



Motion to Amend the Financial By-Laws

Whereas, the financial by-laws would need to be amended to increase departmental allocations with immediate effect for the winter semester.

Whereas, this increase reflects the proposed amount from the previous council;

Whereas, the clause requiring the thanking of the AUS seems rather self-congratulatory and frivolous according to the CBRC;

Whereas, the examples listed in Section 7.5.1 are redundant;

Whereas, the reduction of the FMC percentages are proposed in the following amendments and are done in consultation with the chairs of the FMC;

Whereas, these amendments would also allow reimbursement of expenses via ACH transfer as well as cheques, while maintaining the two signing authorities required to sign off on it;

Whereas, the bookkeeper role has been replaced with executive assistants to reduce staffing expenditures.

Be it resolved, that AUS Legislative Council amend the Financial By-Laws as follows:

5.1.1 ~~One dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35)~~ **One dollar and forty-six cents (\$1.46)** will be allocated to Departmental Associations per student registered in each of the majors, double majors, honours, and joint honours concentrations of a department or program

5.1.2 ~~Ninety cents (\$0.90)~~ **Ninety-seven cents (\$0.97)** will be allocated to Department Associations per student registered in a minor or a double minor concentration of a department or program

5.3 All departmental associations which primarily represent a discipline in the Faculty of Arts, and which represent a minimum of five (5) arts students, must receive a minimum of ~~\$500.00~~ **\$540.00** in student fees for the academic year.

~~5.9 Recipients of funding from the AUS are obligated to recognize and thank the AUS while promoting their services and activities~~

~~5.9.1 Recipients of FMC funding are obligated to recognize and thank the FMC and AUS on their services and activities~~

~~5.9.1.1 Any journal having received funding from the FMC "Journal Fund" should recognize and thank the FMC for allowing it to exist Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University By-Law Book Last Revised October 2017~~

~~5.9.2 Events promoted on social media should include a disclaimer thanking the AUS if there is room for such disclaimer to be made~~



~~5.9.3 Physical as well as digital banners (for social media) must have an AUS logo on them~~

7.5.1 When presenting the budget to council, the VP Finance and President must provide a written justification for all spending specifically for the executive. This includes, but is not limited to:

~~i) Executive Clothing ii) Executive Retreat iii) Appliances for the AUS office iv) Tickets for AUS Related Events~~

8.1 A Special Projects fund shall receive a minimum of 5% of the Society's collected base fees. There can be no limit on who may apply for Special Projects or how much they may apply for, so long as internal entities are given priority.

8.1.2 The purpose of the Special Projects fund is for the Society to help finance events and projects that will directly benefit Arts students. The Vice President Finance, FMC or the Executive Committee, and Council shall determine the use of this fund by the second meeting of council.

8.2 A Journal Fund shall receive a minimum of ~~40%~~ **7%** of the Society's collected base fees. Journals or any publications requesting use of this fund must meet the minimum standards outlined in the AUS Publishing Commission Bylaws

8.2.1 Vice President Finance, FMC, and Council shall determine the recipients of this funding, with internal entities to be given priority.

8.3 A Supplementary Departmental Fund shall receive a minimum of ~~40%~~ **7%** of the Society's collected base fees. The Vice President Finance, FMC, and Council shall determine the use and size of this fund.

8.3.1 The Supplementary Departmental fund shall be reserved solely for Departmental Associations who require additional funding in order to run an event. Preference should be given to smaller Departmental Associations and multiple departments that run events together.

10.1.2 Quorum for the FMC shall consist of the ~~VPF~~ **Vice President Finance** or President, as well as half of the FMC members.

13.3 Each expenditure of more than \$50.00 must be made by writing a cheque **or e-transfer** from the Society's bank account.

13.3.1 No expenditure of any amount may be made unless proper receipts have been secured and kept on file.

13.4 Each expenditure shall be approved by two members of the AUS Executive Committee who are designated by the committee as signing officers.

14.2.2 Only the **signing authorities** ~~Vice President Finance and the President~~ shall have access to the online registration and payments.

15.1 The previous year's financial statements shall be kept ~~neatly~~ **digitally** in the AUS office and all such documents shall be made available to any member of the Society.



~~15.4 The Executive Committee shall appoint a bookkeeper who will be responsible for maintaining the books, and in conjunction with the Vice President Finance, and shall ensure the finances of the Society are guarded.~~

~~15.4.1 Council shall ratify the appointment of the bookkeeper by the second council meeting.~~

Moved by,

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APPROVED