**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**September 18th, 2019, 6:00 PM**

* 1. Call to Order
		+ 6:03 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, AUS Council September 10th 2019](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/AUS-Council-September-10th-2019.docx)
		+ Minutes approved
	5. Approval of the Agenda
		+ Agenda approved
	6. Announcements
		+ AHCSSA: Canvas (Art History and Communications journal) is seeking editors, so if you know anyone interested, tell them to apply. Thanks!
		+ Arts Senator Henrique: I went to the first Senate meeting of the year. We motioned for a motion cancelling classes on September 27 for the Climate Strike, but it was struck down.
		+ MESS: On Wednesday, September 25, MESS is hosting a panel on Climate Strike history and 1-on-1 walkouts. When the Facebook event is made I'll put it in the AUS Legislative Council group. Awesome opportunity for Arts students to learn about walkouts and their significance and how everyone plays a role in environmental activism
		+ ASA: Anthropology and Crossroads is organizing TA Tuesdays, which is an opportunity for graduate students to come and present their work every 2 weeks. If anyone is interested, it's a good way of meeting faculty and fellow students in the department.
		+ PSSA: The Political Science Students' Association is hiring! Anyone who's interested in Photography Coordinators, Events Portfolio, First Year Councils; lots of opportunities for anyone who's interested. Links on our listserv and Facebook page.
		+ SLUM: The Linguistics Department is having a Welcome Back picnic at the Rutherford Park on September 25 so anyone who wants to get to know the department better or get reboot there's that, if anyone's interested. Thanks!
		+ HSA: The HSA has 2 upcoming events. Tomorrow (Thursday, September 19) from 4-6pm, we have a welcome back café where we can talk to people in the department and have snacks and coffee. Next week from 6-8 pm in the Arts building, we have our Wine and Cheese. If you want to get to know everyone in a more fun and social setting to destress; please keep up with our Facebook event for more information.
		+ LAPSA: Brunch and snacks from 11 am to 1pm in ARTS 160 for students interested in meeting students already in the program
		+ JSSA: The Jewish Studies Students' Association is looking for Hebrew and Yiddish tutors. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email mcgilljssa@gmail.com!
		+ WIMESSA: The World Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Student Association's holding our first coffee hour this Friday (September 20) from 1:30-3:30 pm. Feel free to come meet our exec and students in Morris Hall 3rd floor, which is the WIMESSA lounge
		+ IDSSA: We've extended the deadline to be Chrysalis and Catalyst editors. We also have some Welcome Back events, for which tickets can be found on our Facebook page.
		+ Secretary General: SSMU is looking for Associate Senators (U0 or U1 first year students from any Faculty). Link is on the Facebook page and there'll be an email later on next week. Associate Senators are student undergraduate representatives for university committees. Any faculty is welcome but please spread the word for Arts students. All info can be found on the University Affairs Facebook page.
	7. Unfinished Business
	8. New Business
		+ [Motion to Approve the Standing Rules of Council](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Motion-to-Approve-the-Standing-Rules-of-Council-1.docx)
			- Remarks added to Motion (President)
				* The Standing Rules of Council are how we proceed at Leg[islative] Council. A couple of amendments were made last year stating if you need to go to the bathroom, you don't need the Speaker's permission, you can just go, making Council more accessible. Basically, the Standing Rules have to be reapproved every year just as they govern how we act this academic year, so we need to approve them. Attached is an Appendix to the Agenda. The Standing Rules are unchanged from last year, minus the small changes that were passed last year. This year, we have no current amendments being proposed, and no changes to them being proposed. The few changes we made last year were "No recording" and a digitized (Google Doc) Leaving Early/Arriving Late form (last year councillors had to sign out on an iPad if they left early)
			- Questions
				* MUGS: I was wondering: other than the controversy at the end of last year, has recording ever been a problem at Legislative Council?

President: I can only go off of my previous year at AUS. I don't know if it's been an issue in past years, but in our year it became an issue during the POLI 339 time. It was then that this idea was proposed and passed. It's something we can revisit in Council. *The Tribune* reached out to me and wants to discuss if this is something that'll be held up for this year. Obviously this is a discussion Council has to make. So it's up for now but you can make amendments throughout the year at different Councils. To answer your question; I don't know. It was an issue for 3 Councils but I don't know if it was an issue outside of those meetings.

* + - * + CSAUS: My concern with Article 10 is that Quebec is a one-party recording state, meaning you only need one party to consent to a recording. Was any outside legal council consulted when this amendment was made last year?

Speaker: No.

President: The Recording addition was very controversial even at the time. If a councillor here would like that struck, motioned, or removed, we can vote on that as a Council.

Speaker: All changes to Standing Rules require a 2/3 majority.

* + - * + PSSA: Could you clarify "recording." Audio/visual?

Speaker: Yes. Audio/visual.

President: This amendment was passed during a high-stress time so not all details of this amendment were thought through, so it can seem vague and general.

* + - * + PSA: Can you go into more detail surrounding the situation about this motion and amendment. Why?

Speaker: You can read the minutes from last year's meeting. I can forward it to you.

* + - * Debate
				+ CSAUS: Motion to Add Following Language to Article 6.5 [FAILED]

CSAUS: What I'm asking is that at the end of every motion and resolution, movers add a note discussing the fiscal, policy, and environmental impacts of the motion/resolution. Having it at the end of the same document accessible to those who aren't familiar with Robert's Rules will allow us to be held accountable to our constituents.

Arts Representative Adin: We could incorporate that into the whereas clauses; that'd be more efficient. Wondering if CSAUS could speak on that.

CSAUS: A lot of my constituents aren't intuitive to Robert's Rules of Order. They may not know where to look in whereas clauses for [fiscal, political, and environmental impact] information. Even short list-forms with the financial and environmental impacts is something a lot of my constituents are interested in, especially as Canada looks to banning single-use plastics. It would be of benefit other than looking at the motions' whereas clauses.

President: I like the sentiment behind it, but the one worry behind it is that it's quite general and vague, like, "fiscal, policy, and environmental impacts." Could we narrow the scope or will you accept general language? 'Cause sometimes it can be hard to specify the broader impacts.

AHCSSA: I wanted to ask what if it's just something like amending a Constitution? Does it need that same sort of detail of what the impact of amending a Constitution is?

BASIC: I was wondering if we could perhaps even have an example. I know you mentioned single-use plastics; could you tell us what simple bullet list you'd like for that.

CSA: I think that the general views of this motion seem to be big young idea. I would suggest that if you think this is something that is worth debating to just create a motion/committee and write up specifically what you think is important.

CSAUS: To address the general/vagueness thing: this is based on the Maryland model. However, I'm not expecting the same kind of specificity from the model - I think the bullet list can be general. What I imagined was a line of impacts for finances, policy, and environment, including "no impact," "varying impact," or "big impact," and we can bring it to Council to be discussed. People who want to avoid oral questions could write it. I don't believe this would affect amending Constitutions. Template - three bullet points (varying impacts) if they want to go detail they could but they could be faced with questions at Council if they believe varying degrees of

Arts Representative Adin: Motion to change "shall" to "recommend"

CSAUS: Friendly amendment

VP Finance: From what I can tell, the motion's becoming increasingly watered down and vague. So, as an effective mechanism, the policy should be clear and deliberate about what it's trying to suggest or it shouldn't exist at all. What are the specific expectations? They need to be drawn out specifically. I don't see a point of there being a general checklist. If the expectations are written and comprehensive then that should be the specificity. I'm not sure how anyone would interpret that generally and how that's something to be enforced. Does this extend to things like regular day-to-day procedural motions for Council? It should be brought back more specific or not accepted at all.

HSA: Minor note - Can we write "may include" instead of "the Speaker recommend include"? It just doesn't make a lot of sense grammatically.

CSAUS: Friendly amendment

Arts Representative Shreya: I was wondering what the format of this summary would be. Bullet point, or…? Could you consider that this may de-incentivize people from working on their motions if they're not able to accurately do this?

CSAUS: In terms of de-incentifying: if you can't think of the impacts your motion will have on the State of the Society, you shouldn't be writing the motion. As for the format, bullet points on the bottom - fiscal, policy, environmental. In general terms. "Impact; varying impact; no impact"

Arts Representative Andrew: I'm familiar with the Maryland model. But with regards to this: in the current Maryland model, if we're gonna base this motion on it, it would be the Legislative Council Speaker who writes the fiscal note, not the motion sponsor. One compromise could be that instead of the sponsor providing this policy note, it could instead be the AUS Executive deciding who puts forward this note. For example, "Under our understanding of the finances, it'll do this. Under our understanding of the environment, it'll do this." That way, the Society will better understand AUS as an Institution.

Speaker: Right now, the way Agendas and Motions are compiled, it's just me who looks at them. That type of process would require a bigger amendment on how agendas are processed.

VP Finance: Two additional notes. Presenting concerns about the nature of anticipated financial and environmental impact accuracy. If this is a requirement what would be the coherent system that provides accurate implications. The AUS has no shortage of stand-alone policy but it doesn't provide broader help to the motion. Responsibility being moved to Execs - how would we assess that? If it doesn't have the system or supports necessary we shouldn't pass it.

VP External: In my opinion, I think those are the factors why Council is there. The reason why we have Council is to debate if things are possible on a fiscal note or whether it has environmental impacts. If you add it before the motion, it does de-incentify people. How do you evaluate the educational and awareness possibility? What I recommend is possibly considering thinking of while we discuss this on Council, which is pretty much how it came out from your constituent, where they probably told you "I don't know if this has an impact" - they can read in minutes we evaluated that this is environmentally friendly in the Council or minutes

CSA: I agree with the voices already raising the fact that this is a more complex matter than the mover realized. I understand we use Robert's Rules so I'd like to use the rules to refer the mover to a committee to discuss this.

CSAUS: I'm going to ask the body to reject the motion to refer this motion to an amendment committee.

* + - * CSA: Motion to Refer the Motion to Amendment [FAILED]
				+ Second mover: BASIC
				+ Motion fails
			* Debate, continued
				+ SLUM: Honestly, I appreciate the sentiment of having people write up their ideas and expectations of environment and economic impact but I don't understand why we can't address it in Question Period. If it's not applicable in that situation, it takes up unnecessary amounts of time.
			* VP Services: Motion to Move Previous Question (CSAUS' Motion to Add Following Language to Article 6.5)
				+ Second mover: CSAUS
				+ Motion fails
			* Debate, continued
			* Arts Representative Chan: Motion to Add Words "Audio/Visual Recording" to 10.1. This adds important clarity to what "recording" entails, seeing as we have a Recording Secretary.
				+ RSUS: Could we make it "and/or," since there can be audio without visuals, and vice versa?

Friendly amendment

* + - * + AHCSSA: Maybe we should wait for the President to have the meeting with The Tribune, just to clarify? Or is that an unrelated matter?

President: No, it's exactly about this matter. They reached out to me regarding it.

* + - * President: Motion to Amend Article 10 to Exempt Campus Media from the Recording Ban [PASSED]
				+ CSAUS: If we're exempting campus media, then taking knowledge of what happened last year, then why not include other media as well? I don't see why we're picking one over the other when the controversy came from a campus media source.

President: I'm confused as to the term "other media." Are you referring to media such as national and regional news organizations? Can you just clearly define "other media"?

CSAUS: By "other media," I mean if there are individual students who want to record who are not representing an official campus media, then it's their right to record in a public space.

Speaker: To allow anyone to record would be to strike all of Article 10.

HSA: So I think something beneficial to address clarity… it might be ambiguous as to what "campus media" entails. This amendment might benefit from specifying which media organizations (a list of medias) so it doesn't become a potential issue if the motion were to be passed.

VP External: I have a question on whether recording includes photography, because that is a visual form of recording.

PSSA: I was wondering if they could clarify that amendment. Article 10 itself was proposed because people felt unsafe that people were having their visuals put out. Why would that change with campus media? And it's not like we don't have transparency at this time; we have meeting minutes.

RSUS: As someone who was concerned about that last year, campus media is held to certain standards of accountability. If a specific student from the gallery has no accountability, what we're doing is creating accountability by preventing that. Campus media have higher bodies to respond to if they breach their standards of accountability, individuals do not. That allows for targeted harassment from the gallery.

AHCSSA: Motion to Move Previous Question (President's Motion to Amend Article 10 to Exempt Campus Media from the Recording Ban)

Second mover: CSAUS

President: I want to amend the amendment to clearly define campus media: The McGill Tribune, The McGill Daily, Le Delit, The Bull and Bear.

[Point of Information] VP External: Does a paper such as the MJPS count as campus media? And there are a ton of other organizations like departmental publications.

Speaker: Debate is done, so if you don't like the wording, you can vote this down or motion to suspend the rules to have a more informal talk.

[Point of Information] AHCSSA: Is it possible to suggest to table this and have a full-fledged motion next council?

Speaker: Yes, you can vote this motion down.

[Point of Parliamentary Inquiry] ASA: It may be beneficial to have another chance to read last year's minutes.

Voting

Motion passes

* + - * MUGS: Motion to Call the Previous Question
				+ Second mover: CSAUS
				+ Motion passes
			* Debate, continued
				+ AUSEC: I'm trying to find the Standing Rules online and I can't find them. When I click on the hyperlink on the AUS website, I have an old version which doesn't include Article 10.

Speaker: The Standing Rules are linked on the Legislative Council page. The version on the AUS page that you have there is even older than the most recent one on the Legislative Council page. There is a weird discontinuity between those pages so I'll discuss with the President whether having both of them is necessary.

* + - * + GSFSSA: Are you sharing this on Facebook so we can follow along?

Speaker: I will put it back in the Google Doc and in the Facebook page. It is also on the Legislative Council page.

* + - * + President: I would like to state that Article 10 is a sensitive article. It was added in a sensitive time. We did make an amendment on it today. I would like to come back to Council with an updated motion with everything surrounding this topic - a detailed motion that would require a 2/3 majority to pass and update the Standing Rules that takes account of other news organizations. I will be coming forward with an updated motion to the next Legislative Council with that issue.
				+ Arts Senator Henrique: Following up with the motion to be brought next council. If we're trying to protect some councillors from being threatened by others via audio/visual recording, some councillors could acquire functions from campus publications and get that "campus media" higher power and be able to make recordings. Some campus publications don't require any formal affiliation to be working for them - you can just show up to weekly meetings and automatically be part of the group. It would be easy to attend one or two meetings and start recording claiming to be part of the group.
				+ President: What I was gonna say - after Leg[islative] Council suspends tonight, those who want to work on the motion with me and integrate their thoughts with me we can form a working group.
			* Arts Representative Adin: I move the previous question. (Motion to Approve the Standing Rules of Council)
				+ Second mover: CSAUS
				+ Motion passes
	1. Executive Officer Reports
		+ [President](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/President.docx)
			- Remarks added to report
				* Faculty of Arts | We're doing well financially. Hired a bunch of different professors for different departments; new hires in the East Asian Studies Department, among others. Once I get more details, I can release a more detailed report, but it hasn't been released to me. The Faculty's happy with how Leg[islative] Council is doing - I'm passing their well wishes and thanking for work we do.
				* Our Constitution's very outdated and has general/vague language. When issues do arise, it's hard to find appropriate solutions to them because when it was written/amended, the Constitution wasn't thought out for long-term implications. One thing we're gonna, do aside from forming the Constitutional group, is amending it.
				* MOA with McGill | Our proof of insurance is until January 2020.

REQ certification | Registering Enterprises for the Quebec government - we're updating our executive and board of directors' contact information. We have to submit these documents each year. Now that the audit is complete, we've held up our end of the MOA so that if the AUS is in good-standing we can renegotiate that.

* + - * + WE FOUND THE KEYS TO THE ARTS COMPUTER LAB!
			* Questions
				+ BASIC: What does BASIC have?

President: Where your office is, some other departments will have that space, so we need the keys

* + - * + Arts Representative Adin: Where is BDA taking place?

President: *(Mishearing the question as "When is BDA taking place?")* I have heard beginning of October. Not concrete.

* + - * + Arts Representative Adin: I'm sorry if my question wasn't clear, but I was actually asking, "Where is BDA taking place?"

President: I'm not aware of finalized locations so I can't provide that answer, sorry.

* + - [VP Academic](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VP-Academic.docx)
			* Remarks added to report
				+ ASEF | We fund and finance any unpaid work done on campus. If students want to take up creative opportunities, ASEF is a good resource to get funding. More time to send applications.
				+ AUS Publications | I'm hiring French editors; AUS Publications is a good resource for all departmental publications
				+ Faculty Meetings | I sent an email to those sitting on committees so they know to sit on those meetings
				+ IT Fund | We have a $1 million fund just sitting around - if departments have requests I can forward the form for that (it's also on the report)
				+ Peer Tutoring | Peer Tutoring is now under the VP Services portfolio so I'll be coordinating with the Haidee, the VP Service, to transition this job. The application deadline coming up soon for departments; send out applications so you can get tutors!
			* No questions
		- [VP Communications](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VP-Communications.docx)
			* Remarks added to report
				+ I sent out the listserv, it was really fun. I made McGill-related Add/Drop horoscopes for all the astrological signs.

The Opportunities Listserv is coming out Friday (September 20) to give the French translator more time

* + - * + We're hiring 3 Francophone Commissioners!
				+ If you have an announcement but you can't make the listserv deadline, message me throughout the week and I'll be happy to put it on Facebook, Instagram, whatever
				+ BSN x CSS Cookout (Black Student Network x Caribbean Students Society)
				+ Tryna make new cover photo for the Facebook page
			* Questions
				+ IDSSA: For the departmental training's makeup session on October 4, we were informed that this conflicts with Shabat, so will there be another date for Jewish students to attend the session?

VP Communications: The VP Internal can answer this.

VP Internal: The alternate date is October 3.

IDSSA: I was just concerned because the reason many Jewish students cannot make the original session is because of a religious holiday. So how would they be able to attend this makeup session?

VP Internal: The alternate date is Thursday, October 3. Not Friday, October 4.

IDSSA: Oh! I see, thank you.

* + - [VP External](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VP-External-1.pdf)
			* Remarks added to report
				+ Sent out postings to VP Communications

We're still looking for more Technology Coordinator(?), Events Planning coordinators, Work Your BA coordinators, and two Grad Fair coordinators

* + - * + Grad Fair | So far, out of the 50 or so schools that have signed up to show at Grad Fair, 28 have paid

Facebook posters going up by Friday

* + - * + Work your BA | rooms are being booked. Work your BA is a week-long event; there's going to be a UN Speaker event

If you want a specific panel at the event, email me or meet me during my office hours

* + - * Questions
				+ CSAUS: Individual councillors applying for committees - where can they find [applications]?

VP External: Those will be sent out from VP Communications' Opportunities listserv, coming out on Friday (September 20)

* + - [VP Finance [Late]](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VP-Finance-1.pdf)
			* Remarks added to report
				+ Audit is done! Final fiscal year-end adjustments to be made. They'll be approved throughout the auditing period. Anything on my report will remain unchanged. We're going to try to submit the audit by Monday, September 30 to the municipal office
				+ Quickbooks | Ongoing process. Note - the motion passed last Council put a stay on transactions. I'm hoping that'll be lifted by Wednesday, October 2. This means that cheque requisitions would start going through again by October 2. I will make sure that'll be the case.
				+ Budget | Hoping to present departmental budgets by next meeting.
				+ FMC | We have one person interested so far. We need 4 representatives in total from Council.
			* Questions
				+ MUGS: I believe it was you who moved the Motion last time for the AUIF Fee Change. I had a question about that. Because right now, in the Amendment that was passed last meeting, it said "sum of 5% (10%)." Will that have an effect?

VP Finance: That was a typo I noticed. The version on the website now should be the correct version. It should be 10%.

* + - [VP Internal](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VP-Internal.pdf)
			* Remarks added to report
				+ Departmental packages were due this Monday. If you didn't submit those, please submit those.

Please let me know if you are attending the alternate date for the departmental exec training!

* + - * + Pre-booked Wine and Cheese | November 26 is no longer available for the pre-booked wine and cheese dates. Just December 3 and December 10 remain now. If you've already signed up for a date, come to the AUS office to pick up your wine and cheese baskets. Police might come to your event to check if people have permits.
				+ Event/Room Bookings | If you are booking an event without alcohol, please give me 2 weeks' notice, but try to plan even more ahead because Leacock 232 and ARTS 160 are going really quickly right now.
				+ AUSEC | Next meeting tomorrow (Thursday, September 19)
				+ My office hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:30-12:30
			* Questions
				+ AHCSSA: If we chose a date for Wine and Cheese, does that mean we automatically get a room and liquor permit?

VP Internal: Yes

* + - [VP Services](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VP-Services.pdf)
			* Remarks added to report
				+ I organized an AUS office cleanup - I chipped away the grime and mold accumulating in the refrigerator. My proudest achievement so far this year.
				+ Meeting with INTD professor to ask about a Services form and how to make it good for Arts students' services. Gonna create a focused group to brainstorm services. Anything better, anything new.
				+ Office hours

M: 2-4

W: 3-4

No Friday office hours

* + - * + We got 10 new Macbooks in the Laptop Lending Program
			* Questions
				+ CSAUS: Can you outline a timeline for the reopening of the Laptop Lending Program?

VP Services: I'm actually not too sure about that.

President: So, this is new information. Kieran(?) emailed me today saying the program is up and running because we submitted the student list

* + - VP Social
			* On leave
	1. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
		+ [Arts Representatives](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Arts-Representatives.pdf)
			- Remarks added to report
				* Adin: I'd like to commend Haidee for cleaning up the AUS Office. No easy feat, kudos to her.
				* Shreya: My office hours are Mondays from 12:15-2:15, the others' are on Tuesdays?
			- No questions
		+ Arts Senators
			- [Senator Chloe Kemeni [late]](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Senator-Chloe.pdf)
				* Absent
			- Senator Henrique Mecabô
				* Remarks added to report

Senate meeting this afternoon - the only motion moved was by SSMU student senators regarding the climate strike happening in Montreal on Friday, September 27 calling for classes to be cancelled. Because we didn't have support from the McGill admin, the motion did not pass. Senate will not be requiring classes to be cancelled. The McGill admin believes it is students' individual choices to join the march, thus, students who want to go to the class shouldn't be penalized. If you're passionate about this, work on a departmental basis.

SSMU retreat | Generally, it's likely that Senator Chloe and I will be alternating our presence at Councils. Any concerns you have regarding academics and anything else can be brought to us so we can discuss them at Senate Caucus weekly, in which we meet with every other senator in the university.

* + - * + No questions
	1. Reports of Departmental Associations
		+ [HSA](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/HSA.pdf): Complications for office; delay; open shortly
		+ [CSAUS](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CSAUS.pdf): CSAUS execs had a meeting since I submitted this report. I couldn't be there, but I'll be sure to include notes from that meeting.
			- We're making sure TAs get paid at CANS 200 study sessions, because if you do work, you should get paid
		+ [MIRA](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/MIRA.pdf)
	2. Question Period

*(The President raises his placard, then lowers it just as the Speaker is about to call on him.)*

* 1. Arts Representative Andrew: What is the President's announcement?
		+ President: Nothing's finalized yet, this just became organized today. So, a group at McGill has contacted AUS with over 200 signatures on a petition requesting that the AUS have a General Assembly to Motion to Strike for Climate Change on Friday, September 27. Tonight, our Elections CRO will verify that these 200 signatures are all of AUS members. If there are over 200 AUS members who provided legitimate signatures in this petition, we will hold a General Assembly on this motion next Wednesday (September 25) at 6:00pm in Leacock 132. Basically: General Assemblies have quorum of 150 individuals. But to strike, we need a quorum of 500 students. So share this with your constituents and friends. If AUS comes together as faculty and gets the strike, it can send a powerful message to the McGill admin. I don't know the name of the group, but the individual who sent the petition is named Noah Fisher. Shoutout to their labour and group. Tentatively, mark your calendars.
			- Gallery: The group's name is C-JAM: Climate Justice Action of McGill
			- ASA: Did you mention a time and location?
			- President: Yes. 6 pm, next Wednesday (September 25). Leacock 132. We just need to confirm that we can book the room before we can announce it and we have to verify the signatures. Leacock 132 is the only room that's not closed for construction that can fit the number of people we need for quorum. Hence, it's not official, I just wanted to let you know. We need 500 people!
	2. LAPSA: Can we still sign the petition or not?
		+ President: There's no petition at the moment. They just needed 200 valid AUS members to call a general assembly. At the GA, for a Motion to Strike, you need a quorum of 500 to ratify a motion to strike. Afterwards, it gets sent out to the entire Faculty of Arts through SSMU Simply Voting which will be coordinated by the Elections AUS CRO. Then, we can vote on that; we need a quorum of 8% for that to pass it. Then we can pass a motion to strike.
	3. VP External: Do the 500 students have to be in Arts?
		+ President: Yes
	4. AHCSSA: To clarify LAPSA's question, if the signatures are invalid, then can others can sign?
		+ President: Yes, but the Constitution outlines that we have to give the public five days' notice before a referendum takes place. We want to organize this all tonight so we can announce the GA for next Wednesday, 'cause Tuesday's World of Drugs or whatever so we can't use Leacock 132. To have Leacock 132 we need it on the Wednesday. Again, it's literally the only room that can house 500 students. Keep an eye out on the Facebook page. I will post about it in the Leg[islative] Council Facebook page and then you can reach out to friends and constituents.
	5. CSAUS: Could you elaborate what a strike would entail?
		+ President: I cannot remember the AUS ever having a GA. It's not typically that it happens. This is the first for a lot of us. I'm not entirely sure about the full process. I read the Constitution and it's very vague and general. I believe what a motion to strike is: the AUS passes this motion, that then decimates to the student body saying the AUS has passed a motion to strike. It doesn't cancel classes. Basically, it's us banding together and demonstrating through a collective effort how much this means to us. A great show of strength and solidarity. That's the extent of the power this motion to strike has.
	6. Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 2 at 6pm!
	7. Adjournment
		+ VP Internal: Motion to Adjourn
			- Seconder: EVERYONE
		+ Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Appendices

[Appendix A, Standing Rules of Council](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Standing-Rules-Updated.pdf)

[Appendix B: AUS April 2019 draft FS](http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Appendix-A_-AUS-April-2019-draft-FS.pdf)

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