



**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University
Legislative Council
November 22nd 2017, 6 PM**

1. Call to Order
 - 6:00 PM
2. Territorial Acknowledgement
 - AUS would like to acknowledge that McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. AUS recognizes and respects the Kanien'kehá:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and water on which we meet today.
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - President: Motion to add amendment to the AUS Budget to Article 9 under New Business. Seconded by VP External
 - President: Remove Article 6 Review of Robert's Rules. Seconded by PSSA
 - Agenda is carried as amended
5. Approval of the Minutes from November 8th
 - VP Internal: motion to amend minutes to remove name Stefana Arvinte as she has resigned from ACHSSA. Seconded by Arts Rep Chan. All in favor. Carried.
6. Announcements
 - Speaker's Memorandum Concerning Respect and Decorum
 - President: AUS Referendum polling is open until 5pm tomorrow. Have achieved quorum
 - VP Internal: AUS environmental committee having first event tomorrow at 5:30PM. Screening of movie. Event on Facebook.
 - DESA: For Colored Girls event on Nov. 23rd presented by Tuesday Night Cafe Theatre.
 - VP External: Arts Health and Wellness Workshops last day is tomorrow in the Brown building.
7. Guest Speaker: Gillian Lane-Mercier, Associate Dean Academic Administration and Oversight
 - Give brief overview of Portfolio. Oversees Arts Internship Office, anything to do with internship office.
 - Co-Chair with Associate Dean Lucy Locke the Curriculum Committee — proposals for new courses and programs; retirements of programs and courses. Has good representative of students. Large committee, has comprehensive view within Faculty, enrolment issues, interdisciplinary programs, etc.

- Monitoring course enrolments over past 5 years — recently retired 10 programs for low enrolment and lack of student interest. Programs may come back in more attractive forms to students.
- Also monitor number of new courses being approved compared to number being retired; try to maintain equilibrium.
- Major portfolio is space — any type of space in the Faculty of Art: faculty spaces, office spaces, research spaces, student spaces etc.
- Never enough space available for any constituency. Oncoming challenge to address concerns of everyone.
- Very involved in renovation projects. Present on most committees. Involved in McGill macro-plan (for Arts and non-Arts)
- Involved with Arts Computer Lab Fund, InfoTech Fund
- Questions
 - President: Regarding construction in Leacock, please share timeline of when space between Arts and Leacock will open
 - A: should be soon. Storage is moving back into the basement. Construction coming to an end. Bar Des Arts also back.
 - Q: Low Enrolment: how to determine grade minimum for enrolment.
 - A: Cut-offs are arbitrary. Low enrolment started 5-6 years ago, decided to wipe-off from the slate any courses with enrolment of 15 and under. Decided to begin monitoring after. Many courses brought back on, but statistics (since 2004) show that 15 students enrolled in a program could be considered minimum. 10 as minimum in a course. Currently looking at 10 and under for courses and 20 and under for programs. 3 programs still currently under probation. Can retire a program without retiring the courses in the program. 400 and 500 Level courses are low enrolment courses and would like to keep their numbers as such. But for lower level courses, they would be considered for retirement.

8. AUS Accountability Survey: Presentation Results

- AUS Executives asked to leave the room
- Speaker gives presentation of survey on behalf of Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General
- Arts Rep Zhou: Arts Reps not included on accountability survey. Is anyone uncomfortable with Arts Reps in the room?
- Speaker: put question on the Floor. No objections. Arts Reps will stay.
- Results:
 - View [here](#)
- Questions about the survey can be sent to Deputy Secretary-General to be taken into account for next term

9. Straw Poll

- Brought forward by VP Internal.
- Non-binding
- Question: What would Councillors like to see happen to the Ferrier Computer Lab Space?
 - A. Group Study/Study Rooms to be booked — 31 in favour
 - B. Additional Lounge Space/Chill Space — 4 in favour
 - C. Structured Study Space — 2 in favour
 - D. SSMU Lounge-esque — 3 in favour
- President: Are we voting for all options we support, or only one?
- VP Internal: Favorite option
- Senator Nwabufu: create hybrid like SSMU lounge (with beanbags)
- Arts Rep Chan: SSMU Lounge did get bed bugs at one point. Advocate for study space due to new funding from OASIS (influx of group projects in Arts classes)
- Results of Straw Poll will be for executives

10. New Business

1. **Motion to Amend Minutes Previously Adopted for the Meeting of October 11th 2017**
 - Minutes did not have Husayn Jamal as Speaker, and Recording Secretary was not present (mistakenly marked as present)
 - President: Amendment to record recording Secretary as Absent.
 - Vote: All in Favor. Carried.
2. **Motion to Ratify Fine Arts Council Fall Funding Application Allocations**
 - Moved by VP Communications
 - AUS legislative council must ratify the fall funding application allocations of FAC as attached in Appendix A
 - FAC shall allocate funding to projects it deems worthy.
 - Vote: 1 Abstention. Carried.
3. **Motion to Condemn Racist Language and Implications of SSMU Fall 2017 Referendum Question to Raise neural Assembly Quorum**
 - Moved by DESA VP External
 - DESA VP External: language used in the motion evokes rhetoric of a “loud minority” and “silent majority” continues to resonate and has been used to describe minority activists. Call out this rhetoric, and call on Arts Reps to raise concern to SSMU. Need to acknowledge that quorum raised will address anti-semitism on campus, but there are other instances of daily abuse which students experience and admin does not respond to. The new quorum may muffle minority voices while trying to bring forth other minority voices. Call for everyone to pay attention to language used (lacks objectivity).

The new quorum limits effectiveness of GA for opportunity for direct democratic student participation.

- PSSA: the link on motion is broken.
- DESA: will send to Speaker
- LAPSA: Racist implications, is it hard for minority members to mobilize and be heard in a large crowd?
- DESA: Yes.
- GSA: "Racist", don't think the word is relevant enough. Because of association with Nixon?
- DESA: what I have been told by students directly affected (students of colour)
- VP Academic: Please elaborate onto the degree of consultation with students on campus.
- DESA: can't speak to which groups were consulted for the original referendum. Members of executive team and individual students came together to craft this motion. Individuals representing variety of backgrounds.
- LAPSA: Were any constituents consulted Jewish?
- DESA: Yes
- Arts Senator Nwabufo: will quorum return to 100?
- DESA: Everyone who inspired motion wants this.
- Q: Any consultation done with Black Students Network?
- DESA: Only Individuals
- GSA: Idea of given minorities a voice in a good way. Language in question, not intention of the quorum raise is the problem. here what is at stake is the language, way of expressing intent was clumsy, but you as a person your intention is positive. Is there further implication?
- DESA: harm done was not intention of those who wrote the questions.
- Senator Nwabufo: Good job DESA for reaching out to minorities. Concerned about 100 Quorum already in effect. Do not believe quorum should be reduced to 100 again as that may not effectively represent the entire student body. Do believe that minority voices should be encouraged. 350 Quorum is good.
- President: Add information. Given ration of students voted in favour to increase quorum (and arts students) exceedingly probable (60-65%) voted in favour of quorum increase
- WIMESSA: this motion is not about the quorum increase itself, it is the language and implications of the wording. Opportunity to raise these voices than debate on legitimacy of quorum increase.

- VP Academic: biggest hindrance to this motion is that it seemed like a covert means of condemning the quorum increase. With lack of consultation done, like it was a means of condemning the question rather than the language.
- Arts Rep Chan: No consultation with outside groups, but shouldn't take away from legitimacy of concerns. Institutions create problems for minority people to be behind organizations to be heard.
- VP Finance: "Limits opportunity for direct democratic participation" ironic, this motion is calling for more direct democracy by increasing quorum number. We're a small group of students making decisions for a large student body, not exactly democratic.
- DESA: difference between voting online and direct democratic participation at a GA. We are here to represent students coming to us with concerns
- PSSA: do we know what the exact language and question is?
- IDSSA: request early departure
- WIMESSA: reiterate we are not attacking the question, but just the language is marginalizing people. Majority voting in support doesn't mean we shouldn't condemn it. We represent these students and should address them.
- VP Academic: In favor of condemning racist language, but may implicate expectations to lower quorum (as stated before)
- GSA: concern is that condemning the language could be interpreted as condemning the overall decision. Can we clarify that so that no one would get wrong idea we are condemning overall idea?
- CSA: introduce Amendment to strike second "Whereas" Clause
- DESA: cannot determine friendly or not without conferring with other movers. Need a 2 minute recess. 42 In Favour, 8 Opposed. Passes.
- DESA: Friendly Amendment.
- Speaker: final copy of Motion will be available on website.
- President: Motion to divide the question. Seconded By Senator Nwabufo. Vote: 9 in favour, 32 opposed. Motion to Divide fails.
- AHCSSA: Motion to Add Condemn Language is discriminatory to minority groups in general. Because there are non-racialize groups affected. Seconded by Arts Senator. Ament first Be As Resolved Clause.
- DESA: Friendly
- Arts Rep Zhou: Answer some questions about second "Be It Resolved" Clause. regardless of outcome of motion, discussion will still be happening. Hopefully have this discussion at AUS. Questions and concerns regarding this can come see me at office hours.

- Arts Rep Chan: Main objective of motion is to mandate Arts Reps to speak about this at SSMU. Otherwise would be a letdown for students who have come forward about it.
- PSSA: what is significant is that there has not been sufficient consultation. Would like to motion to table so movers would have more consultation time. Aware next meeting would be after winter holidays. No seconders. Motion is defeated.
- Speaker: DESA, is the new language ok?
- DESA: friendly.
- DESA: Individuals who have come forward shouldn't need the backing of an institution
- SSA: Touching back on Equity training. This is not about equality, but rather equity. 15 people came forward, this is large concern.
- VP Academic: Motion to Amend to add Be It Resolved Clause. Takes no action to lower SSMU Movement back to 100. Seconded. Not a condemnation of the results of referendum
- DESA: Friendly.
- Arts Rep Zhou: Want to clarify that possibility of a lowering of quorum after referendum is not very high because it would have to come as another referendum in winter period.
- VP Finance: Problematic conflation of agency and structure in this matter. Implications of questions that could be racist, if you look at structure itself, it actually allows for more diverse voices. Ex. 100 Alt-right students could take over quorum easier if quorum was 100
- GSA: Most people in this room are not opposed to quorum, but we're afraid it gets interpreted that way. Should indicate we're only interested in the language
- WIMESSA: Clarify that there was no rule that forbade more than 100 people to attend the GA. Diverse voices have always been allowed to attend GA. Misguided to say that increasing the quorum would be protecting the greater good.
- Arts Rep Chan: As one of people of color that wrote motion, it took a lot of emotional labor. Incredibly frustrating to have it remove from its original focus. Need to recognize racist roots in the language that's making people uncomfortable.
- CSA: Intention of the motion is the will of the AUS, not in any other form
- President: Move the previous question. Seconded by Senator Nwabufo. Move to call the question. Vote: 38 in favour, 3 against. Carried.
- VOTE: 39 in Favor, 0 Abstentions, 2 Opposed

- Arts Rep Zhou: Motion to suspend the rules. Seconded by Arts Rep Chan.
Vote: Carried for 2 minutes
 - GSA: Question for Speaker, yes did take into effect that people left?
 - Speaker: Yes.
4. **Motion to Ratify Lassman Photos Contract**
- Under previous agreement, AUS would receive \$5 sitting fee for each student who participates in grad photos. Lower costs would result in more students participating for grad photos in class mosaics. All students will be able to come to AUS office with receipt and receive \$5 rebate
 - LAPSA: how much do photographers cost?
 - President: \$70, \$13 is a sitting fee, part is taxes. Page 11 out of 16 in Appendix B
 - Vote: All in favour. Carried
5. **Motion to Approve Departmental Budgets**
- Moved by VP Finance
 - This is last council opportunity to approve budgets. At FMC meeting went through all Budgets.
 - President: Italians Student Society's budget not being approved.
 - VP Finance: reached out to them, but not responsive. Thus unable to approve funding without seeing their budget.
 - LAPSA: LAPSA budget is a former copy. Sent copies to AUS assistance, received confirmation for last one, but not the one on Google Drive.
 - VP Finance: most recent one will be approved.
 - Vote: All in Favor. Carried.
6. **Motion to Endorse the Survivor Support Letter**
- Moved by President
 - Collaboration with other faculties to determine best way to support students to call on McGill to provide financial support for those impacted by sexual assault, gendered violence, etc.
 - Also will be meeting with SUS to discuss steps moving forward.
 - RUSS: Letter doesn't have who signed the bottom.
 - President: Currently has no formal endorsement. We would be first to approve. Hope all councillors will be friendly. Looking into making it an open letter for all associations on campus to sign.
 - Vote: 37 in favour. Passes.
7. **Motion to Approve the Allocation Decisions of the Arts Student Employment Fund Committee**
- Motioned by VP Academic



- ASEF is opt-mutable fee that allows Professors and associations to apply for research positions on campus Ex. research opportunities.
- Approve decisions made by ASEF Committee. AUS used to allocate money to new professors to hire grad students. Last year was scrapped because Professors were not aware of this money, and it was unused. Bylaws says must be used first time, but there positions available. We interpret it as we allocate funding to each prof who applied, but still under the amount the money after going up and beyond.
- President: a lot of discouraging non-new professors applied. How to ensure those applying in winter round is competitive?
- VP Academic: committee decides if the application is funded. Will be able to apply in the next round. Thus create new positions
- Presidents: Move to divide question to consider number 5 separately. Vote: Fails. Move to table the debate to move onto Motion 8. Seconded by ACE. Vote: passes
- VP Academic: standardize payments to \$15 per hour
- Vote: 1 Opposed, 1 Abstention, Carried.

8. Motion to Hold Winter General Election

- Moved by President.
- Campaign periods coming soon for elections of AUS Executives, Arts Reps and Arts Senators in February . Dates proposed by the Chief Elections Officer.
- Vote: All in Favor.

9. Motion to Amend the AUS Budget

- Moved by President
- Amend policy presented on Oct 26th.
- While drafting AUS Budget, groups such as equity, MHC and FEAR did not receive full amount of funding. Student funds should be allocated first to items impacting and servicing students.
- Reduce allocation to office snacks from \$250 to \$0, and \$250 between Equity, MHC, and FEARC.
- ACE: \$250 divided amongst 3 committees?
- President: Yes.
- Vote: All in favour. Carried.

11. Reports of the AUS Executives

1. President

- New HR handbook
- Referendum period met quorum already



- long campaign this year, looking at things that are extending this time period to raise quorum.
- Work your BA needed to move a couple of panels, but is promising
- GSFSSA was elected Tuesday. QSSA elections coming up before break.
- Equity Commission working on setting up training for AUS Committee members.

2. Academic

- ASEFC met n 11/13 to make November funding decisions. Approval motion brought to today's council meeting.
- ProfTalk happening today on Climate Change
- AUS Town Hall ran with VP Internal. Informed constituents on responsibility and functioning of AUS
- Commuter Support and Engagement Committee
 - Project 1. reroute Mac Campus shuttle at Fairview stop.
 - Project 2. formal exam accommodation for transportation-related issues
- Library Partnership Committee decided what to include in funding proposal
- AAC submitted request for research on possible implementation of fall reading week — approved
- Writing Courses — met with Undergraduate Program Directors about implementing complementary writing courses.
- Attended AUS Equity Training.

3. Communications

- Francophone Commission poutine night delayed this week. In profess of hiring 4th francophone commissioner to have more conversation circles. Working logistics for holiday story recital night (29th)
- FAC doing workshops, theatre worship for December. Brainstorming ideas for Nuit Blanche
- Marketing Committee working on Town Hall and Arts and Health Wellness Week
- Speaker Series ongoing.
- Photographer hired. Working with videographer on projects. Checking in with portfolio and helping with listservs.

4. External

- ACE open mic night was successful. ACCM trivia night event launched
- MHAUS SHAW underway
- ISA hired new committee. New initiatives include building resource website and “helpers”
- Sponsorship for Holiday Party and WYBA; sponsorship package is still in the works
- Large list of business fro WYBA Jobs Fair
- WYBA have a lot of workshops around 17. Most rooms booked. Looking for alternative venue for Jobs Fair. Send emails to 300+ employers.



5. Finance

- Primary focus of FMC was to approve departmental budgets
- Met with AUS banker twice to go over bank accounts to modernize.
- Bank account no will have monthly fees waived if we keep 65K+ in account. 125 free deposits and 125 free credits.
- Cashed current cashable GIC. Started new cashable GIC. Created cashable GIC which comprises out bylaw-mandated reserve.

6. Internal

- renaming Champagne room to Karina Gould Room. Buying new tables for Leacock Lobby
- Reworking Ferrier Computer Lounge to group study space. Need to wait for funding before proposing idea
- Met with SSA and CSUS.
- AUS Town Hall on Nov. 20th
- Holiday Party on Nov. 27th @5:00
- AUsec has Garbage Warrior on Nov. 23rd @6pm in Leacock 110
- FEARC hosted stop at Stache Dash Apartment Crawl. End of year de-stress in the works.

7. Social

- Bar des Arts had 2 events. Reworking security involvement and reviewed and renegotiated beer contract with Sleeman
- EPIC held Stache Dash. No reports from owners for lost items and damages. Final donation amount to be determined this week. Meeting with 4eme on Monday for AUS Ball
- Grad Ball renegotiated contract with Windsor Ballrooms to change date from 10th to 3rd. Had meeting with VP internal of Science to decide hiring schedule.

12. Reports of the Arts Representatives & Senators

1. Report of the Arts Representatives

- AUS: FMC met this week for budget reviews, did Equity Training 2 weeks ago. Planning winter retreat to welcome VP External.
- SSMU: councillors attended committee meetings this week. Had meet-and-greet with Office of the DPSLL and Program Directors.
- Announced resignation of the SSMU VP Finance; moving forward the portfolio will be split until by-election can be called.
- Report of Elections SSMU on student initiated referenda.

2. Report of the Arts Senators

- Senate: Joint Senate-Board meeting on 15th. Theme "mentorship"
- Senate Caucus: discussed documents for Senate. Documents listed in report. Ask me if interested.

- Committee Reports
 - Isabella: CSS, ESAAC, Accountability Committee
 - Michael: CESA, MARAB (both no meetings)
- Faculty of Arts Committee met Tuesday November 21st.
- VP Academic: at last senate at Faculty were were amendments passed about what happened. Where to find documents?

13. Reports of Department Associations

1. MESS

- Prof Talk, around 30 people showed up.
- Event planned for 1st week of December. Trivia Night or Christmas party.
- Doing Clothing orders. Received around 20-25 orders.

2. SLUM

- No departmental meeting this week. Make up meeting this monday Nov. 20th
- Samosa Sale on Nov. 13th. Collected ~\$130
- Going to have Trivia Night with CogSci Mixer postponed to January
- SLUMP kin Pie on Nov. 21st.

3. PSA

- Interfaculty liaison resigned. Position assumed by another VP portfolio for remainder of year
- Welcome Back Event
- Apparel designs underway
- reached out to tutors for PHIL 210 and PHIL 230
- Mini-social events Wine and Cheese on Nov. 21st and Philopolis applied for funding from sources.

4. PSSA

- Continued to participate in departmental interviews to hire new professor. Will not be ratified until January 2018
- Jeux de la Science Politique team for 2018 games will be fundraising in Leacock on Nov. 22nd. Collecting food donations in charity effort this weekend.
- Successful essay writing tutorial last week
- held annual wine and cheese last week
- Inter-party debate between members of Liberal McGill and Conservative McGill, NDP McGill and Green McGill on Tuesday.

5. RSUS

- Meeting on Monday
- Waiting for a mock up of apparel
- All editors hired for the Religious Studies Journal. Accepting submissions until February
- Keeping current logo until next semester.



6. RUSS

- Biannual Russian Evening past Friday
- Wednesday is final Conversation Club
- Wine and cheese coming up on Dec. 26th. Russian help desk running until Dec. 4th
- Budget surplus is sizeable, looking to poll constituents for event ideas. Looking for editors in chief. Email VP Academic if interested.
- Looking to allocate surplus towards sweaters.
- Professor Anna German leaving for sabbatical and RUSS hoping to book her for talk before she goes.

7. SSA

- Have all professors for research panel, created tentative dates. Possibility of internships.
- Sociology journal editing team recruited. Journal Launch March 27th.
- Slices for Sociology: pizza and refreshments on Nov. 29th. Attend if need help writing papers, advice, etc.
- Sociology sweaters sold at \$20

8. SUMS

- Sold all lockers in Burnside, sent out orders for SUMS apparel. In process of designing stickers. Sold early bird tickets for SUMSxBUGS apartment crawl
- Sold beverage ticket for Awkward Mixer Mixer on Nov. 11th.
- Elected new U1 representative and lounge admin. New VP Communication also elected.

9. WIMESSA

- Attended AUS Executive equity training.
- Meeting with admin to address issues of sexual violence
- Study Away Info Session on Nov. 7th with high attendance.
- Coffee hour on Nov. 10th
- Next coffee hour next week
- GM on Nov. 10th voted on ratification of a sexual violence policy and endorsement of DPS YES Campaign.
- Middle Eastern Studies Journal receiving applications for editors
- Arabic Tutoring program held once a week
- Looking into forming a Model Arab League delegation of WIMESSA Students.

14. Question Period

15. Next Meeting Time and Date

- January 10th 2018 @ 6PM

16. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 8:34 PM



Title	Name	Present	Late/Leave Early
AUS President	Eric Partridge	Y	
AUS VP Communications	Maria Thomas	Y	
AUS VP Internal	Rebecca Scarra	Y	
AUS VP Social	Nathan Greene	Y	
AUS VP Academic	Madeline Wilson	Y	
AUS VP Finance	Noah Lew	Y	
AUS VP External	Alice Yue	Y	
Arts Representative to SSMU	Corinne Bulger	N	
Arts Representative to SSMU	Jennifer Chan	Y	
Arts Representative to SSMU	Kevin Zhou	Y	Late, Left Early
Arts Senator	Isabella Anderson	N	
Arts Senator	Michael Nwabufo	Y	Late, Left Early
FEARC		Y	
AUS Environmental Council		Y	
AUS Equity Committee (AUsec)		N	
ACE		Y	
AGELF		Y	
AHCSSA		Y	Left Early
ASA		Y	
ASSA		Y	
BASiC		Y	Left Early
CLASHA		Y	
CSA		Y	
CSAUS		Y	
CSUS		Y	



DESA	Thomas MacDonald	Y	
EASSA		N	
EPIC		Y	
ESA	Buland Junejo	N	
FMC (Financial Management Committee)		Y	
GSA		Y	Came Late
HSA		Y	
ISSA		N	
IDSSA		Y	Left Early
JSSA		N	
LAPSA		Y	
MESS		Y	
MIRA		Y	
MPSA		Y	
MUGS		N	
NASSA		Y	
PSA		Y	
PSSA		Y	
RSUS		Y	
RUSS		Y	
SLUM		Y	Left Early
SSA		Y	
SUMS		Y	
WIMESSA	Andrew Sandock	Y	Late
Speaker of Council	Husayn Jamal	Y	
Recording Secretary	Rosalie Peng	Y	



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