



## Report of the Political Science Students Association

### GENERAL:

- Since late November 2018, the PSSA has been collecting data and feedback from students on how to make conferences better. We've collected it all and presented it to the Department Chair Professor Johnson and we hope that positive changes can be implemented
- The data and feedback will not be published as we would like to respect the confidentiality of those who filled out the survey however our main recommendations from information collected was:
  - that TA's should have mandatory training on topics such as facilitating discussion, equity, and anti-oppression through the Office for Students with Disabilities, and the Social Equity and Diversity Education Office
  - for a creation of a conference rubric in order to standardize the way conferences are graded
  - the need to accommodate different learning styles as political science conferences emphasize and depend on speaking as a form of participation which neglects the comfort levels of students and excludes forms passive participation which are just as valuable
- Thank you to those who filled out the survey! We appreciate it and hope we can implement some of these things
- If you've missed the deadline to order PSSA apparel we have extra sweaters for those interested! Stop by our office hours with 27 dollars to see what sizes and colours we have left

### EVENTS:

- **PSSA departmental elections are here!**
  - The campaign period will last from Monday, March 25th, 9am to Thursday, April 4th, 5pm.
  - Check out electoral platforms and candidates [here](#)
- **McGill Journal of Political Science Launch and PSSA Awards**
  - This year's journal launch and end-of-year award ceremony will be on **April 8th at 6:00 PM in the Faculty Club**. All students and professors are invited to come together and celebrate our incredible year together. Drink some drinks and eat some food, and get a free copy of the journal while you're at it.

### RESOURCES:

**Political Science Internship Database**

- If you're interested in getting an internship related to political science this summer, please email the Internship Coordinator at [pssainternship@gmail.com](mailto:pssainternship@gmail.com) with the following details:

Where you'd like to intern: Ex. City, province, state, etc.

Your availability: Ex. Full-time, part-time, May to July, etc.

Interests and specializations: ex: foreign policy, law and advocacy, etc.

Year: Ex. U1, U2

Major, Minors: Ex: Major in Political Science, Minor in Communication Studies

- This information will be used to connect students to other students who have interned at organizations that they wish to intern at as well. Once this database is updated, the PSSA will post relevant internships on their website in the near future. Also, please check out our website for links to politically related internships!

Respectfully Submitted,

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