**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**March 20th, 2019, 6:00 PM**

* 1. Call to Order
     + 6:01 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: [Meeting Minutes February 27th 2019](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AUS-Meeting-February-27th-2019.docx)
     + Minutes approved
  5. Approval of the Agenda
     + President: Motion to add all motions that were submitted late to the agenda
       - Motion passes
     + President: Motion to switch items 7 and 8 on the agenda because the SSMU President is running late
       - Motion passes
     + [Point of Personal Privilege] Senator Wilson: Is the screen working?
       - Speaker: Oh, that's a good question. is the screen on? [She turns the screen on] It should be now.
  6. Announcements
     + VP External: AUS Awards is on April 10. I'm gonna put the form in the group again and I sent it to all the departmental executive emails I have. Please sign up to go. Departments have been emailing me requesting extra spots and I'll do my best to accommodate everyone. I included the link to the house on the event to the group. It's cool. It'll be fun. Excited to see you there.
     + VP Finance: The end of the semester is coming and the office will be closed during finals. If you have any cheque requests you haven't submitted, please submit them as soon as possible so you can pick them up before the office closes.
     + VP Communications: Nuit Blanche is next Thursday at Thompson House. It's free, catered, and fun, so… Just sign up for a ticket, there aren't that many left. There will be tickets at the door, too, if that's how you wanna go.
     + Arts Senator Wilson: If you're interested in being on the working group for the University Assessments Policy. I can explain more in my report but yeah let me know.
  7. Presentation of [SSMU Master Plan](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SSMU-Master-Plan-Presentation-.pdf) by SSMU President
     + Presentation (SSMU President)
       - Hi everyone. I'm Tre Mansdoerfer. He/him pronouns. I'm here to talk about the SSMU Master Plan. There's a Facebook event up for it right now too, and this slideshow's also up. Both valuable resources. I've had opportunities to speak to all the other faculties so far. I think you'll like this and this is a strong point of referendum. To start off, I'll talk about student projects so far this year.
         * Internal

Centralized calendar

The goal was to create a calendar central for all events, across all faculties.

It would be ideal to have a calendar that every faculty used that had some sort of tag system in it. For example, if you wanted to see therapy dog events, you'd tag "therapy dog" on the calendar.

It'd operate for the whole student body.

It takes a while so hopefully it'll be done April or May for next year.

Club banking

We transferred 4.5 million dollars from Scotiabank to RBC.

Clubs now have their own credit cards and e-statements.

We're offering a lot more things to student clubs.

Health and Dental plan changes

We increased the maximum mental health coverage from $500 to $1000 and dental from $700 to $750.

We spent $50,000 in mental health coverage in the 2016-2017 academic year, which jumped up to $80,000 the next year, to $110,000 in psychologist coverage this year. Physiotherapist coverage this year alone was $20,000. The massive need for psychology coverage for students is obvious, so we've increased it accordingly.

* + - * + Advocacy

Fall Reading Week Committee

Fall reading week is happening in 2020.

The idea is that we'd start classes on the last Monday of August.

Moving the first class day up to account for Science, Management, etc..

Reading break would be during Canadian thanksgiving.

Moving the start of classes to the last Monday of August results in 12 exam days - the impact of that is that final exams would be spread out a lot more and thus less stressful. Past reports had 12 exam days as standard, and the amount of stress experienced by students increased after they changed it and had exams closer together (across 10-11 days).

R\*dmen Name Change

Final result will be announced by Suzanne Fortier within the next month

Being able to change a Pass/Fail grade into a letter grade

Not implementable this Fall because it's a McGill IT project - Minerva updates receive priority over this.

If you get a good Pass grade you can change it to an 85% (A letter grade), but not the other way around, 'cause being able to change a 60% grade to a Pass would be absurd.

Involvement Restriction

Events are gonna be a lot safer. If you're banned from Frosh, you're also banned from all events of the same capacity, like Carnival.

* + - * + Future (Fiat Lux & UTILE)

Fiat Lux

$120,000,000 investment in McLennan library.

Library change - triple capacity in libraries - 6000 seatings and adding an atrium. Happening over 5 years.

UTILE

Housing project.

3-4 years back, Concordia took on a housing project, bought property, and offered affordable housing based on rent prices of the surrounding property.

\*SSMU's doing the same thing. $600-700 for single room downtown Montreal

Need-based.

* + - * + Master plan

Purpose - This is my 4th year at McGill, and there haven't been a lot of major improvements in the past 3 years. It's been hit or miss in terms of SSMU's influence on campus. I want to take bigger impacts on campus. So I'm trying to create a master plan for resources for execs to take on these projects and make improvements to student life.

Student Needs

A student center

SSMU wasn't filled with student engagement and not a lot of people hung out there.

Infrastructural issues addressed.

We want to create a student building that can create a hub for student life and a place they go after class, not just for one or two aspects (like clubs)

Structural changes to society - how do you function with yearly execs?

SSMU needs

Long-term plans - consistent wins and taking on bigger plans every year and to have the resources for that

3501 Peel

Addressing the lack of wellness resources - $3.5 million

Building retrofitted for student wellness.

Collaborating with Student Services to add additional psychologists, a nutritionist, practitioners, etc. that hit on the health insurance plan to add them to the building.

Architectural

Office on ground floor.

This building's really nice.

Wheelchair access on ground floor and elevators installed in #7 (on the map) that go up to the second floor.

Wellness activities in this building. Therapy dog events! Yoga events! The idea is that this building would be generally well-ness related and a central location on campus to have these wellness events!

1 minute walk from Gerts.

Reception area (2nd page) in 1-2, boardroom in 4,

Practitioner in 2nd-3rd floor. Psychologists in 3 and 4, practitioners in 2

Third floor - applicable for student groups in 13, psychologists in 3 and 5, practitioner in 6 and 7, massage therapist in 8

Physiotherapists have $20,000 coverage so give them one spot. Psychologists have $110,000 coverage so give them four spots.

Flexibility - Best part of this idea is we're not putting in practitioners that limit the space available. Space can be adaptable to the different people in the building (as opposed to furnishing for a dentist then making a massage therapist go there)

Student Services is excited about this and thinks it'll be integrated well. Reduces wait times for therapy.

November 2019 is the ideal opening, but this might be unlikely because, y'know how they did construction on Peel? Well, Peel was torn up again because the hydro underneath wasn't done properly… so the construction timeline is probably pushed back. November-December 2019 operable is ideal but it'll be open Winter 2020, hopefully

SSMU Building

Poor usage of student space - building doesn't maximize usage - Gerts is not a place where people go a lot, the 2nd floor cafeteria is dead space and not conducive to student life. The rest of the building struggles as well.

Creation of major capital improvement fund - $800k with fee we're requesting. SSMU takes on major capital improvements we've been meaning to do. Cafeteria not renovated in 30 years. Gerts had no functional renovations. So target certain spaces to make them attractive to students for student use. Targeting additional space over 5-10 years. I think that's what Arts students will care about a lot

Areas for renovation

Gerts

Fun place to be but it wouldn't do well on St Laurent. It's very much a student bar. I think we're dead last in Montreal universities for having a bar that looks how it functions.

* Bar set up is in the middle and not the best for events. Side set up allows for flow. Middle isn't functional
* Functional space from 7 pm to midnight. Students don't spend time there in the day - not a part of student life.

Transform!

* Push bar to the wall to make it functional for events and create a café model to make it a social hub

2nd floor cafeteria

No food locations on west of campus (other than PM ew that's gross)

Poor use of space - hasn't been renovated since 1980s - furniture's really old. Lack of food variety on campus

SSMU tried to run student-run café in 2013-2014. We lost $200,000. A student-run cafeteria as a model isn't something I'd advocate for if it was proven to be unsuccessful.

Solution

* Renovation of space
* Goal: kiosks that match student needs and have them around the cafeteria
  + We're not losing money if the kiosks don't sell their food. We're just charging them rent for the space.
  + If a group fails or people don't like the kiosk we can switch it out
* This could also be a library space. Schulich's shutting down for 2-3 years. McLennan shuts down after THAT for 2-3 years. No allocation strategy. Renovate cafeteria that it becomes usable for studying and library use. Adds 200-300 seats which isn't a lot but contributes to the problem

Players Theater

The group is accepting of the fact that they only use the theatre only uses it a few times of the day. So renovating it for $50,000 to make a theatre space that's accessible for all student groups.

SSMU Building

4th floor - ideal for meeting room space, lounging space, etc. not for office space. having 1/4 of space just for office isn't conducive to our goal

Solution - purchasing buildings

SSMU Staffing

27 full-time staff (Western's at 60, most universities are at 40-50). We don't have enough staff to do what we want to do.

Exec turnover - faculties miss stuff because of lack of institutional knowledge. Throwing new people to

Solution: permanent full-time staff that splits exec work

SSMU Goals

Ideas that make sense but aren't concrete.

Base Fee increases by $30 and puts us in the middle of U15 schools

* + - * + Questions

VP Finance: I was wondering how you plan to accommodate accessibility needs for the Peel building since only the first floor. There's an ongoing issue with the thinness of the walls, so how would you address that if there's therapy in there.

SSMU President: 3501 Peel building different from McGill - primarily used for psychology so wall thinness isn't an issue. Elevator was never here so we spent $300K to implement them because it's important. We're doing that for our other Peel buildings too. It only goes up to the 2nd floor because it wasn't built for that so we're adding a room to the ground floor for 3rd floor services

VP Finance: Do you have plans for other Peel services?

SSMU President: We don't own it. We're leasing it through McGill unless we have the ability to buy it. If we buy it THEN we'll have a plan

ESA: With the base fee being one of the lowest in the U15 schools, doesn't SSMU compared to schools have some of the most robust schools, especially with some of the things they're tasked with?

SSMU President: Yeah. Peer support centers don't always exist in other schools. Services we have don't always exist in other schools. Yeah we're helping $800,000 worth of services every year and other schools don't operate the same services and that's from my understanding

VP Communications: I was wondering about the whole Pass/Fail thing. Would it be retroactively applied or only applied once it's initiated?

SSMU President: My understanding is that you won't be able to retroactively do it. If you want clarifications, ask Jacob.

Arts Senator Wilson: Secondary response. I sat on the Committee that Jacob sat on. It won't be retroactive.

HSA: Just about the full-time staff. 1) By full-time, you mean 30-40 hours? 2) How do you imagine the relationship between the full-time staff and the students. What do you see the relationship between the two being? The changing roles of the students execs?

SSMU President: The full-time staff would take on more of the manual parts, not the deciding parts. I imagine a full-time staffer would take on the GA organization, Council, and committee organization; keeping in touch. Manual day to day tasks. VP Internal - full-time would write the listserv.

PSSA: So, last semester, SSMU signed on in solidarity with the Indigenous Affairs Committee in regards to the R\*dmen Name Change and I see that there's a referendum for the Athletics fee and that was also passed at SSMU. How will you folks be reconciling that inherent tension in passing that referendum question that gives money to Athletics when they still have not changed the name that you folks have signed on last semester.

SSMU: He did a great day as our SSMU Commissioner with that campaign. We were organized with the whole event. We recognize the significance. We plan on messaging McGill Athletics. It is hard to manage. What the fee does is retain the buildings we own (pool would shut down and fieldhouse would shut down without money to operate and renovate). We recognize that that shouldn't be the main focus. We're going to figure out how to remedy these things and talk about it and how to go forward. I have an email draft. We're trying to collaborate now.

Finance: What sort of consultation would you be doing with clubs and services about this plan

SSMU: I made a policy as clubs and services as SSMU's highest priority. I sent it out to everyone and sat down with 11 clubs to discuss how to help them. Clubs are a bit hard to reach since there are 200. Going forward, in terms of hiring someone to work with them, we're going to have a representative to match their needs. Find buildings to gauge what clubs want. First use for a building. Consultation - we did a good job over the month and a half with services. With clubs not much but it's hard.

President: Can we email you our questions?

SSMU: Yeah. president@ssmu.ca. Facebook works too.

* 1. Presentation of the [Frosh 2018 Report](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Frosh-Report-2018-.pdf) by the AUS Equity Commissioners
     + Presentation (Equity Commissioners)
       - In August, the three of us attended all the events of Frosh and prepared a report here with all the feedback and recommendations as a result of Frosh 2018. We want to preface with this that we've worked with the VP Social and AUS Exec after Frosh a lot. We want to stress that this is a report that we wrote in September and doesn't reflect how much we've worked with the Exec. This was also the first time for all of us so whatever this says, please don't think we hate the execs, they're doing their best.
       - We want to preface how we were introduced to Frosh. We were told we'd be doing the report. We were given neon frosh leader shirts of a previous frosh event so we stuck out. This was non-negotiable by the VP Social. Pamphlet introduced party atmosphere and lack of diversity. That was the introduction we had to Frosh.
       - O-Staff and Frosh leaders were drinking too much on the job and couldn't perform to the best of their ability due to over-drinking.
       - Olympia was inaccessible and almost all staff was drinking while we were there. O-Staffers were so drunk that they ushered Froshees into the club while shouting, "SHOTS!" Frosh was getting bottle service and we don't know where the money for this came from.
       - Metropolis - harm reduction wasn't a priority for frosh leaders and critical details about the venue (locations of washrooms) weren't communicated effectively.
       - Circus - Significance of stairs to the building (recurring in Frosh). We know there were struggles with booking venues since Montreal but there were places within the venues that didn't have stairs that could have been booked.
       - Boat Cruise - no chill zone or clear chill zone. Space that's extremely crowded - no space for MSERT to help
       - Beach Club - started 1.5 hours after boat cruise ended. We were wondering what Froshees would do in the 1.5 hours. We recommend that they happen consecutively and to increase budget to increase knowledge
       - Beach Day - mainly what we saw - lack of communication between frosh leaders and what was offered to Froshees. Froshees didn't know where the chill zone was. One of the EC asked and Arts said there was no Arts chill zone. Diffusion between responsibility between staff and Froshees. Check in with students throughout the events and inform them where they can access the chill zones or the spaces where they can rest, drink water, and talk to MSERT.
       - Hike - Many students didn't receive breakfast until after 10-10:30 am and some didn't receive any. Miscommunication that happened the day of. Recommendations - ensure there's food for all students and leaders that participate. Serve breakfast at the bottom of the hill for those who cannot or do not want to walk up the hill
       - Forum - event created because it rained on that day. Frosh committee had to book tam tams. It was well-organized for being done last minute. Frosh leaders given metro tickets to attend the event. At the event, there was a large presence of alcohol and basically there was a rotating of frosh leaders going straight from the bar to their tables. Frosh group would then have a pitcher of beer. Touches upon final recommendation - leaders are employees and their attitude towards alcohol had no variation - position of power between froshees. Overwhelming amount of beer and alcohol in Forum where all the money was going to - pitchers and pitchers of beer
       - Unity - biggest thing that Unity - chill zone was overlooking a floor above the main dance floor in between rooftop floor which froshees were saying they didn't feel comfortable in the chill zone. Red and MSERT were present. Commotion with organizing froshees and frosh leaders and MSERT had to crowd people out of streets so that cars could go by
       - Overall
         * Omitted things present throughout report
         * 5 main things to recommend moving forwards for next frosh

AUS Frosh seek more event venues with limited or no separation

Address various questions about power dynamic between frosh leader and froshees. AUS expectations for leaders and staff are knowing the power dynamics.

Frosh staff consider the ways in which they perpetuate Western beauty standards by cutting up shirts

All coordinators deal with racialized issues and identities

AUS Exec to reflect on their powers and influence they have over the team. Equity Commissioners were visible and blatant throughout the experience and were told to be visible throughout the whole experience.

* + - * + Recognize the work that the AUS team put in for Frosh was valuable last year but we think that the coords, leaders, and etc. put in a lot of effort for Frosh.
    - Questions
      * HSA: Thank you for your report. 1) I can see how your role as Equity Commissioner leads to you writing the Frosh report. Some of these things are reported to Equity and some are to audit. Why are you in a position to write the report as opposed to another position? Maybe consider writing another report that deals with equity and general audits? 2) I think a lot of your recommendations make a lot of sense to make events make more accessible. In many ways, Frosh is a fundamentally inaccessible event and having no stairs or providing water doesn't change that. What's your role in that?
        + Equity: One of the things we want to do (second question) is to make Frosh report this year more conscious of the fact that Equity is in water and stairs. It's more inclusive of many more things than that. We want to be more conscious of that and we didn't touch on anything a lot in the report and talk a lot about interpersonal relationships and power and how that perpetrates things in Frosh subculture that are flawed and make the system a bad environmental space in itself. First question - I think we were asked to do this when we got into our roles as Equity Commissioners. It was something we asked ourselves during this process as to why we were doing this. The reason why we ended up writing it was because it was more related to our old contract - during that time there wasn't anyone else employed by the AUS who could do it and we were employed during the summer. It falls under an equity umbrella as well it would put it in the EC position. We're open to talk to Council about amending those things to get someone else to do it. We're the only Faculty that does a report on Frosh. Which isn't to say that we're an amazing faculty but that just us doing it was questioned by the Frosh committee in general and well-accepted and we met a lot of backlash at our time at Frosh for what we were trying to do. Accountability isn't something that's welcomed and that's what we saw
      * Communications: Out of curiosity, was there something new to Frosh implemented by the Committee and VP Social that worked well and added inclusivity that you think should be carried on?
        + Equity: One of the biggest successes were organizing all the Froshees to Beach Day in comparison to 2017 and accommodated for a lot of problems that happened the year prior.
  1. Unfinished Business
  2. New Business
     + [Motion to Approve Amended CLASHSA Constitution](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-to-Approve-Amended-CLASHSA-Constitution.docx) [Late] [See Appendix A]
       - Moving (CLASHSA)
         * Hi again. So we amended our Constitution the Fall before the CBRC existed. So we wanted to update it again after receiving comments form the President because it was amended without being reviewed. Lots of clarification things and additionally we also our VP Academic graduated and we replaced it with 2 different people and found it increased our tutoring and events. People asked to advertise academic programs. Those are the changes we made to the Constitution. That's it, I stand for questions.
       - Voting
         * Motion passes
     + [Motion to Approve the Sociology Student Association’s Revised Constitution](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-to-Approve-the-Sociology-Student-Association%E2%80%99s-Revised-Constitution.pdf) [Late] [See Appendix B]
       - Speaker: I don't think this one went through the CBRC
         * President: No, it did
       - Moving (SSA)
         * Our Constitution hadn't been revamped in like 10 years. There was a clause about if the President dies… we took that out. We added VP Events. That's about it.
       - Questions:
         * RSUS: I really need to ask. What happened if the President died.

President: If you look for it you'll find it. If not I'll send it to you.

* + - * Debate
        + President: CBRC's gotten to me. Is the motion as it stands says, "Motion to--" ohhh wait fuck me. Nevermind.
        + ESA: Many departments have a clause of various execs dying. I know the ESA also has one in our Constitution.
      * Voting
        + Motion passes
    - [Motion to Approve the Sociology Student Association’s Journal Fund](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-to-Approve-the-Sociology-Stu-dent-Association%E2%80%99s-Journal-Fund.pdf) [Late]
      * Moving (SSA)
        + So, our fund's been approved. Please approve it.
      * Questions
        + VP Finance: I don't understand what this is.

SSA: When the FMC passes a fund, you theoretically have to pass it through Council.

VP Finance: Yes. But I'm usually the one that writes this.

SSA: We got an email from FMC saying we need to pass this through Council.

VP Finance: No but you don't need to do this in the future. Because I pass these through Council.

* + - * Voting
        + Motion passes
    - [Motion to Approve the Amended GSA Constitution](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-to-update-the-German-Studies-Association.docx) [Late] [See Appendix C]
      * Moving (GSA President)
        + Hi, I'm the president of the GSA and here to present our Constitution. Our Constitution as well, I don't think it's been touched in over 10 years. It's floated in various group chats but it's riddled with errors, inconsistencies, terms that never defined and define terms that are never used. This document is comprehensive. Everything in red is rewritten, everything crossed out is removed, everything in italics is an edit I made to. Expanding eligibility to serve exec. We found that people who aren't in the program but who speak German or are from Germany do as good of a job in exec duties. We found that especially with our understaffing problem. Another thing is that we're planning on changing German Students' Association (which gets us confused with cultural groups) to German Studies' Association to maintain our initialization but also make it clear that we're an academic group. Please do ask questions. If not, yeah.
      * Questions
        + President: Do you have another mover other than ESA on there because both of you can't move?

Movers: PSSA, Equity Commissioners

* + - * Voting
        + Motion passes
    - [Motion to Amend the Frosh Bylaws](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-to-Amend-the-Frosh-Bylaws.docx) [Late]
      * Moving (President)
        + Schmello. This is… the contracts that had been given to coordinators for years said they would get their first stipend in June but lots of people don't get them 'til late August. This is the most pressing. This is something to ensure that… 'cause a lot of people use the coord job as their summer job and if their pay only comes in late August that's not accessible.
      * Voting
        + Motion passes
    - [Motion to Amend the Accountability Bylaws](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-to-Amend-the-Accountability-Bylaws.docx) [Late]
      * President
        + Striked out area says in our HR by-laws that current exec who is helping the new exec hire stipend volunteers has to sign the contract. Then need to sign a new contract once the current execs left. After discussing with the Sec Gen, we thought it'd be more fitting that the incoming Secretary General (DSG) will sign the contract instead (and sign the new exec one too). Say if the DSG is fired or they are not in the position anymore, then we'll go back to the old system where the outgoing exec sign in. I stand for questions.
      * Voting
        + Motion passes
    - [Motion Regarding Endorsement of A Yes Vote on the Legal Information Clinic McGill (LICM) Existence Referendum](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Motion-Regarding-Endorsement-of-A-Yes-Vote-on-the-Legal-Information-Clinic-McGill-LICM-Existence-Referendum-1.docx) [Late]
      * Motion (President):
        + I did not write this motion. The Arts Reps did for SSMU then I copied it. We got an email asking if we could endorse the LICM and brought it forth to see if we want to do that. I personally like the service but it's up to us as a democratic body to decide. I stand for questions.
      * Voting
        + Motion passes
  1. Executive Officer Reports
     + [President](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/President.pdf)
       - Given everything, I've just added to the report from January 30, which was a long time away from now.
       - Insurance all figured out. Received it. Small increase in cost because more people in the Arts faculty.
       - Recruitment - Billy, Mia, and I hired a new executive assistant Sierra. She's great. Garima and I hired a POC Commissioner. We're meeting next week to coordinate one thing
       - Departmental elections amidst. If you have questions I'd rec going straight to Charles.
       - Laptop lending pissed me off earlier because they asked for a list that they had. Mia suggested that we add some programs. Head of IT won't get back to me.
       - System on the website is now working!
       - Building closure - we're really sorry about this everyone. We promise that admin did not tell even me 'til later. I met with quite a few departments and everything from 4th floor on is fine. Unless you want to talk about concerns you have don't worry about your offices closing. Certain departments will have to share. If we have to move or if your office moves, we're gonna get admin to pay for it because fuck that. [Nobody laughs] I thought my closing was funny, but whatever.
     + [VP Academic](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/VP-Academic.pdf)
       - Valedictorian - we just finally met with the Dean yesterday with the lsit of candidates. 14 applicants and interesting to see the Dean. They really like to use the word "inclusive" but she doesn't know what it means. She did have her dog though.
       - Met with Dean of Research for ASEF Applications
       - Currently hiring French Publications Commissioner to make translation of french journals easier
       - Currently meeting with successor for transition
       - Funding second wave of applications who want funding for internships
       - Next meeting for valedictorian on March 28th - mini-interviews and meeting candidates who've been shortlisted
       - Questions
         * WIMESSA: Do you mind repeating the bit about the second wave of internship funding?

VP Academic: The application's probably out right now but apply for Arts awards $500-3000 to fund abroad internships to rent a place down there or for transportation. That's what the fund goes to. They do a second wave that if you get an internship right now you can apply for the second wave and they'll consider funding you. They don't publicize it.

* + - * + Speaker: I saw on Instagram a post of the Dean's dog

VP Academic: No it was black. It wasn't gold

* + - * + AGELF: For the French publication commissioner, do I just contact you or send you an email?

VP Academic: For that one, they've already been closed. So, sorry. I should have prefaced that in my thing.

* + - [VP Communications](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/VP-Communications.docx)
      * Report
        + Hi. I have a few reports to go through. It's been delayed.
        + Here's some cookies. Take them and pass along. We can't eat in here.

President: NO!

VP External: NONONONONO

VP Finance: NOOOO (No food's allowed in LEA 232) Take one when you leave.

* + - * + Francophone Commission - crepes in the lounge. Next week in the lounge having popcorn
        + Nuit Blanche. Free! Have some tickets at the door!
        + Noticed that a lot of you want photographers all of a sudden. We're trying our best to accommodate you. If one of them can't accommodate you let us know, we have another photographer in the exec portfolio that we can ask too
        + Final listserv on April 8 for all y'all, tryna get information out there.
        + Accountability reports I want to address - there's a concern that I sent out the wrong listserv. I don't know what was meant by that. I apologize. Maybe I got a submission wrong. If that's something you want followed up on, send me a more detailed account of what happened to the Sec Gen so I can address that going forward. Also, approachability - I'm sorry if I came across as unapproachable. I am friendly. Most of the time. And having a blasé attitude. Had to look that one up. Don't really speak French. Yeah, so, I apologize, that's not my intent, and I will work on it going forward.
    - VP External
      * Sorry for the late report this week. I had a lot going on.
        + Updated office hours so I have four hours on Monday and a couple hours Tuesday/Thursday, and Wednesday before Council.
        + Please send external stuff to external email and internal to internal. Don't email external or personal accounts for internal as it's nice to have everything in one spot
        + AUS Awards venue booked. Finalizing catering and got quotes from company we're using. Updating you on extra spots. Hopefully I'll be able to accommodate those. Fill out the form before March 25 as that's the deadline I set. Goal was to use venue last year but unfortunately it was damaged in a flood so we're using the house we're using this year. Liquor permits - it's likely that I won't be able to get permits on time and keep that in mind when submitting requests. Thank you all for being patient with me.
        + Meeting this Friday
    - [VP Finance](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/VP-Finance.pdf) [Late]
      * In Feb, finished filing end-of-the year payroll tax. It was super fun. I hated it.
        + Office hours continue to be Tuesday 12:30-2:30 Wednesday 3-6 pm. If you're coming in at a specific time email me so I can plan around it.
        + AUTS fee. Renewed a bunch of our fees too. AUIF funds being transferred. McGill administration really doesn't like replying to our emails but that's fine. Other than that uh…
        + Constitutional amendments with Senator Wilson who was helpful in drafting that.
        + POLI 339 related work -
        + last FMC meeting on April 2. If you want money from that please apply sooner rather than later.
        + Started transitioning my successor and that's going well.
        + Okay! I stand for questions
    - VP Internal [NA]
    - [VP Social](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/VP-Social.docx)
      * (Presented by VP Communications)
        + Kim Yang sends her apologies. She had a prior commitment.
        + BDA ran smoothly
        + Grad Ball on March 30. Soon. She wants me to emphasize that it's VERY sold out. Not just sold out. Apparently there's a distinction. Dinner and seating forms have been sent out so get on that. Finalizing
        + EPIC - Provided me no date. Happening this week. Just constantly show up.
      * Questions
        + Email Kim or go to her office hours
  1. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
     + Arts Representatives
       - [Garima Karia](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Arts-Rep-Report-Garima-Karia-03_17_2019.pdf)
         * AP asked me to read her report but neither Speaker nor I have the report. I'll just go through general themes from 4 reports.

Committees - I've been most involved in SSMU Francophone affairs. Joined 2 sets - streamlining official process for submitting French

Finished work on French Constitution being finalized as we speak

Finance - lots of finance reforms passed - VP Finance work but earlier in the semester we consulted with the committee

Health and Dental - passed new at Council as well.

AUS Council - last council worked on the FIO by-law amendments. Passed that and now in referendum. Helped Maria hiring POC Commissioners. Rewarding process and thanks for organizing that position and all that.

Consistently attending SSMU Councils and board of directors meetings. That's been going smoothly.

Most recently we had 2 board meetings on Friday and Saturday, another one in a week, SSMU Council last Thursday moved and helped AP write Legal Council Endorsement which we also passed today excited about that. Had report but it was postponed 'cause SSMU Council went past midnight last night. I stand for questions

* + - * + Questions:

Communications: Is today anything significant to you?

Today's my birthday!

VP Communications + Speaker: Happy Birthday!

* + - * Ana Paula Sanchez [NA - On health leave]
    - [Arts Senators](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Arts-Senators.pdf)

* 1. Reports of Departmental Associations
     + DESA
       - Report
         * Hey guys. So, not too much to report but basically our VP Academic sits on the Departments' hiring committee. Hiring new professor for contemporary American literature. Formally not announced so I can't say it yet but I heard it was really great.
         * Was supposed to have trivia night that bar has to shut down immediately and we don't know why so they're just shut down until further notice so we're looking at other bars.
         * International Trivia Night tonight
         * Thompson House booked for Honours Symposium
         * Currently holding elections
     + MESS
       - Hi. So yesterday we had our Domain Fair and It was a lot more successful than we thought. Met with people interested in joining Environment
       - Semi-formal $10 at Thompson house not exclusive to environment students. Free drinks, coat check, food, dancing, $10, why not. 20 years old!
       - Life After Environment - work in environment now and if you wanna know what to do fater graduating this is a fun event
       - Constitution being edited it's been a day
       - copy and paste
     + PSA
       - General gist - this is like the first report I've given where I edited more than half of it. We have a new logo folks! It hasn't been formally decided yet but y'know. All I gotta say is that there are bright minds. Wait 2 weeks til new Council for us to unveil it.
       - For bright minds we need bright colours. We're looking for bright ideas.
       - Other things 0 I want people to reach out to me. Only 2 weeks left but these last 2 weeks I want people to reach out and to advocate for them. I hope all of you will ask your departments to do the same thing
       - Constitution - Constitution meeting a few weeks ago and edited a few things. Gonna hold a GA and have people vote on it. Usually a fun time for the PSA because we get to see our friends and we really cherish that.
       - Hosted an event at Thompson House. I hear. I didn't get to go unfortunately. I tried to make sure these events are fun for people who get to go.
     + WIMESSA
       - Still getting approval as to whether we can put McGill's name on our logo/merch
     + MUGS
       - Hey everyone. So we're holding elections.
       - Questions
         * Arts Senator Wilson: Can we get an update to the open-mapping group?

MUGS: Sure! For those not aware, it's a group affiliated with MUGS. OMG promotes open data on campus and they've been working on the Interactive Accessibility Networks (IAN). McGill and OSD have come together to build an Accessibility map and Health and Wellness map. OMG's in works with the Commissioner in charge of the projects. Also promoting open street map, humanitarian mapping, and they have a Facebook page for those involved in getting involved. Meetings Friday 4-5 in Burnside 512.

* + - MIRA
      * Report
        + I think it went pretty well (annual speaker series). Everyone seemed engaged. Yeah, it was successful
        + Extended nomination period up until this Friday. After that, yeah, that's about it.
  1. Question Period
  2. Next Meeting: April 3rd, 6:00 pm
  3. Adjournment
     + Arts Senator Wilson: Motion to adjourn?
       - EVERYONE SECONDS IT!
       - Motion passes 7:58 pm

Appendices

[Appendix A: Amended CLASHSA Constitution (updated 20 March)](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Updated-Tracked-Changes-CLASHSA-Constitution.docx)

[Appendix B: Amended SSA Constitution](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Amendment-to-the-Sociology-Students-Association-of-McGill-University.docx)

[Appendix C: Amended GSA Constitution](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/GSA-Constitution-Proposals-Mar-2019.pdf)