



Religious Studies Undergraduate Society (RSUS) Departmental Report (13/11/19)

General

- Meeting on 4 November discussed the status of TUSA, creating GA guidelines, endorsing the 12 Nov walkout, and fleshing out ideas for the interdepartmental panel.
- Meeting on 11 November will discuss updates to current projects/plans and a member of AGSEM will be coming to discuss the issue of unpaid OSD notetakers.
- Because the only applicant for First Year Rep rescinded her application in addition to there being little need for it this year, we are no longer looking for a First Year Rep.

Events

- Working on coordinating an inter-departmental end-of-year event in December, so far this has been discussed with CSA and HSA.
- Currently in rudimentary planning stages for two panels (one interdepartmental, one within the SRS) for the Winter semester, with a plan for the interdepartmental panel.
- Planning a trip to Québec City with Professor Torrence Kirby, still in early stages.

Internal Affairs

- Gender neutral bathrooms are still in the process of being approved and finalized.
- Met 1 November with TUSA and Jamal and decided that TUSA would secede and join SSMU as a Faculty Association. The RSUS Constitution has been updated in kind and friendly relations are being maintained.
- Birks building director, Prof. Garth Green, will not allow Birks to be open past current hours to allow students another study space option due to the building being a “heritage site.” However, charging stations will be added to the reading room and common room.

Finances

- Submitted application to the Supplementary Fund to cover the costs of a coffee machine in the Birks common room.
- Applied for external funding through the FMC’s Supplementary Fund and Special Projects Fund to fund an intradepartmental panel and an interdepartmental panel, respectively.

Communications

- Endorsed the 12 November Divest/CJAM walkout and encouraged students to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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