**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**October 31st, 2018, 6:00 PM**

* 1. Call to Order
     + 6.07 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. Meeting Minutes for Approval: AUS Meeting October 17th, 2018
     + Motion carries
  5. Approval of the Agenda
     + Motions
       - President: Motion to add 3 Motions to New Business
         1. Motion to Ratify the Equity Bylaws
         2. Motion to Ratify Financial Audit Documents
         3. Referendum questions

Motion carries; new motions added to New Business

* + - Vote to approve agenda
      * Motion carries
  1. Student Mobilization Around Unpaid Internships
     + Social Work Student Association (SWSA): Students are mobilizing to protest forms of violence on indigenous peoples and unpaid internships.
     + At our last General Assembly, we voted for a limited General Strike from classes and field placements. Social Work students do 100 hours of unpaid internships in their programs. We think this is unfair because it contributes to the gendered inequality in unpaid internships like nursing, social work: women are more likely to be in these fields and these fields are more likely to be unpaid.
     + We wanted to make you aware that we are doing this mobilization. All SWRK classes will be cancelled by the administration or by active disruption of the classes by students. This may affect you and your fellow students. We wanted to provide you with our information to reach out to us or have solidarity with us.
     + On Wednesday, November 21, we'll be at a demonstration with other CEGEPs and universities to demand a fair equitable living wage for all students in all levels of studies (internships and field placements).

Questions:

* 1. Arts Senator Wilson: Is there any way that the AUS could contribute to this or make a statement about this?
     + SWSA: A statement would be great. AUS is huge, so maybe you can organize a strike or if you reach out to us we can organize this to spread the word through this big faculty. There's a mailing list on our Facebook page and if you sign up to be added to it, we can keep you updated on that. If the admin does not cancel classes, we'll need people to disrupt the classes and enforce the strikes on all SWRK classes. We have external support for this and this is standard practice (just clarifying).
  2. Arts Rep Sanchez: Is there a guideline in terms of class disruption for folks to follow if they want to help in this mobilization?
     + SWSA: Student strikers must be with a member of one our exec the whole time. We knock on the classroom door and ask if the professor is willing to cancel class for the cause of the strike. Usually they are willing, but even if they are unwilling, we just get louder and louder until they are forced to cancel the class.
  3. Announcements
     + Fill out the Accountability Survey!
     + VP External: Grad Fair is happening on November 7 in the New Rez Ballroom! 61 schools are attending so come on out. We still need volunteers and the form will be on the Facebook group again so please sign up!
     + JSSA: Thank you for all the support over the last few days regarding the Pittsburgh massacre. We appreciate how many people showed up to the vigil yesterday and thank you again for being supportive.
     + VP Finance: Encourage everyone, especially smaller departments, to apply to the Supplementary Department Fund (SDF). You can get a lot of money to hold additional events! Apply for the SDF on the AUS website under Services. If you need help, contact me.
     + Arts Senator Wilson: McGill is holding an in-person consultation for a revised Code of Consult on Thursday the 8th (4-6 pm), Friday the 9th (10am-noon), and [one other time that the Recording Secretary missed].
     + EPIC: Our annual Apartment Crawl is coming up. It's for cancer and in collaboration with Movember McGill. Tell your friends about it. Our official page is up. We appreciate the support.
     + Arts Senator Sanchez: Thank you for coming to the SSMU daycare trick or treat. It was very appreciated.
  4. New Business
     + Motion to Amend the Standing Rules of Council [PASSED]
       - President: No one has ever been in charge of updating the bylaws on the website so this motion addresses that it will be Marie or my responsibility to update them 48 hours after every council since there are so many old by-laws on the website.
     + No debate
       - Motion carries
     + Motion to Approve New Logo for the CSA [TABLED]
       - CSA: We want to change our logo
         1. DESA: I thought we weren't allowed to use the official McGill crest?

Speaker: You may want to redirect your question to someone who knows more

* + - * 1. VP External: According to our MOA, we are not allowed to use McGill in the name of the logo unless the department's name officially has "McGill" in it. And in this case, I don't think this applies to the Classics department. But I'm certain we're not allowed to use the martlet or the logo in official departmental logos.

CSA: This logo was previously approved, so maybe that's not the case?

* + - * 1. VP External: Unfortunately it could have been approved because people didn't know it was a rule or that it was in violation of the MOA. I can verify this?

CSA: We can take out "McGill" but I think the martlet should be double checked because it's slightly different than the official crest/logo

* + - * 1. Arts Senator Wilson: I would ask predecessors to see if the CSA has an individual contract with AUS or McGill. I would suggest going through old documents, too, to see if you have special permission to use the graphics and McGill name.

CSA: Sounds good

* + - * Motions
        1. VP External: Motion to table this motion
      * Points:
        1. President: Point of order. To table is next meeting?

Speaker: Tabling is until the next time someone brings it up

* + - * 1. VP External: We're motioning to table this indefinitely?

Speaker: Motion to table indefinitely means you can never bring it up again, fun facts. We would be going with a regular motion to table until we have the clarification to properly consider the motion.

* + - * Motion to table this motion
        1. Motion carries
    - Motion to Amend the AHCSSA Constitution [PASSED]
      * AHCSSA: We're trying to add Article 11 for affiliations to our Constitution. We have an affiliate group, Fridge Door Gallery (FDG), a student-run gallery. This means part of our funding goes to the FDG and we have an FDG liaison for the role of showcasing art in addition to selection based on both parties' approval. By the way, they're having an exhibition this Friday, check the Facebook group.
        1. Motion carries
    - Motion to Advocate for the Removal of the “Redmen” Team Name at McGill [PASSED]
      * PSSA: Firstly, the Redmen name harms indigenous students psychologically and mentally., especially to have to play for a team or have a team represent this. To clarify, the issue is not just the name of the uniform or because of Irish descent: the logo and helmet has an Indigenous caricature and the Redmen name used to be "Indians" and "Squaws." There's a change.org position and an open letter that now has over 1000 signatures.
      * PSSA: The AUS mandates Arts Senators to advocate for the name change at the Senate level. Sign open letter. We'd like the AUS release a letter that calls for the change of the Redmen name and stand by it in solidarity.
    - Motions
      * Arts Senator Wilson: Friendly motion to re-word and to add another Be it Resolved clause. Be it resolved, the AUS executive committee will submit a written submission to the University's Working Group on Principles of Commemorations and Renaming calling for the men's varsity names to be renamed.
        1. Context to say that written submissions are still approved.
    - Questions
      * GSA: Does this translate into AUS saying that the name should be changed? Is that a fancy way of saying that? Or is there something more to this motion?
        1. PSSA: One of them is a statement that the exec will make if this passes, in addition, it mandates the Senators to question the university about the name change. It doesn't mandate them to vote yet but it doesn't apply. The AUS exec will send a statement to the Working Group to change the name. This motion allows many ways for the AUS to say we stand by this and for the AUS to go through with these.
    - Vote
      * Motion carries
    - Motion to Approve FMC Membership [PASSED]
      * FMC: According to the AUS bylaws, the FMC Members-at-Large have to be approved by the AUS Council. We have three MALs. Please approve them.
        1. Motion carries
    - Motion to Approve FMC Decisions [Late] [PASSED]
      * FMC: This is to approve the decisions from the October 16 and 30th meetings to approve departmental budgets and applications. For the most part, this motion is just a matter of transparency.
        1. Motion carries
    - Motion to Amend the AUS Constitution and Referendum [PASSED]
      * President: The Constitution dictates that if your proxies don't come to council twice, you lose your funding and council seat. You can appeal for your council set back but not your funding back. Personally, we feel that this punishes a whole department for a few people's mistakes and disregards the fact that we are all students with lives. I'd like to strike this clause.
    - Questions
      * VP External: When this email is sent out, is there a reference that explains to people who aren't on council that explains the circumstances? Will this be in the referendum to give context for people who aren't part of these meetings?
        1. President: It's not the norm but it's possible, we can definitely do that
      * MESS: Is the President the only person who can approve or disapprove the request to reclaim the funding?
        1. President: It's not me. It's Council. We vote as Council. I think it's simple majority, it doesn't specify two thirds
      * CLASHA: Why would they be the messaging the President then, if it's not the President? Shouldn't it be the Speaker?
        1. President: That's a good question. I don't know. I think that's just put in place. It should be the Speaker. I would be open to a friendly Amendment to change this whole question to reflect the Speaker and not me.
    - Motions
      * CLASHA: Friendly motion to amend the Motion to reflect the Speaker and not the Principal?
        1. Motion carries
      * Arts Sen Wilson: I think it'd be more succinct to integrate 9.2 into 9.1.1.1. Change the wording to make it more concise.
        1. Motion carries
      * Multiple motions for fixing typos and wording here and there
        1. All carry
    - Vote
      * Motion carries
    - Motion to Amend the Equity Bylaws [PASSED]
      * President: I say the equity bylaws are outdated. It says the Equity Commissioners can't handle cases about sexual violence. I don’t know why this clause is in here since this isn't true, typically these cases are all handled by them. We do ask them if they can handle it and give them the option to step away given the emotional labour of the task. We do need to go to the Legal Council (we do seek outside resources) and this is just to handle any future legal problems that could arise from people claiming Equity Commissioners aren't supposed to be handling cases about sexual violence.
        1. Motion carries
    - Motion to Ratify AUS Documents
      * President: Regarding the financial audited documents from the previous year, they just need to be ratified for AUS Council.
    - Motions
      * AHCSSA: Motion to add "Finance" to "Vice President" to make "Vice President, Finance"
    - Vote
      * Motion carries
  1. Executive Officer Reports
     + President
       - Committees: half of council still has not joined a committee so the committees could not start
       - Accountability surveys are coming out for executives and exec reps
       - Hired a dep-sec gen and had a meeting with the sec-gem team
       - AUS Elections is doing a good job
       - Projects: consultation, meeting with Equity Commissioners tomorrow, gonna try to do Employee mixer, scheduling meeting with the dean and execs to discuss stuff
     + Questions
       - AHCSSA: Does every department VP External need to be on a committee?
         1. President: Yeah.
       - PSA: If we submitted this, we don't have to resubmit the Councillor's Committee form, correct?
         1. President: Yeah.
       - GSA: Is that the thing you sent last Wednesday?
         1. President: Yeah.
       - AHCSSA: Does it have to be us or can it be another person on our exec?
         1. President: It has to be the VP External.
     + VP Academic
       - Absent (Sick)
     + VP Communications [Late]
       - Francophone Commission event happening this Friday in the arts lounge at 5 pm. There's gonna be food
       - Another event on November 6
       - FAC (Fine Arts Council) positions applications
       - Webmaster: just got them to do miscellaneous maintenance on the site
       - Delegated roles to photographers and media coordinators
       - Managed social media and LinkedIn
       - Good readership on the listserv
     + VP External
       - Office hours on report, shoot an email for appointment
       - Grad Fair November 7 - most people have paid, just chasing a couple of people. Finalizing floor plan and we need some more volunteers
       - Work your BA: sent feedback form on what panels people would be interested in. Was not a representative sample of the AUS but interest in communications and journalism, managerial stuff, etc.
       - Committees: ACE working on community outreach project and we had a meeting. Sponsorship has interviews for coordinators to expand committee to include more sponsorships.
       - After Grad Fair, I'll write bylaws
     + Questions
       - Arts Senator Wilson: I'd like to ask about engagement committee, what's going on with that?
         1. VP External: I've been in communication with Sophie and I'll send out the application form tomorrow. We'll look out and then hire people, hopefully.
     + VP Finance [Late]
       - Happy Halloween! I'm glad to be spending it with you all.
       - Working on submitting new Work Study applications for Senators because Work Study said you can't just add them to the AUS, you have to submit new applications. They got back to me so we're getting the ball rolling
       - Figuring out how to do exec payrolls since we added that to the budget last Committee. Working with sec-gen to set that up
       - FMC's picking up. Met with them yesterday. Please apply. We have money to give. Especially for small departments!
       - Applying emails, working with Women and House (who uses our bank account and we have to coordinate their sponsorship)
       - Working on AUS Business Card
       - Did a couple of bank deposits
       - Getting things from FROSH sponsorships
     + VP Internal
       - It's been a busy week as usual
       - Meeting on a case by case basis for the department equity training. Shoutout to Equity Commissioners for holding equity makeup trainings. Thanks for attending. There are still people who did not email me or attend training. Please make sure everyone has attended a session or to contact me by THIS WEEK. If not, we'll have to move forward with the bylaw processes as early as next council. Please make sure everyone is accounted for. I will try to make as many exceptions as possible.
       - Finally chasing down last departmental packages. Some departments are only now being elected and have new execs so I'll be following up on an individual basis
       - MIRA, AHCSSA, and CLASHA, I have spare keys if you need
       - We have access to another room to which I'll be allocating things. Further discussion needed. Potentially moving AUS and other departments that need space.
       - Office hours!
     + VP Social [Late]
       - There's a couple things with Frosh that I didn't put on there. Frosh is not over with. VP Finances (Mia) and I received all the last Frosh sponsorship checks and revenue from so everything is earned back. We're all good.
       - BdA: Working with sponsorships and student groups for outreach opportunities and tabling
       - Met building director for a debrief to talk about BdA, its direction, and maintaining and cleaning our property in the spaces we use
       - Looked into renewal of liquor permit for the winter semester so we won't have to shut down BdA in the second part of the year
       - EPIC: We did have EPIC by-times: we made more profit than we thought since we ended up taking more teams. Finalizing our departments.
  2. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
     + Arts Representatives
       - Karia
         1. General SSMU Council business: GA happened on Monday. We didn't meet quota. There were only two motions: new board members and auditing entity that SSMU has chosen. Both passed but because we didn't meet quotum they'll do another thing at legislative council. It's tomorrow.
         2. We've been working on transparency motion to make sure legislative council is adequately covered by campus media. Minutes are live or filmed. Rewritten to become policy that'll come up on council as well
         3. On Finance committee. Meeting now. Will update you all next time.
         4. Francophone committee
       - Sanchez
         1. Striking Family Care that doesn't apply now
         2. Health and Dental Committee meeting with SSMU on Friday
         3. AUS Equity has been doing trainings; and
         4. Will be sitting on joint sub committee at Summit with women and family care
       - Figueiredo
         1. Signed on an FYC representative to get SSMU documents translated in French. Many of them just aren't in French.
         2. Met with Library Partnership
         3. Many projects in the works.
         4. Governance Committee has first meeting on Friday
         5. Student Affairs meeting coming up on November 7. If we should know something don't hesitate to contact me.
         6. Different office hours this week. 11-12 tomorrow as well as regular office hours
     + Arts Senators [Late]
  3. Reports of Departmental Associations
     + CSAUS
       - We met with the Faculty in Canadian Studies in late September. They're cutting the Major, Honours, and Joint Honours programs without any warning. I'm trying to send this info to Canadian Studies students and promoting the program until April which will be the last opportunity to do a Major, Honours, or Joint honours in Canadian Studies. There are 14 people in these majors and so Quebec and McGill don't want to fund it.
         1. They weren't gonna tell us that they were shutting the program down so we'll working with the Professor to adjust the minor program
       - Shutting the building down 'cause they can't get insurance. The program's dying. The admin is moving to Ferrier
       - QSSA at Chateau Ramsay. Two exhibits on the 100th anniversary of WWI
       - Exec photos releasing in next few weeks
       - Tutoring sessions
     + Questions
       - Arts Sen Wilson: Regarding programs, in order to cut programs, the pacific programs have to be put under review in the university. Has there been a formal review?
         1. CSSA: We asked the program director but she didn't have an answer for that. She became program director in May, so she may not know. As far as we know there was no formal review.
       - Arts Rep Figueiredo: Will they let people currently in the program stay in it until they graduate?
         1. CSSA: Yes.
       - President: Would you like any support?
         1. CSSA: Thank you, but given the numbers, we don't think they'll do anything. The Minor program has 20-30 people so they're focusing on that, not the other programs. A new director was appointed last week so we hope he'll pay for that but we don't think so. We also don't have any faculty support.
       - ESA: Will you have any courses be cut in the long run?
         1. CSSA: We asked that as well. Many of the 400 courses are sponsored by donors. So CANS 200, one 400 level will stay but the honours seminars and most of the 300-level courses will be cut.
     + IDSSA
       - General updates: currently accepting IDSSA sweater orders
       - Apartment crawl this week. Accepting registrations for all McGill students
       - Publications website being developed. Launched next semester
       - Received first sponsorship in terms of gift certificates. Being used to incentivize students to take the academic feedback survey
       - Events: IDCCP info session. Registration still going
       - Upcoming events: General meeting on November 8 for all IDSSA students to share feedback
         1. Speaker panel with CLASHA
         2. Graduate info session on November 16
         3. Wine and cheese booked for late November
     + AHCSSA
       - All we've done is elected people into their positions. It's been slow. That's all.
     + GSFSSA
       - IGSF just Abortion Beyond Bounds conference
       - Talk on mobilizing victimhood which was yesterday
       - Reforming curriculum as it stands, we have two different courses on research methods and research so we're looking to combine those
     + HSA
       - Recently hosted haunted histories lecture series with CLASHSA
       - Process of hiring internal staff for history journal. Didn't have good turnover.
       - Finding undergrads to sit on Search Committee for new indigenous studies professor
       - Work with the graduate students of HCGSA for student-professor relationships and clarify the contexts in which this is inappropriate. Making voice heard for the departmental meetings at the professors
     + Questions
       - MESS: Can you post in the Facebook group the post about Search Committee for the indigenous studies professor?
         1. HSA: Yes.
     + ISSA
       - By-weekly Café Italia events. Meet up at the Rose café on University. Meet up, have conversation sessions (practising Italian language skills) - all types of language skills welcome, no need to be in ISSA
       - Movie club
       - November 19 - Movie screening
       - November 27 - The café director is coming in
       - November 9 - Cultural apartment crawl with HSA, CLASHSA, etc.
  4. Question Period
     + No questions
  5. Next Meeting: November 14th, 6:00 pm
  6. Adjournment
     + PSSA: Motion to adjourn
       - Motion carries