



**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University
Legislative Council
March 14th 2018, 6 PM**

1. Call to Order

- 6:04 p.m.

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

- VP Academic: Add to agenda Motion to approve allocation decisions, and Motion to integrate the bylaws for the commuter support and engagement community. Both with appendixes
- Arts Rep Zhou: Add Motion to ratify FMC decisions, and Motion to approve amended IDSSA budget for 2017-2018
- IDSSA: Motion to pass the IDSSA constitutional amendments. No motion as of right now
- Stands approved as amended

5. Approval of the Minutes from October 25th

- Stands approved as distributed

6. Announcements

1. VP Internal: AUS awards is happening April 9th. Received an email with invitations. More information to follow in report
2. ACE: Next week is EmbrACE week. Events on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Check out ACE's Facebook page for links to the events
3. President: AUS elections are complete, congratulations to the new executives
4. Speaker: food is prohibited in this room. All beverages must have closed lid that can be sealed. GSA, LAPSA and SLUM have been suspended

7. Petitions to Reclaim Suspended Legislative Council Seats

- President: Funding cannot be reclaimed, only the seats on Legislative Council

1. Anthropology Students' Association (ASA)

- Suspended as of 2018-02-21
- Circumstances:
 - Late Reports (0.5): Jan. 10, Jan 24
 - Missing Reports (0.5): Feb. 7
 - Unexcused Absences (1.0): Feb.7
 - Total: 2.5 out of permitted 2.0
- Family emergency occurred, followed by miscommunication with departmental president and VP Internal
- No opposition and seat is **reinstated**

2. North American Studies Students' Association (NASSA)

- Suspended as of 2018-02-21
- Circumstances:
 - Late Reports (0.5): Jan. Nov. 22, Jan. 10
 - Missing Reports (0.5): Jan. 24, Feb. 7
 - Unexcused Absences (1.0): N/A
 - Total: 2.0 out of permitted 2.0
- Department had been in disarray
- No opposition and seat is **reinstated**

3. Bachelor of Arts and Science Integrative Council (BASiC)

- Suspended as of 2018-02-21
- Circumstances:
 - Late Reports (0.5): Jan. 24, Feb. 21
 - Missing Reports (0.5): Nov. 22, Jan. 10
 - Unexcused Absences (1.0): N/A
 - Total: 2.0 out of permitted 2.0
- Did not know which dates that reports were due for association.
- President: move to reinstate the seat and funding presuming that the email was sent. Move to dismiss. Seconded by VP Communications.
- No opposition, the suspension is dismissed, and the Notice of Suspension is **withdrawn by the Speaker**

4. Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students (SUMS)

- Suspended as of 2018-02-21
- Circumstances:
 - Late Reports (0.5): Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 21
 - Missing Reports (0.5): Oct. 11
 - Unexcused Absences (1.0): N/A
 - Total: 2.0 out of permitted 2.0
- Forgetful, and decided to set alarms from now on
- No opposition and seat is **reinstated**

8. Presentation of AUS Accountability Survey Results

- All members of the executive committee left the room.
- Questions are ranked on a scale of 5, with 5 being the highest score of the question.
- Arts Rep Chan has few responses as she had been a late addition to the survey.
- President: Will take all opinions into consideration as to improve structure of AUS and to better serve students further. 2 main concerns.
 - 1) bias towards various departments. Follow by-laws as to ensure that no exec is biased towards any one department. Can also refer to Secretary-General or Speaker should feel uncomfortable
 - 2) Office not feeling welcoming and “clubhousey”. The office space can get less formal over time and may not feel good for everyone. Want to make office space also more approachable
 - Concern about President not responding to emails in time. Apologies. Working to get back to usual response rate before slump
- VP Communications: None
- VP Internal: Regarding office hours. Never missed office hours, but schedule does not work for everyone acknowledged. Let me know if those hours do not work for you. Email response time has been affected by personal circumstances but will work to respond in a timely manner. For room bookings, will CC everyone so that they can see that responses are being submitted, to make people feel more comfortable
- VP Social: Concerns about not having office hours this semester. This is due to no one ever coming last semester. Usually schedule meetings through emails as office hours not mandated by constitution. This system currently works for portfolio. Don't want to sit in office and get paid for not doing anything but departments can provide feedback if they would like to see the VP Social hold office hours
- VP Finance: Concerns such as lost emails. Emails are forwarded between finance assistants and can get lost and ultimately do not respond in reasonable time frame. Will talk about with successor to make FMC email more accessible for people.



Another thing was office hours. Have been late to office hours due to class time, however, mostly am at office hours, or can be contacted through email. Budget confusions should be addressed structurally, as well some people don't know where to pick up cheques. Cash floats not being procured on time is also a concern. Assistants are the one who prepare them, but they should be ready when you ask for them. Will talk to assistants for better communication method.

9. Unfinished Business

1. Motion to Replace the Financial By-Laws

- See Appendix A
- Current Financial By-Laws have redundancies, inconsistencies, and are ineffective.
- Changes will allow for executive compensation at discretion of council and guarantee work study.
- Changes would also better define role of joint associations and follow recommendations of professional accountants.
- Be it resolved that AUS Council ratify the Financial By-Laws in Appendix A.
- Vote: 2 Abstentions, carried.

10. New Business

1. Motion to Approve the Allocation Decisions of the Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund Committee

- Moved by VP Academic.
- AUIF sustained by an opt-mutable fee of \$16.70 per semester for full-time students, half for part-time, or 1/4 for Faculty of Arts and Science.
- Funds awarded once a year no later than first week of March. AUIF made funding decisions on Feb. 28th 2018.
- Recommended allocation amounts to \$202,729.00 of \$379,735.62 available as of the 28th.
- Numbers are approximations as some departments do not have exact dollar amounts.
- Large ones include Library Partnership. Some tech projects may end up coming from the Tech fund.
- Be it resolved that AUS approves all allocations listed in Appendix B.

- President: Move to amend allocations under AUS bylaws to include \$10,000 to repaint the lounge and office (B-12). Seconded by VP internal. Council approved this funding last year up to \$7000 from operating budget. Rather do it from the infrastructure fund, which has \$3000 more dollars for repainting.
- Amendment is Friendly.
- Be it resolved that AUS approves all allocations listed in Appendix B, as well as the \$10,000 for repainting B-12 in Leacock AUS Executive 1.
- Vote: 1 abstention. **Carried.**

2. Motion to Approve Departmental Election Exemptions

- Two-third vote needed to waiver annual electoral process for the departments requesting exemptions listed in Appendix C.
- DESA: Really thing reserve exemptions for departments with a few dozen students. Ex. AHCSSA has few hundred, “inbred” feeling from no elections.
- President: Some science cross-over groups want to opt-out Ex. MESS, MUGS,
- AHCSSA: have few hundred students, but not many applied
- WIMESSA: Motion to add WIMESSA to the list. Seconded by VP Communications. Includes language minors not included in election systems, so in past years have done separate elections.
- ISSA: Motion to add ISSA to the list. Seconded by Arts Rep Chan. ISSA is a small society that formed this year. Only recently filled exec positions. Thus wish to recruit from listservs and classes.
- SUMS: Motion to add SUMS to the list. Seconded by Arts Rep Chan. Last year used a different platform because it worked with our listserv, and we plan to use it again.
- President: All Amendments are friendly.
- VP Internal: Noticed that RUSS did not give any explanation.
- President: Move to hold a voice vote for each Department if there are objections. None Opposed.
- BASiC: Was already exempt, since it’s a joined group.
- Vote
 - AHCSSA — Opposed by DESA. Vote: 27 Yes; 1 Opposed; 11 Abstaining. Granted.
 - ASSA — Granted
 - CSA — Granted

- CSAUS — Granted
- JSSA — Granted
- MESS — Granted
- MUGS — Granted
- PSA — Granted
- RSUS — Granted
- RUSS — Opposed. Vote: 13 yes; 13 Opposed; 14 Abstaining. **Not Granted**
- WIMESSA — Granted
- ISSA — Granted
- SUMS — Granted

3. Motion to Ratify Fine Arts Council Winter Funding Allocations

- Moved by VP Communications
- Ratify FAC winter funding allocations as attached in Appendix D.
- Must show funding decisions to council.
- Vote: unanimous. **Carried.**

4. Motion to Approve the Allocation Decisions of the Arts Student Employment Fund Committee

- Moved by VP Academic
- ASEF sustained by opt-mutable fee of \$6.50 per semester for full-time; \$3.25 for part-time.
- Funds awarded in two rounds. Made decisions of February round on March 13th.
- recommended allocations amount to \$55, 250.00 of \$56,230.88 available as of March 13th.
- Vote: 2 Abstentions. **Carried.**

5. Motion to Approve Financial Management Committee Allocation Decisions

- Moved by Arts Rep Zhou.
- FMC decisions must be ratified by AUS legislative Council per amendment to bylaws.
- FMC held meeting Feb. 28th
- A for Effort, CSUS, HSA, NiRC, Sankofa and Tribune were tabled.
- Vote: unanimous. **Carried.**

6. Motion to Integrate the By-Laws for the Commuter Support and agreement Committee

- CSEC was an ad hoc committee formed on Sept. 27th 2017. Has operated successfully since.
- CBRC has made recommendations for the by-laws.
- Be it Resolved that AUS approves the integration of the Commuter Support and Engagement Committee By-Laws in Appendix G.
- Vote: 2 Abstentions. **Carried.**

7. Motion to Approve Amended IDSSA Budget for 2017-1028

- Moved by Arts Rep Zhou. Seconded by VP Finance.
- FMC moves that IDSSA's newly amended budget to be approved again
- Allocation of \$400 for cash prize, which was contrary to AUS financial by-laws, where monetary rewards cannot be given from allocated budget. But at the meeting, this was not the case, so moving to recommend that council approves their budget again
- President: were there changes to the budget? Or are we just going forth with the already in-place budget?
- Arts Rep Zhou: Will provide minutes for council later. Was not at the meeting.
- VP Finance: There were no further changes to the budget.
- Vote: unanimous. **Carried.**

8. Motion to Approve the Amended IDSSA Constitution

- Moved by IDSSA VP External.
- Positions of U1, U2, and U3 reps were abolished from constitutions. Added in an equity and equitable accommodation clause. Also changed eligibility of students to run for a position on co-running basis so that students can split the term with another running mate.
- Went through CBRC review in November.
- Vote: unanimous. **Carried.**

11. Reports of the AUS Executives

1. President

- Elections open for departments.

- Hiring opens this week for approximately ten days. Will be prompted by email late tonight/early tomorrow morning.
- Laptop lending for 70 laptops dictated maximum length a student can keep a laptop to 5 weeks in a semester. Hoping to add 10 laptops.
- Computers reduced in labs, and work order placed to install STM reloading station in Leacock hallway
- Merging in SNAX finances under advice of auditors to claim back input tax credits.
- SNAX got new furniture and looking into fee plans for credit and debit machine.

2. Academic

- Valedictorian and Teaching Awards deadlines extended to 3/12. Decisions made 3/26.
- AUIF held on 2/28.
- ASEF E-vote held ending on 3/13.
- Met with all 4 interested departments for Textbook Resource Centre and should have purchases made by end of week.
- Faculty of Arts Committee to allocate \$2 billion to humanities and social sciences research.
- Met with Associate Dean Lucy Lack for waitlisted projects. To be discussed at Undergraduate Program Director Meeting on 3/20.

3. Communications

- Looking to hire another commissioner. Commissioners having a maple and board game night on 19th.
- FAC has been working on winter funding allocations. Since just approved, will go out either tonight or tomorrow. Workshops from reps will happen soon.
- Marketing Committee looking to table for AUS in Leacock. Will make posters for AUS and try to get a geo-filter.
- First Speaker Series happened on March 12th. Next one will be on March 26th.
- First McGill Talks happened.
- Hired another graphic designer.
- Did not realize had to present winter budget for FAC. This has now been posted.
- Post-International Women's day shout out to all women on council.

4. External



- EmbrACE Week coming up (ACE & MHAUS) on 19th -23rd. Includes movie night, therapy pups, a breakfast etc. Tampon Drive for the week; in a box kept out of the AUS office that will be donated to the Women's Shelter of Montreal.
- Receiving requests for free table booking from groups external to McGill. Working out a policy for external charity/non-profits to give them a discount on tabling.
- Grad Fair venue booking at New Rez Ballroom, will cost around \$2000 plus tax. Happening on week of Nov. 5th. Timing as to avoid conflict with SUS and other schools Ex. Concordia.

5. Finance

- AUIF happened before the break. All applications received at least some of the funding they were asking for. Some received more due to surplus from previous years.
- Total allocated was \$202,729.00.
- FMC decisions are now being approved separately. A member at large on FMC will no longer be continuing due to different time commitment.
- Will conduct lengthy transition with new VP Finance.

6. Internal

- AUS Awards happening April 9th starting at 7pm. Venue is accessible. Cocktail style, different from previous years. This year can have 225 people compared to 60 from last year. Looking for 3 departmental executives to sit on selection committee, which will happen 2 weeks from today. Once RSVPs confirmed, will add all attendees to a Facebook group.
- No more liquor permits for this semester, since need 7 weeks to process.
- Discussed with Dean of Arts about inappropriate comments in CSA meeting made by professors. Discussed ban on professor/student relationships, which was met with hesitancy. Also meeting with Dean of Students, Chris Buddle.
- AUsec Golden Key Discussion on March 26th @ Ecole. 24 spots, people need to sign up.
- FEARC will be meeting this Thursday.
- QSSA: For event in April, are children allowed? President is a single mom.
- VP Internal: Do not foresee this since AUS cannot provide childcare. Do not have any resources that can be provided.

7. Social



- Somersby launch delayed (supposed this week) due to delays in delivery. Will be at BdA next week. Tokens in line. Credit/Debit only line. Approval for new coat racks.
- EPIC still meeting, considering timeline for rest of semester. May be looking at a smaller, fundraiser-based events.
- Finalized plans for Grad Ball. Table form released. Bursaries given out to all applicants. Finalized contract with pixiebooth.

12. Reports of the Arts Representatives & Senators

1. Report of the Arts Representatives

- Arts Rep Chan
 - Attended Club Committee on 28th
 - Missed last SSMU meeting due to AUS debates and floor fellow duty. Sent candidates as proxies.
 - Equity Committee meeting was postponed
 - Had breakfast with Dean on the 3rd.
 - Unable to attend Computer Funding Committee.
- Arts Rep Zhou
 - Missed las SSMU meeting due to AUS debates
 - Last BoD meeting postponed.
 - AUIFC meeting held, faculty and student approvals for departmental improvements to lounges were discussed.
 - AUS awards in the works.
- Arts Rep Bulger
 - Attended Coming Up Together Conference in Ottawa on Feb. 20-22nd to get ideas/connections for SSMU program Supporting Programming for Students from Foster Care. Invited by VP university Affairs.
- Arts Rep Chan: Concerns over her approachability. I am very approachable, please send emails.
- Arts Rep Bulger: "Loud and aggressive". Any concerns with that please let me know.
- Arts Rep Zhou: "Can be unprofessional sometimes but does his job". Done for sake of making people laugh.

- President; Move to amend Agenda to postpone the department reports to be spread amongst next councils as to allow time for confidential meeting.
Seconded by Arts Rep Chan.
- Vote: Carried.

2. Report of the Arts Senators

- Did not report verbally – not present at meeting. Summary of written report follows below:
- Next Senate meeting is Wednesday, March 28th.
- Senate Caucus met Feb. 26th, March 12th. Introduced finalize proposal on integrating mental health and student rights information into course syllabi.
- Senator Anderson
 - CSS met on Feb. 28th. Reviewed advisory Board reports and revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Committee. Discussed upcoming changes to Student Life and Learning Portfolio.
 - ESAAC conflicted with a mandatory class conference.
 - SLL very supportive of language to be included in course syllabi on mental health and students' rights project.
- Senator Nwabufo
 - MARAB next meeting is on April 5th.
 - OneCard Expansion development

13. Reports of Department Associations

- Tabled to next meetings.

14. Question Period

- There were no questions.

15. Next Meeting Time and Date

- March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

16. Confidential Business

- Rise to reconvene for confidential session at 8:05 p.m.
- Confidential session minutes recorded separately

17. Adjournment

- Adjourned after confidential business at 8:32 p.m.



Title	Name	Present
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	Excused
Arts Senator	Michael Nwabufo	NOT EXCUSED
FEARC		Yes
AUS Environmental Council		NOT EXCUSED
AUS Equity Committee (AUSec)		Yes
ACE		Yes
AGELF	Felicia Thibaudeau	NOT EXCUSED
AHCSSA	Sarah MacRae-Korobkov	Yes
ASA	Reinstated	Yes
ASSA	Carmella Munyuzangabo	Yes
BASiC	Julia Kafato	Yes
CLASHA	Leah Damo	Yes
CSA	Chip Smith	Yes
CSAUS	Aidan Fehr	Yes
CSUS	Nicholas Lee	Yes
DESA	Thomas MacDonald	Yes



EASSA	Christopher MacDonald	Yes
EPIC		NOT EXCUSED
ESA	Evan Chung (now VP External)	Yes
FMC (Financial Management Committee)		Yes
GSA	Martin Croquez - SUSPENDED	N/A
GSFSSA	Emma Clark, Bee Khaleeli, Emily Stimpson, Kyle Stewart	NOT EXCUSED
HSA	Rachel Almuli	Yes
ISSA	Mario Bozzo	Yes
IDSSA	Zain Bhanji (new VP External)	Yes
JSSA	Proxy today; Sara Gruszczynski	Yes
LAPSA	Noah Kaplan SUSPENDED	N/A
MESS	Charlotte Aubrac	Yes
MIRA	Sarah Bedard	Yes
MPSA	Lilith Shiloh Li, Proxy MPSA President	Yes
MUGS	Jesse Bartsoff	Yes
NASSA	Reinstated	Yes
PSA	James Lawrence	Yes
PSSA	Liam Kirkpatrick	Yes
QSSA		Yes
RSUS	Jay Lu	Yes
RUSS	Basil Sylvester	Yes
SLUM	Nicole Ryan (filling in), Basil Sylvester - SUSPENDED	N/A
SSA	Michelle Garcia	Excused
SUMS	Reinstated	Excused
WIMESSA	Andrew Sandock	Yes



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