

AUS LC Workshop

About AUS

- Mandate: Represent all McGill students in the Faculty of Arts and to promote their welfare and interests; provide activities and services to enhance the educational, cultural, environmental, and social conditions of its members.
- The AUS is independent of McGill University. Accredited by Quebec government, have MOA with University.

Secretary General Role

- Responsible for Human Resource and Accountability concerns
- Payroll
- HR complaints
- Accountability committee chair
- Accountability complaints

Legislative Council

- Membership:

7.1 The Council shall consist of:

- a. The members of the Executive Committee as defined in Article 10;
- b. A representative of each of the Faculty of Arts Departmental Associations and Programs to be chosen in accordance with their respective Association's constitution in reference to Article 8.2;
- c. All Arts Representatives to SSMU Council, the number of which is to be determined by the SSMU Constitution;
- d. All Arts Representatives to the University Senate, the number of which is to be determined by the SSMU Constitution;
- e. The Vice-President External of the First-Year, Events, Academic and Representative Council
- f. A representative from the AUS Environmental Council (AUSec).
- g. The Speaker of Council (non-voting);
- h. The Recording Secretary (non-voting);
- i. A representative from the AUS Equity Committee;
- j. A representative from the AUS Financial Management Committee (FMC);
- k. A representative from the Arts Community Engagement Committee;
- l. A representative from the Event Planning and Involvement Committee.

Legislative Council and Executive Committee

- Article 6.1: **The governing body** of the AUS shall be known as the Legislative Council, and as such shall:
 - Be empowered to make all decisions and take action on behalf of the AUS
 - Adopt the AUS annual budget
 - Establish Committees of Council where and when it deems necessary
 - **Have the power to mandate any of its representatives to adopt and defend a specific stance.**
- Executive Committee Article 12:
 - The Executive Committee shall ensure communication between Council and the members of the AUS.
 - The EC shall have all the powers of Council between meetings of Council, except that it shall not entertain motions to amend this Constitution
 - New amendment about FIO bylaws
 - All resolutions and actions of the EC taken between meetings must be submitted to the next Council meeting for ratifications

Executive Committee

- Article 11:
 - There shall be a Committee of Council called the Executive Committee, which shall govern the AUS between meetings of Council in a manner consistent with policies set out by Council and the General Assembly
 - Composition: The President, VP Academic, VP Communications, VP External, VP Internal, VP Social, VP Finance, Arts Reps to SSMU, VP Services
 - Arts Representatives to SSMU will serve as non-voting members of the Executive Committee
 - Quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be four voting Executive officers
 - Anyone can request minutes of Executive Committee, except for closed sessions

Freedom of Information

- Article 21:
 - All documentation of Council and its Committees shall be public, except those minutes and documents described in Article 21.3
 - Requests to see the minutes and documents of Council and its Committees shall be addressed to the Vice-President Communications.
 - The Vice-President Communications shall not be obliged to release information, documents, or minutes **concerning ideas or motions which were not acted upon**, or of closed sessions of Council or its Committees.
- Information = Accountability