



Report of the ASA Executive Council, AUS Council November 14th 2018

Overview

The VP External position was filled on October 30th, therefore this is the first biweekly council report of the year. The second VP Events position and the VP Finance position were also filled that same week. Since then, the ASA has been able to meet once on Nov 3rd with almost full attendance, although three executive council members were unable to attend. As such, we haven't had a meeting with everyone yet. Our weekly meetings will resume this week.

At the beginning of this semester, the past ASA members were busy planning the election along with wrapping up duties from before the summer. Once the new ASA executive was elected, they had the task of organizing and planning for the year, as well as hiring the positions that were left unfilled.

The ASA has been working on new ASA stickers for students, as well as supporting the Change the Name campaign promoted by the Indigenous Affairs Committee at SSMU (IAC). We have also been working on a new vision for the ASA, which includes revising and rewriting our outdated constitution. Additionally, we are working on a formal pathway for students to voice their concerns regarding the anthropology department at McGill.

At this time, as our positions are still being defined for this year, I haven't broken down our achievements and plans by position. Our next report should be more detailed in that way. However, I would like to include a summary of each positions' personal goals and ideas for the coming year. The list of executive members, along with their statements, can be found below.

President Mayra Castellanos

"My goal is to re-establish and re-invigorate ASA's position within the anthropology department, ultimately establishing the foundations for upcoming councils in the following years. I also seek to support and help flourish the ideas and goals that my fellow council members put forward for the benefit of not only ASA, but also (and not limited to) the anthropology department and its students."

VP Events Isabella Daniele and Khando Langri

"We hope to create inclusive spaces and events that allow for meaningful dialogue and engagement with anthropology students. Some of our ideas include reorganizing club space, broadcasting talks and research presentations, as well as rebranding the office hours and study hours."

VP Academic Chloe Wong-Mersereau

"I hope to foster a healthy, honest, inclusive and supportive environment and community for anthropology students to express and concerns, questions and complaints regarding the department or academia at large."

VP Internal Jordanna Gisser

“I want to harness a cool community, and build a platform for open space. My goal is to build relationships with professors and grad students in order to create a space that brings people together.”

VP Communications Sarah Nelson

“My goal is to improve the approachability of the ASA. I plan to use Facebook as the platform for students, in order to create a space for sharing and connection.”

VP External Ella Martindale

“I aim to connect anthropology at McGill to other disciplines, departments, and subjects. I hope to create a transparent atmosphere within the student community.”

VP Finance Damian Arteca

“My main goal is to make sure the ASA is visible and reliable within the student body, so that we can start fostering the community of voices that we’re meant to lend a hand to.”

VP Publications Camille Ballick

“I am looking to create an inclusive journal to foster a community of inspired thought for undergraduate students. I hope the Fields/Terrains journal will give students a sense of joy in having their thoughts published and distributed amongst their peers.”