**Report of the Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies Student Association (GSFSSA), 8 March 2020**

**Internal Affairs**

* + Working on obtaining enough funds in time to host our guest speaker, author Mohamad Abdulkarim Ali on March 19, from: IGSF, AUS FAC, AUS Supplementary Funding and SSMU Equity Fund.
	+ In communication with SACOMMS to collaborate on Sexual Assault Awareness week events.
	+ Filling the petition from CJAM to hold an Arts GA regarding the climate strike this semester – will turn in filled out petition this week.
	+ Working on institutional support from the IGSF and planning a larger GSFS student meeting to discuss and plan support for the climate strike.
	+ PGSS Coronavirus Panel has enough panelists, now promoting event via listserv.
* Gender and Women’s Studies Graduate Option Updates:
	+ Represented the students in GSFS programs at meeting with Associate Dean of Arts Student Affairs, Lucyna M. Lach, on Monday Feb. 24.
	+ Represented undergraduate students in GSFS at the special Arts Faculty Council meeting on Tuesday Feb. 25 to support our graduate and faculty representatives.
	+ Confirmed that GWS Graduate Option is not suspended, the process wrongly initiated is actually in the service of expanding the program into a larger interdisciplinary Masters.

**Upcoming**

* Community Events:
	+ We have confirmed that our invitee, Mohamed Abdulkarim Ali, author of *Angry Queer Somali: A Complicated Memoir*, will visit and speak to students about his book, scheduled for Thursday, March 19th. Still seeking additional funding.
	+ Bake Sale scheduled for Friday, March 13th, raising funds for invited speaker.
	+ GSFS Wine and Cheese in discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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