Others:
 - AUS Awards
 - Gender Neutral Bathrooms in basement
 - Automated door for AUS Lounge
- AUsec:
- FEARC will be meeting this week and has an upcoming Quebec City Trip.

7. Social

- Preparations for BdA's first event: communication with staff, management etc. and reconfigured staff numbers.
- EPIC: cancelled AUS 25 concert plans and AUS Winter Ball. Reconfigured schedule for Winter Semester Events.
- Started applications for Grad Ball committee hiring process. Applications should go out before next council meeting.
- Senator Nwabufo: how many tickets are there?



- VP Finance: 650 tickets last year, this year around 900. Hoping for 1100, but still expecting to sell out.

11. Reports of the Arts Representatives & Senators

1. Report of the Arts Representatives

- Report given by Arts Rep Bulger
- Arts Rep Chan
 - Unable to attend last SSMU meeting on Nov. 30th.
 - AUS execs had breakfast with Dean & Associate Dean of arts on Dec. 4th and spoke of feasibility of fall reading week, mental health, and minerva error etc.
 - AUS: FAC meeting on 21st, no meeting yet for CLFC, and currently am no longer a member of Accountability Committee due to referendum passed. Currently Chair of the Equity Committee
- Arts Rep Zhou
 - SSMU council approved 4 Motions
 - AAC: reaching out to some selected departments to discuss viability of winter start.
 - SSMU: Judicial Board concluded its ruling on the FallGA, BoD nominations to be ratified online or at another GA.
- Arts Rep Bulger
 - Looking to work with SWSA to increase awareness about trans-friendly and gender neutral washrooms on campus and have one in Leacock or Arts Building.
 - Faculty of Arts Committee: meetings to resume
 - AAC: meetins to resume
 - SSMU: Services Review Committee meetings; met with Connor Spencer to discuss Committee on Provincial Representation. Daycare board of Directors looking for 2 more student representatives to sit on board.

2. Report of the Arts Senators

- Senate: meeting scheduled for Jan. 17th
- Senate Caucus: next meeting Jan. 15th. Will be discussion continuation of Senator AMA, Project Proposals and updates.
- Senator Anderson:
 - CCS: meeting on Jan. 31st. Looking for feedback on CCS's communication with McGill body.
 - ESAAC: looking for next meeting date.
 - Faculty of Arts Committee: next meeting Jan. 23rd.



- Accountability Committee: will be coordinating next meeting soon.
- Senator Nwabuo:
 - CESA: did not meet.
 - MARAB: topics covered recently include hazing management on Varsity teams, starting of a Nutrition lab, proposed changes to Student Athlete Code and Varsity Code. Working on the One-Card system.

12. Reports of Department Associations

1. AGELF

- Reasonable attendance at 6@8 of Nov. 23rd. Hope to attract more students to next 6@8 event this month.
- No undergraduate student came to end of semester party on Dec.15th. However, graduate students came.
- Starting a film club this semester. Organized 3 Cinéclub sessions during winter semester: a Quebec film, a French-language film, and a French film. Films to be followed by a discussion period.

2. AHCSSA

- Department potentially filling new professor position in Contemporary Global Art; collaboration initiated by VP Academic.
- Collaborating with Department by proposing candidates for Speaker Series; also initiated by VP Academic. So that not only prof-choices are invited in, which results in low attendance.
- Callout to fill VP External and Academic positions is ongoing. Conducting interviews.
- Wine and cheese even on Jan. 16th.

3. ASA

- Appointed a Co-President.
- Got a table for activities night and posted exec photos and intros on ASA Facebook page. In the process of setting up and Instagram.
- Doing a Wine and Cheese soon.
- Anthropology Department current looking to hire a new professor. ASA and AGSA lobbying for an Indigenous hire.
- Planning Winter GA.

4. ASSA

- President will perform role remotely. VP Internal is new chair of meetings.
- Accepting essays for academic journal.



- VP Academic is preparing survey for all students in the three ISID undergraduate programs to gain feedback on AFRI courses and program in general.
- Panel info session planned with Professor Khalid Medani et al. and graduate students, professionals, researchers, etc.

5. BASiC

- Had a Lunch and Learn MedSchool session.
- Auctioned off two MCAT preps.
- Had a semi-formal with a fair turnout
- Clothing orders of the previous semester arrived mid-exam season.
- Created a team for Science Games.

6. CLASHA

- Searching for new VP External and Academic, will be putting more info on Facebook and Listserv.
- Will be having a mini film series for Jan. 25th and Feb 1st.
- Salsa lessons with SSMU, Wine and Cheese on Feb. 20th.
- Apartment Crawl
- Moving office space to 3435 McTavish.
- Will soon put out call for journal submissions.

13. Question Period

14. Next Meeting Time and Date

- January 24th 2018 @ 6PM

15. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 7:34 PM

Title	Name	Present	Late/Leave Early
AUS President	Eric Partridge	Yes	
AUS VP Communications	Maria Thomas	Yes	
AUS VP Internal	Rebecca Scarra	Yes	
AUS VP Social	Nathan Greene	Yes	
AUS VP Academic	Madeline Wilson	Yes	
AUS VP Finance	Noah Lew	Yes	



AUS VP External	Alice Yue	Yes	
Arts Representative to SSMU	Corinne Bulger	Yes	
Arts Representative to SSMU	Jennifer Chan	Yes	
Arts Representative to SSMU	Kevin Zhou	Yes	
Arts Senator	Isabella Anderson	Yes	
Arts Senator	Michael Nwabufo	Yes	
FEARC		Yes	
AUS Environmental Council		Yes	
AUS Equity Committee (AUsec)		Yes	
ACE		Yes	
AGELF	Felicia Thibaudeau	Yes	
AHCSSA	Sarah MacRae-Korobkov	Yes	
ASA		Yes	
ASSA	Carmella Munyuzangabo	Yes	
BASiC		Yes	
CLASHA	Leah Damo	Yes	
CSA	David Epstein	Yes	
CSAUS	Aidan Fehr	Yes	
CSUS		NO	Excused
DESA	Thomas MacDonald	Yes	
EASSA	Christopher MacDonald	Yes	
EPIC		NO	
ESA	Buland Junejo; Today represented by Evan Chung	Yes	
FMC (Financial Management Committee)		NO	
GSA		Yes	



GSFSSA	Emma Clark, Bee Khaleeli, Emily Stimpson, Kyle Stewart	Yes	
HSA	Rachel Almuli	Yes	
ISSA		Yes	
IDSSA	Zain Bhanji (new VP External)	Yes	
JSSA	Proxy today; Sara Gruszczynski	Yes	
LAPSA	Noah Kaplan	Yes	
MESS	Charlotte Aubrac	Yes	
MIRA		Yes	
MPSA	Lilith Shiloh Li	NO	Excused
MUGS		Yes	
NASSA	Véronique Marquis	Yes	
PSA	James Lawrence	Yes	
PSSA	Liam Kirkpatrick	Yes	
QSSA		NO	Excused
RSUS	Proxy	Yes	
RUSS	Jay Lu	NO	
SLUM	Nicole Ryan (filling in), Basil Sylvester	Yes	
SSA	Michelle Garcia	Yes	
SUMS	Marie Leech	Yes	
WIMESSA	Andrew Sandock	Yes	
Speaker of Council	Husayn Jamal	Yes	
Recording Secretary	Rosalie Peng	Yes	