



Arts Undergraduate Society

‘STATE OF THE SOCIETY’ PRESENTATION

AUS Legislative Council September 7th, 2016



Welcome to AUS! it is going to be AUS-ome....

- As a councilor, you are responsible for...
 - *Representing views of constituents*
 - *Holding executives accountable*
 - *Active participation in discussions at AUS Council*
 - *Sitting on an AUS committee or Faculty of Arts committee*
 - *Generally contributions to the future of the society*

Society Overview

- 1993: Incorporation
- 2003: Accreditation
 - *Corporate obligations to the Quebec government*
- Executive Committee, Arts Reps, Senators
- Arts Spaces
 - *Leacock*
 - *3434 McTavish*
 - *688 Sherbrooke*
 - *Ferrier*
- Governed by Constitution, bylaws, and McGill MOA

Portfolios

- President: manages AUS executive team, official spokesperson, oversees elections AUS and AUS Council, AUS corporate responsibilities
- VP Academic: coordinates representation to McGill, oversees academic programs and services of AUS (eg. Peer tutoring, student rights)
- VP Communications: writes and distributes AUS Listserv, oversees AUS website, oversees French Conversation Circles, runs AUS Photography
- VP External: coordinates AUS representation to SSMU, oversees AUS Sponsorship, supervises International Student Affairs Commission
- VP Finance: manages finances of all departments, chair FMC and AUIF and fulfil all legal obligations to McGill and the government
- VP Internal: oversees all departments, serves as the AUS ombudsperson, runs FEARC and AUsec, oversees room and lounge bookings
- VP Social: supervises planning for all events (eg. Frosh, BdA, Oktoberhaus, Grad Ball) and chairs EPIC
- Arts Reps: sit on Excomm, represent Arts students to SSMU

Services

- Lounge
- Handbook and Agenda
- Essay Center
- Employment Opportunities (ASEF and AUS)
- Computer Labs
- Funding
- AUIF
- Laptop Lending
- Career Prep Assistance
- Francophone Commission
- Charity, philanthropy, and community engagement
- AUTS
- Equity
- Website
- Listserv
- Departmental Journals
- Lockers
- Snax
- AIO
- BdA

Events

- Frosh
- Grad Fair
- WYBA
- Alumni Mixers
- Prof Talks
- embrACE
- Quebec City trip
- Nuit Blanche
- Grad Ball

Representation to McGill

- AUS Council
- AUS Committees
- Representation at SSMU
- Faculty of Arts Committees
- Student Services
- McGill University Administration
- Departmental Associations
- FEARC
- Academic grievance support

Committees

- Academic Affairs Committee (Chair: VP Academic)
- Financial Management Committee (FMC) (Chair: VP Finance)
- Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee (CBRC) (Chair: President)
- First-Year Events, Academic, and Representative Council (FEARC) (VP Internal portfolio; Chair: FEARC Co-Presidents)
- Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund Committee (AUIFC) (Chair: VP Finance)
- Event Planning and Implementation Committee (EPIC) (Chair: VP Social)
- Arts Undergraduate Society Environment Committee (AUSec) (VP Internal portfolio)
- Marketing Committee (Chair: VP Communications)
- Sponsorship Committee (Chair: VP External)
- Equity Committee (VP Internal portfolio)
- Arts Community Engagement (ACE) Committee (VP External portfolio)
- Fine Arts Council (FAC) (VP Communications portfolio)
- Arts Computer Lab Fund Committee (Chair: President)
- Library Partnership Committee (Chair: VP Academic)
- Arts Student Employment Fund Committee (Chair: VP Academic)

Last Year in Review

- Council changes
- Constitution changes
- SNAX and MOA
- Leacock Space Project
- Increased Accountability
- Issues with room bookings
- Flood
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAv_yUsAvgc

Financial situation

- 2014-2015: Fresh deficit, overall deficit
 - *Absence of VP Finance for final stretch*
 - *\$65000 deficit masked as \$70000 surplus*
 - *Increased audit expenses*
- 2015-2016: Improvement of structural difficulties
 - *Fall 2015 referendum: VP Finance selection process*
 - *FMC for increased accountability*
 - *Work study accountability*
 - *Liquidation of GICs*
 - *Ran a surplus*
- 2016-2017
 - *Audit expenses*
 - *Goals of non-profit*
 - *Fresh breaking even*

Moving forward

- Increased collaboration and inclusivity on council
- Streamlined HR system to improve transparency and accountability
- Leacock space project and Lounge Redesign
- Financial literacy training
- Strategizing for finances and public representation
- Increased opportunity for student engagement and entrepreneurialism
- Mental Health awareness and emphasis
- Heightened respect for Arts spaces and strategies for harm reduction at AUS events
- New couches!

ENJOY THE YEAR

