

AUS STATE OF THE SOCIETY



Legislative Council
September 20th, 2018

Your Role

- Represent your constituents
- Hold us (AUS Executives) accountable
- Sit on an AUS or Faculty Committee
- Generally contribute to the function of the society
- You were elected for a reason so if you want to bring any changes, do it and we will support you!

What is the AUS?

- The representative of all ~9000 students in Arts
- A corporation and non-profit
- We are governed by

What we do?

- Represent student interests
- Endeavour to promote the well being of Arts Students
- Provide services



Representation

- AUS Council
- AUS Committees
- Representation at SSMU
- FEARC
- Faculty of Arts Committees
- Selection Committees
- Student Services
- McGill Administration
- Academic Rights Support
- Libraries

Events

- Frosh
- Bar Des Arts
- Quebec City Trip
- Nuit Blanche
- Grad Ball
- Prof Talks
- Wine and Cheese Events
- AUS Teaching Awards
- Grad Fair
- Work your BA
- Dean's Breakfast
- EmbrACE Week
- AUS Departmental Fair
- All the wonderful events you put on!

Services

- Arts Lounge
- Handbook/Agenda
- Essay Center
- Employment on Campus (ASEF + AUS positions)
- Computer Lab
- Funding for Departments + infrastructure
- Laptop Lending Program
- French Conversation Circles
- Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society
- Website
- Listserv
- Journals
- Lockers
- SNAX
- AIO (injunction with McGill)
- First-year letter
- Charity + philanthropy
- Post-grad opportunities
- And we can keep growing

The AUS Team

- You are your exec
- Senators
- AUS Exec + Arts Reps
- Assistants

AUS Exec

- President (Maria): chairs excomm and assistants, official spokesperson, oversees Elections AUS, corporate responsibilities
- VP Academic (Chloe): runs AUS' academic programs and services, faculty representation, advocates for student rights
- VP Communications (Jamal): writes listserv, manages AUS website + media, oversees Fine Arts Council and Francophone Commission
- VP External (Rebecca): represents AUS at SSMU, runs sponsorship, in charge of alumni relations and post-grad opportunities
- VP Finance (Mia): manages AUS finances, chairs FMC, AUIF, handles taxes

- VP Internal (Kevin): Liaises with departments, oversees all AUS spaces, oversees FEARC, and AUSec
- VP Social (Kim): runs frosh, chairs EPIC, runs BDA
- Arts Rep (Andrew): hold exec accountable, represent Arts at SSMU
- Arts Rep (Garima): hold exec accountable, represent Arts at SSMU
- Arts Rep (Ana Paula): hold exec accountable, represent Arts at SSMU

WHAT THE FUND?

AUS BASE FEE

- non-opt-outable
- Funds AUS' operations/events, department
- FMC: \$13.50
- B.A. Sc/part time: \$6.75

ARTS UNDERGRADUATE THEATRE SOCIETY

- Funds the operations of the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society
- B.A.: \$1.00
- B.A. Sc/ part time or B.A. &Sc: 0.50

ARTS COMPUTER LAB FUND

- Goes toward computer lab resources for AUS members who contribute to this fee
- Opt-outable
- B.A.: \$7.85
- B.A. Sc/part time BA: \$3.93

ARTS INTERNSHIP

- Non-opt-outable
- 5 year fee through 2020
- B.A.: \$14.00
- B.A & Sc/Part time: \$7.00

Financial History of AUS

- 2008 to 2012: failed to provide audit to government
- Also didn't pay taxes during this time government seized \$120000
- McGill withheld student fees for 2012-2013
- In late 2013 taxes were paid and audits submitted, ultimately fees were released
- Government returned the money in 2012 which has been help in a GIC
- AUS ran a \$50k surplus in 2013, \$100k in 2013-2014
- AUS ran a loss of \$60k in 2014-2015
- 2015-2016: ran a small profit - \$10k, stabilized finances
- 2016-2017: broke even but without SNAX, frosh ran a deficit
- 2017-2018: ran a deficit of 10K

Our Present State

- Currently in audit
- Services are running but could increase in number
- Departments are strong but also could increase in number

Our Future

- Could expand amount of departments we have
- Need to renegotiate our MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with McGill
- Taking more concrete steps towards a more equitable society

THANK YOU