



Council Report of the AUS President
Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014
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Introduction

Welcome back to council! I hope you had a fabulous summer!

Council

SEDE – Guest speaking on September 17th about CED, Community Engagement Day

Suzanne Fortier - Guest speaker for the **October 2nd** session of AUS Council.

Equity Workshop – October 15th

- Booked an equity workshop with SEDE

Media

I met with campus media, including the B&B, The Daily, and the Tribune to initiate healthy and transparent lines of communication this year.

Legal +

I renewed our corporate status with the government of Quebec.

Obligations to Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning's Office

In order to fulfill our Memorandum of Agreement with McGill University, we have to complete some obligations to the DPSLL office, such as sending them proof of our annual update. I have completed these obligations and am just waiting on the certification to send to their office. We are having a breakfast as well with the DPSLL office on Sept 11th.

VP Finance resignation

Replacement method decided following electoral by-laws & constitution. Approved at ExComm. I sent out a call-out ASAP for interested candidates to step forward. We will be holding the appointment process today. I apologize if the email came out a bit sporadic because we do not have a complete contact list for all the departments.

Elections

Prepared with CRO an election calendar. We met to discuss the year and the fall referenda periods.

MoA

This is our lease with McGill University. As the AUS, we function as a separate legal entity and must sign a Memorandum of Agreement with McGill to use our facilities and services.



The AUS MoA is being re-negotiated this year. I am currently in the process of beginning the preparations.

AUS Admin

Executive Assistant: Grant Whitham

One of the biggest parts of my portfolio this summer was hiring, with the help of Sam Higgs former VP Finance, our new executive assistant. We interviewed and hired Grant in May.

His term began August 11th. He is now working full time in the office.

Table bookings/Lockers/etc

Grant does table bookings, locker rentals, room bookings, and poster-ing. All of those are live starting today, September 3rd. This year we are trying to integrate more of those features into the website than ever.

Office & Lounge

uPrint & Xerox

Grant and I contacted uPrint to update our printer in the Arts Lounge Computer Lab and to start a new contract for the AUS office.

Lounge

We put out board games so that students can use them in the lounge. We got new chairs for the Arts Lounge Computer Lab

AUIF: Grant and I are looking into getting new lights for the lounge space per AUIF last year. We also looking into new projector and tables and new computers for the AUS office

Events & Projects

Laptop Lending Program

Pilot project in the fall to be run out of the Ferrier building. Full scale project to begin in Winter.

Arts DAR

I met with Caroline Monte at ArtsDar to discuss the **graduation breakfast**. This is an event for graduating students to grab breakfast with the Dean as a celebration of their time at McGill. This is set to occur sometime in late September or early August.

ArtsDar is also doing a series of crowdsourcing projects. Lola and I met with SEDE and we are trying to put forward a project proposal for October's session.

ArtsDar and I also organize the Alumni Mixer, which I will be working on with Lola in second semester.

CaPS – Work Your B.A.

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Lola and I met with CaPS to preliminarily discuss Work Your B.A., which will be held in January. I am currently in the process of booking rooms for the event. I will be sending out a hiring call for the committee soon sometime this week or next.

AHAW – Arts Health and Wellness Project

This is the new mental health initiative of the AUS which was started as last year's graduating class project. It was the recipient of ArtsDAR's summer crowdsourcing funds as well. I met with Nellie at Arts OASIS to discuss what we will do this year. We will be holding an AHAWeek sometime in October and having more events in the Arts Lounge. Last year in April we held a session with McGill Counselling in the lounge that was rather successful. I am meeting with the team tomorrow to discuss this.

SEDE

Lola and I met with SEDE and had a chance to talk to them about their upcoming projects. I connected SEDE with our AUS Equity Commissioners and I also organized a workshop for AUS Council on **October 2nd**. This will be a two hour equity workshop that will be mandatory for all councillors.

Executive Retreat

Weekend of September 12th

Orientation+

Discover McGill

This year Discover McGill's orientation underwent a huge overhaul spearheaded by OASIS and the ASAP Orientation Coordinators. Based on meetings we had in the past, they decided to introduce a panel of professors and students who spoke about their academic interests and extracurricular activities. I think it went really well and I'd personally like to applaud them for their initiative. I presented at the Discover McGill will had its arts component on August 26th from 2pm to 4pm.

First Year Listserv

I sent out a listserv about engaging with the AUS and getting involved post-Frosh.

First Year Get Involved Panel

I organized a forum on first year opportunities. It was held on **Wednesday, August 27th at 4:30pm** in Lea 132 as a part of Orientation Week's a la carte events. It was a pretty successful event and we had many attendees. Next year, I think I will put in a recommendation to include departmental associations as one of our topics of discussion.

Frosh

One of my efforts was introducing an informal mentorship program. I presented at the Faculty Frosh Leader Training on Wednesday, August 27th and spoke about AUS materials, activities, and the informal Frosh mentorship program that I wanted to start up. It is supposed to have three parts, a Facebook element, the AUS Handbook, and an after-party at BdA. We will see how things go?



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I met with Lucy Lach, Associate Dean and with Mitch Miller from CL&E to discuss various aspects of Frosh.

Respectfully Submitted,
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