**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**September 20th, 2018, 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
	* 5:38 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 the Minutes from April 11th
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Submitting Reports and Motions to the Speaker
	* Speaker: When submitting reports (e.g. department status reports), ensure they are in .PDF form as the Speaker will not edit them. When submitting motions, ensure they are in .DOC(X) (any Word or Pages format) as the Speaker will edit them. All documents must be clearly named (e.g. ARTS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT), submitted to speaker.aus.mcgill@gmail.com several days before meetings (i.e. if a meeting is Wednesday 6 PM, submit documents Sunday 6PM)
7. AUS State of the Society
	* Presented by President.
		+ Recording Secretary: Cannot include all the presentation’s contents at this time because it is unavailable online.
8. Frosh Budget
	* Presented by VP Finance
		+ Recording Secretary: Cannot include all the presentation’s contents at this time because it is unavailable online.
9. Announcements:
	* PSSA: The PSSA, HSA, ESA, IDSSA, and SSA are holding a “Welcome Back: Les Cinq à 8” event at La P’tite Grenouille, Friday September 21 from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. Tickets are $5, $7 for non-departmental students.
	* VP Internal: When booking rooms, exhibit room booking etiquette and keep the rooms clean, don’t move any furniture, and don’t touch anything on the walls, as per the Manager of room bookings’ (Arts, Leacock, etc.) request. The Dean has said that if any AUS-affiliated groups/departments leave rooms dirtier, we will lose booking privileges for a whole calendar year.
	* VP Academic: Tutor applications are closing soon.
	* Arts Senator: SSMU hiring Associate Senators, First Year Students that will assist SSMU Mentor-Senators’ projects, whose duties include conducting research.

1. New Business
	* Motion to Approve Standing Rules of Council
		+ Motion opened
			- Moved by President and VP Internal
		+ QUESTIONS
			- Arts Representative (Garima Karia): Questioned Appendix 11.2, “Withdrawal without obtaining permission from the Speaker shall constitute absence from that Council meeting.”
				* Discussed the accessibility issues of these rules and other attendance-based rules that are in the AUS constitution but not the standing rules

Motion to vote for amending Appendix 11.2 with regards to attendance and accessibility of attendance

Motion approved

* + - * Arts Rep (Ana Paula Sanchez): Could we strike out Article 11 for today?
				+ President: No, we need to decide on an amendment today.
		- MOTIONS
			* SLUM: Motion for amendment of Striking 11.2
			* Arts Rep (Garima) Motion to enter debate for amending Standing Rules (individual time 2 mins, total time 10 mins)
				+ Vote: Entertain the Motion of Amendment

Motion carries, MESSA abstaining

* + - * + DEBATE

SLUM: People should be able to leave for whatever reason (inaccessible for people to announce their departures). Proposed an alternative system where you can contact the Speaker afterwards (not in a public forum).

Arts Rep (Garima): Echoing SLUM: Inviting councillors to strike this clause, because the absence of clause makes meetings more accessible. Proposed NO standing rules about absences.

PSSA: Reason for leaving should only be announced if it is different from what was previously stated.

Ricardo: There is accountability for the AUS to be at every meeting. If you come then leave early, you're not living up to your responsibilities as exec.

President: Clarification - Need to find the balance of holding accountability and being accessible - don't strike 11.2 but amend it (compromise) "IN order to leave, person must send Speaker an email or note as they are leaving" Formal Motion to Amend.

* + - * + AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES 11.2

SLUM: Reiterating Maria (Friendly amendment/point)

President: Clarifies that 11.2 is "Permanent withdrawal from AUS Legislative Council requires a note being passed forward to the Speaker or an email," as it hadn't been accessible before this point.

DESA: Emergencies shouldn't be met with consequences even with delayed notice

MESS: Important to go over the permission aspect. What constitutes permission? We need to address that grey area

DESA: Also must discuss the level of disclosure required for emergencies. In emergencies, one may not be comfortable with informing Speaker.

* + - * + Motion for a five minute recess

Motion carries unanimously

Resumed at 6:42

* + - * + DEBATING AMENDMENT

SLUM: Good alternative would be to have a laptop at the door with a Google Doc open to use that as a sign-out sheet

Speaker would have their own laptop to see who leaves as it happens (real-time sign-out)

Better than writing a note

Ricardo: Would there be a way to modify that you can leave without permission, but the relevant consequence would be at the Speaker's discretion?

VP External: Is it possible to raise placards and say, "I'm leaving now"? That isn't permission granted but someone can make note of the leaving.

SLUM: That's the idea of the Google Doc, so that we can see in real time and contribute to the quorum

Ricardo: If someone leaves without filling in the Google Doc, Speaker would hold them accountable

GSDFSSA: There are other actions we can take to people being irresponsible; there doesn't have to be a mechanism of consequence in the standing rules

Arts Senator (Madeline): Advocates for the placard rule; some people might not be able to use their computer or phone for the Google Doc idea

SLUM: My proposal was to have a laptop readily available at the door for the whole meeting.

PSSA: We shouldn't assume that people are going to abuse motions. No one's going to abuse them. We shouldn't ingrain punishments in the Standing Rules, that's inaccessible. Everything's made in good faith and up to the interpretation of the Speaker. If someone has a problem, bring that up to the Secretary General. There's already a lot of accountability measures and we should trust to move forward with the discussion.

GSA: Motion to Call the Question

For redefining the amendment: can do either Google Doc, note, or placard - should make it so that the person leaving can choose what works best for them

SLUM: We should reword the amendment before we vote on it.

* + - * + Motion to Vote for Amendment of 11.2

Motion carries unanimously

* + - * + Motion to Amend 11.2

Motion carries

* + - * Equity Committee: Motion to Strike 11.1 because 11.2 covers everything
				+ Motion to Vote to Entertain Motion to Strike 11.1

Motion carries

* + - * + Equity Committee: 11.2 already covers everything so 11.1 is unnecessary
				+ PSSA: Motion to call the question

Motion carries

* + - * + Motion to Vote to Strike 11.1

Motion carries

* + - * + Motion to Strike 11.2

Motion carries

11.1 is struck from the Standing Rules, so 11.2 is now 11.1.

* + - * GSA: Motion to call the question
				+ Motion to vote to call the question

Motion carries unanimously

* + - * + Motion to call the question

Motion carries unanimously

* + - * Motion to adopt amendment of standing rules
				+ Motion carries
	+ Koreans' Students Fee Motion
		- President: For a fee to be created, we need to ratify it. We need to approve a fee for an EAS course that's a trip to Korea in the summer.
			* Trying to create a fee
		- QUESTIONS
			* GSA: Would the fee for this trip course be higher than the price of a typical course?
				+ President: Yes, but only the people who go on the trip need to pay the higher fee.
			* VP Finance: Why do we need to do this if it's not in our constitution?
				+ President: The AUS must ratify departmental course fees.
		- MOTIONS
			* VP External: Motion to vote to table the Korean Students' Fee Motion
				+ Motion carries unanimously
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				+ Motion carries unanimously
	+ Motion to Approve Departmental Election Exemption for the Anthropology Association
		- Moved by VP Internal
		- ASA (Outgoing VP Internal for ASA): Last year, one of co-presidents had to step down and she was the only incumbent exec, so ASA missed the deadline for the election. We want to hold an exception election asap to serve ASA.
			* QUESTIONS
				+ President: Was there a blurb attached to the motion?

Yes

* + - * + Ricardo: How would the transition period go?

ASA: Like it is in Spring but moved to now (formal outgoing reports and meetings with incoming executives).

* + - * MOTIONS
				+ President: Motion to call the question

Motion to vote to call the question

Motion carries

Motion to Approve Election Exemption for ASA

Motion carries unanimously

1. Executive Officer Reports
	* President
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		+ Did not submit August report, but will submit it later

QUESTIONS

* GSA: Last year, there was a motion to make SNAX take debit payments. Where is the investment to make SNAX take Debit at? Where is it standing and are there problems?
	+ President: We have to look into it. Though we decided it, it hadn't been fulfilled. Will look into it and bring it back to the table.
* VP Academic
	+ Portfolio doesn't start until September so agenda was mostly transitioning (attempting to meet with Jacob)
	+ Getting reports from New Committee Hires
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QUESTIONS

* AGELF: AUS should be providing computer program for loans and returns (textbook lending program). Are we getting that or doing that on our own?
	+ VP Academic: It's not set up yet, there's a problem with it that we are working with the Webmaster to fix.
* AGELF Follow-up: When is that happening?
	+ VP Academic: Will be in contact and table.
* AGELF: When is the first academic table happening?
	+ VP Academic: Doodle will be sent out soon
* VP Communications (by VP Internal, since Jamal was absent)
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No questions

* VP External
	+ Mostly planning Grad Fair
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No questions

* VP Finance
	+ May - Cleaning up books from last year to prepare for audit (originally scheduled for June but didn't happen because the bookkeeping was in disarray).
		- Trained new financial assistant, Annabel
		- Frosh budget, finished early June (as required in bylaws). Ran surplus.
	+ June - Auditors came in, looked at finances, and couldn't deal with them. Audit rescheduled.

No questions

* VP Internal
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QUESTIONS

* Are we enforcing the room-booking rules/thing?
	+ VP Internal: Yes. We have been given the list of room availabilities (and we have access to them) so we don't have to correspond until it's confirmed.
* VP Social (presented by VP Internal)
	+ Pre-planning for Frosh and orientation week
	+ Recording Secretary: Cannot include all the presentation’s contents at this time because it is unavailable online.

No questions

1. Reports of the Arts Senators
	* Agenda amended to switch Senators and Reps' reports because the Reps needed additional time to prepare.
	* Reports: Voted in favour of divestment. Have to endorse next Board of Governors meeting. Not an official policy, but importing.
2. Reports of the Arts Representatives
	* Not online at the time of the meeting.
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No questions

1. Reports of Departmental Associations
	* Nothing to report.
2. Question Period
	* MESSA: Is every meeting going to be on Wednesday?
	* Yes.
3. Next Meeting Time and Date: October 3rd, 6:00 PM
4. Adjournment
	* Motioned by VP Internal
		+ Motion carries