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## Report of the Arts Representatives, AUS Council 2016/02/24

### New Business

- Debates for AUS Executive positions of 2016-2017 were this past Wednesday February 17
- We will unfortunately and excitingly soon be replaced
- The Winter GA is this Monday February 22nd

### SSMU Council

- Motion Regarding the AVEQ Affiliation Referendum question was passed
- Motion of the increase and renewal of the TVM fee will also be going to referendum
- Motion for the creation of a club fund fee will also be going to referendum
- Two motions regarding ancillary fees were brought to council by McGill which were questioned by multiple councillors and we have requested more information before passing these
- Standing rules for the Winter General Assembly were adopted

### Committees

#### Lexi:

- **SSMU Equity Committee**
  - Met on Wednesday February 17th
  - The Speakers Series is planned for March 10th and the speaker is Rupri Kaur
  - TVM Equity Project
    - I met with TVM on Friday February 19th
    - They are going to begin filming next week
    - Our goal date is to have the project released by March 31st
    - I am currently reaching out to students, profs, and organizations
- **Daycare Board:**
  - First Daycare Board meeting was on Tuesday February 23rd
  - I was unable to attend due to a midterm at the same time
- **Constitutional By-law Review Committee**
  - Went through the referendum questions for approval
  - Included were the revision of VP Social constitutional amendments, ISAC by-laws, question regarding hiring of students in the place of a full time AUS Executive Assistant
- **Electoral Reform Committee**
  - Decided to draft amended by-laws
    - Meeting on March 12th in order to do so

- Possible town hall, post-elections, so that we can get feedback on elections problems, etc
- Discussion of « no campaigns » and how involved SSMU student staff are permitted to be
- Possible creation of elections CEO guidebook
- **Committee on Student Affairs**
  - Unsustainable demand for deferrals in mental health
  - Increase in demand for past 30 years
  - Students claiming that their note is written differently depending on whether they go when they are unwell or not
  - New system needs to be adopted
- **Board of Directors**
  - Meeting called on Tuesday February 16th
  - Reviewed the decision to pass standing rules for the General Assembly without bringing them to the General Assembly to be voted on first
  - No changes proposed to the standing rules but the motion should be brought to the GA for them to decide
  - Decided that the speaker will present Roberts Rules, then the standing rules that were adopted by council and then he will say that if anyone objects to the standing rules that they can motion to change them at this time

**Adam:**

- **(Unnamed as yet) Multi-faith Dialogue Event Series with SSMU**
  - Met with SSMU President Ibrahim to book rooms for the Multi-faith dialogue initiative tentatively scheduled for Mar. 14th, 15th, 17th
  - Have been in contact via email with Student Faith groups and MORSL about involvement
- **SSMU Health and Dental Review Committee**
  - Meeting on Sunday 14th cancelled
  - Chair Meeting with SSMU VP Finance & Operations on Feb. 19th
    - Reviewed early data and agreed more was necessary to have a statistical sample of student feedback
  - Meeting on Sunday 21st to review preliminary data and decide on a plan for instituting Committee conclusions based on student feedback
- **SSMU Board of Directors**
  - Meeting called for Feb. 16th to approve standing rules at the General Assembly bringing them into effect
- **SSMU Electoral Reform Committee**
  - Meeting Feb. 14th
    - Reviewed involvement of SSMU staff during election periods
    - Reviewed the creation of an Elections CEO handbook and agreed precedent should be set and followed for future CEOs
    - No Campaigns are felt to be acceptable in referenda, but damaging to the mental health of an individual running for an Executive position and will not be permitted

- Further investigation is being conducted into the rules for restricting candidate access to the media and why they were put into place
  - I have changed the goal of the Committee, after consultation with both the SSMU VP Finance & Operations and the SSMU VP Clubs and Services, and the Committee will be submitting amended Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda rather than a report for consideration next year
  - The draft meeting is open to Committee members but will not be mandatory and is scheduled for Saturday March 12th
    - Committee will review amendments before they are brought to Council
  - Townhall is tentatively organized for Monday March 21st
  - Meeting on Feb. 17th with Internal Regulations Review Commissioner cancelled and to be rescheduled when amended Internal Regulations are drafted for a review
- **SSMU Accountability Committee**
  - Working on instituting the reformed accountability process
  - Accountability Internal Regulations tabled at last SSMU Council due to late approval in an Accountability meeting the hour before Council itself on Feb. 11th
  - Meeting scheduled for Sunday 21st
- **SSMU Steering Committee**
  - Met on Fri. 19th and deemed one upcoming motion at SSMU Legislative Council as external and divisive meaning it will need 2/3 approval at Council to be added to the agenda
- **AUS Constitution and By-law Review Committee**
  - Met on Fri. 19th
    - Present, but in and out of Committee due to simultaneous event programming
- **SSMU Internal Regulation Review Committee**
  - Meeting rescheduled from this week to Thursday Feb. 25th
- **AUS MSAASH**
  - Event Series
    - BDA Showcase on Thursday 18th
      - As was feared earlier in the semester from conversations with Equity Commissioners this was not an ideal setting to raise awareness however the event was facilitated well with BDA staff and went smoothly
    - Documentary Screening on Friday 19th
      - Technical issues with displaying the film in Arts W-20 unfortunately ended with the cancellation of this event - however we were able to redirect attendees to the Wine and Cheese later in the evening
      - Attendance issues may be explained by the ready availability of the selected documentary - The Hunting Ground is actually on Netflix
    - Wine and Cheese on Friday 19th
    - Good attendance
    - Good conversations about Sexual Harassment on campus and how to respond among those I spoke with
    - Unfortunately our booked photographer became unavailable so this was substituted by a committee member

- Committee felt that the event was a success
- Conclusions
  - Overall I would argue the event was a success
  - BDA Showcase and Documentary Screening proved disappointing but were very minor, or cost neutral expense initiatives
  - Wine and Cheese was successful with donations collected, awareness raised and was a good culminating event for the team
  - Further, the event cost was less than its budgeted amount
- Moving Forward
  - Important lessons learned and will be noted for future projects
  - Committee members are already brainstorming new ways to raise awareness on both the issue and about the group itself
    - Potentially tabling in the Leacock Lobby on Tuesday Feb. 23rd
  - I will be working to re-engage the Equity Commissioners on this project
  - Next meeting scheduled for Fri. March 11th

**Gabriel:**

- **Health and Dental Committee**
  - Met on 2-21 to review preliminary data and prepare options for council
- **Electoral Reform Committee**
  - Met on 2-21 to Discuss the electoral process and the Demerit system
- **Student Engagement Committee**
  - Next committee meeting has not been planned yet. Estimated to be after Reading Week.
- **Faculty of Arts Committee**
  - Next scheduled meeting is 3-8.

**ELAINE I WOULD LOVE TO GO TO GRAD BALL WITH YOU!!!**



Respectfully Submitted,

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Arts Representatives