



Report of Philosophy Students' Association, AUS Council 2 October 2019

- Departmental Updates
 - A PSA General Assembly occurred on 24 September 2019, where amended and ratified the PSA Constitution, decided to officially support efforts of students within the PSA to strike (but not to play an organizing role), and elected our Social Events Coordinator, Kristen VanderWee.
 - This year, the PSA Coordinating Committee consists of Jeanette Zhong as Internal Affairs Coordinator, Owen Gongos as Academic Affairs Coordinator, Alice Pessoa de Barros as Communications, Jaya Bonelli as Finance Coordinator, Kristen VanderWee as Social Events Coordinator, and Adam Amsel as Inter-University Affairs Representative.
- Current Projects
 - In the last report, it was stated that there may be more information regarding concrete plans for events following the General Assembly; this has not materialized yet. With the election of our Social Events Coordinator, this information should be available in at least a preliminary form by the next report in two weeks' time.
- Upcoming Initiatives
 - The PSA is considering many potential events, including a beginning of year party (likely in October), food sales (including churros and donuts), a weekly film night, etc. We are considering both events with and without alcohol, and are planning to experiment with cultivating an environment where people can abstain from drinking without feeling stigmatized. We are also planning events that do not cut into the PSA budget in order to cost-effectively promote member engagement. In general, providing quality and inclusive events will be more of a focus for us than it has been in recent years.
 - Philopolis, a yearly Montreal inter-university philosophy conference, will take place later this year. Adam Amsel, The Inter-University Affairs Representative, is the PSA member centrally responsible for McGill's involvement therein.

The PSA meets Monday at 5:30pm in Leacock 931 (the undergraduate student lounge).

Respectfully Submitted,

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