Report of Philosophy Students' Association, AUS Council
18 September 2019

- Departmental Updates
    - A PSA General Assembly will be held on 24 September 2019, at which the PSA constitution is intended to be amended. The entire PSA membership has been invited two weeks in advance via a Listserv. We on the PSA Executive Committee are committed to making the process as horizontal, unbureaucratic, and transparent as we can.
    - This year, the PSA Coordinating Committee consists of Jeanette Zhong as Internal Affairs Coordinator, Owen Gongos as Academic Affairs Coordinator, Alice Pessoa de Barros as Communications, Jaya Bonelli as Finance Coordinator, Adam Amsel as Inter-University Affairs Representative.
    - The PSA intends to increase our exposure to interdepartmental activities amongst other humanities departments.
- Current Projects
    - The PSA is currency busy constructing an extensive events calendar. There will also likely be more concrete information regarding projects at the conclusion of the PSA General Assembly on 24 September 2019.
- Upcoming Initiatives
    - The PSA is considering many potential events, including a beginning of year party (likely in October), food sales (including churros and donuts), a weekly film night, etc. We are considering both events with and without alcohol, and are planning to experiment with cultivating an environment where people can abstain from drinking without feeling stigmatized. We are also planning events that do not cut into the PSA budget in order to cost-effectively promote member engagement. In general, providing quality and inclusive events will be more of a focus for us than it has been in recent years.
    - Philopolis, a yearly Montreal inter-university philosophy conference, will take place later this year. Adam Amsel, The Inter-University Affairs Representative, is the PSA member centrally responsible for McGill's involvement therein.

The PSA meets Monday at 5:30pm in Leacock 931 (Undergraduate Student Lounge).

Respectfully Submitted,

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