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Report of the Department of English Students Association (DESA), AUS Council (March 22, 2017)

General Updates:

- DESA's "Possible Futures: What To Do With A B.A. In English" event on Thursday, March 9th was a great success! Approx. 30 English students were in attendance.
 - For the future, a bigger room would be nice (i.e. Leacock 232).
- DESA welcomed Grace, an English student, to its executive meeting on Monday, March 13th, to hear her concerns about the handling of DESA's vote regarding the Impeachment of Igor Sadikov that came to Council on February 22nd.
 - The meeting's goals included discussing ideas on how to improve transparency within the English Department. We reached some productive conclusions.
 - DESA will be implementing a polling system that will enable the opinions of all English students to be taken into account the next time a Department-wide vote is required for an AUS motion.
 - In addition, DESA will be issuing official statements on social media if/when an instance of hate speech occurs again in the Arts building (or any part of campus).
 - DESA has also promised to deal with any future on-campus hate crimes/instances of violence or assault that threaten the psychological and physical safety of its constituents in a much more timely manner.

Projects in Progress:

- The DESA executives are working to create a website that will act as a resource for those who attended the Possible Futures event, which will include speaker bios and an FAQ.
 - The website will also be built as a future resource for English students looking for professional and academic resources and opportunities.
- DESA's Cultural Studies Representative is organizing a stream event to be located in the Arts Lounge. More information via Facebook to come.
- DESA is ordering English swag items!

Upcoming Initiatives:

- DESA's annual Poetry in Performance event (organized by the DESA Literature Stream Rep.) will be held on March 16th.
- The Annual English Honours Symposium is coming up! Facebook event to come.

(The next DESA meeting will take place on March 20th at 5:30pm, in Arts 305.)

Respectfully Submitted,

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