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**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University  
Legislative Council  
January 10th 2018, 6 PM**

1. Call to Order
  - 6:01 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
  1. **Removed from Agenda — Motion to Approve Revisions to the PSSA Constitution**
    - Moved by PSSA VP External.
    - PSSA Constitution contains inconsistencies identified by the CBRC in Spring 2017. Suggested changes were not approved by Council in 2016-2017 academic year.
    - McGill delegation to Jeux de la Science Politique not included in previous constitution and the mandate for the VP Academic to hire the Editor in Chief of the McGill Journal of Political Studies lacked clarification.
    - Removed from the Agenda as motioned for by PSSA VP External, as well as Appendix B.
5. **Approval of the Minutes from January 10th 2018**
  - Motion to Amend the Minutes put forth by AUS President. Tabled for next meeting for which by then the minutes would be amended.
6. Review of Robert's Rules
7. Announcements
  - VP Communications: Feb 1st is Nuit Blanche.
  - Senator Anderson: Reminder that Know Your Student Rights; Professors do not always know all the student rights, and thus students should know their rights.
  - Speaker: councillors should not take their placards after meetings so that they may be stored in the AUS office.
8. New Business
  1. **Motion to Amend Financial By-Laws**
    - Moved by AUS President and VP Finance.
    - Financial by-laws need to be amended to increase departmental allocations with immediate effect for winter semester, reflecting proposed amount from previous council.



- Bookkeeper role replaced with executive assistants to reduce staffing expenditure.
  - \$1.46 allocated to Departmental Associations per student registered in major/honour/joint honour concentrations. \$0.97 allocated for students in minor/double minor. All departments must receive minimum \$540.00 in student fees for academic year.
  - VP Finance and President must have written justification for spending for executive during budget presentation; “executive spending” does not need to be defined.
  - Special Projects fund shall receive minimum 5% of Society’s collected base fees. Journal Fund to receive 7% of base fees.
  - Quorum for the FMC shall consist of the Vice President Finance or President, and half of FMC members.
  - Expenditure over \$50.00 must be made through a cheque or e-transfer from the Society’s bank account. Proper receipts are required as proof. Each expenditure must be approved by two members of the AUS Executive Committee. Only signing authorities have access to the online registration and payment. This is made possible through new program used with RBC.
  - Previous years’ financial statements must be kept digitally in AUS office and be available.
  - Senator Anderson: with Amendment to 7.5.1, examples listed seemed redundant, but what would prevent exec expenditure from becoming not transparent, and thus that was why the examples were listed?
  - AUS President: Report must be written by VP Finance to explain why money was spent on executive. Written explanation must be given anyways, and thus removing this would encourage greater encompassment of different types of exec spending.
  - Vote: 46 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion is carried.
- 2. Motion for the Creation of an Ad-hoc Committee People of Colour Council**
- Moved by Arts Reps Chan, Bulger, & Zhou, VPs Internal & Communications.
  - AUS has responsibility to provide students with diverse membership and representation to ensure highest standard of respect, fairness, safety, and equitable treatment for all persons, in recognition of systematic process and cultural biases disadvantage certain groups of people.
  - To create safe space for all people of colour in the AUS while carrying out events that are equitable and inclusiveness.
  - Hope to begin carrying out events this year.



- MUGS: What about groups such as LGBTQ, religious minorities such as Jewish, as well as disabled students? Would they be included? Would this hide concerns of other groups?
- Arts Rep Chan: The group will be intersectional, and thus it would not infringe on the liberties of other groups. But since it is Ad-Hoc, then it can be expanded.
- PSSA: What makes it Ad-Hoc? What differentiates it from other AUS committees?
- VP Communications: Defer to President.
- AUS President: Ad-Hoc committee is a testing committee which has a limited lifetime and no by-laws. Committee disbands at end of year unless it establishes by-laws by then.
- Arts Senator Nwabufu: Is this only for members of AUS council?
- VP Communications: Open to any committee members.
- PSSA: Motion lacks mandate, it doesn't give a clear idea of what this committee would do. Could movers add an amendment to clarify it, and would it be appropriate?
- VP Communications: will wait for debate.
- MUGS: what role does this play? Only people of colour supporting each other or outreach to allies to encourage more awareness about issues?
- VP Communications: former VP was the founder of the idea, and are open to reaching out to Ex. Indian Student Association and planning multicultural events.
- SUMS: Who would you define as a person of colour and will this only be defined by colour, or also to those who considers themselves a minority?
- Arts Rep Chan: Will not impose any rules, but will be a base for people of colour. But will accept those who are white-passing.
- Senator Anderson: The title of the motion and the name at the end are not the same, should the wording be changed to correspond?
- PSSA: How would this differ from the Equity Committee? Would this fracture into the Equity Committee's tasks?
- Arts Rep Chan: there is no given mandate, so the committee would just be able to give safe space to people of colour to talk about their role in student government. Erroneous to assume that only race issues would be talked about by Equity, so this would be the focus. The Committee would decide for themselves and act as a bridge.
- Debate:

- Senator Anderson: Motion to Amend the title to what it is named in the “Be it resolved” clause. Friendly. “Ad-Hoc People of Colour Committee”.
- Senator Nwabufo: Motion to Amend the Be it Resolved to “an”.
- Equity Commissioner: It is important to separate race, culture, and ethnicity. This would be a space to talk about shared experiences. It’s not an exclusive space for certain persons, but it is important to have this space. Don’t forget that intersectionality: many different intersectional identities is important Ex. queer black person. There are spaces on campus, but if there is not enough, we can create more. We don’t have to worry about creating too many spaces or environments. Am fine with the motion, does not need changes because it gives the liberty of changing as needed. Also not needed to put it on equity who have may things to do. Current commissioners are women of colour. Next year, if the commissioners becomes white, then they would not be able to talk upon the experience of radicalized marginalization.
- Vote: 47 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

### 3. Motion to Call Elections

- Moved by AUS President and VP Communications
- Elections AUS has put forward the following dates for departmental elections:
  - Departmental Elections
    - Nomination Period: March 12-19
    - Nomination Extension: March 20-21
    - Campaign Period: March 22-April 3rd
    - Polling Period: March 27-April 3rd
  - Winter Referendum
    - Referendum questions due to Elections AUS in both languages: Feb. 22
    - Deadline to form a Campaign Committee: March 15
    - Campaign Period: March 19-29
    - Polling Period: March 22-29
- Smaller Departments or Departments wishing for an alternative process should submit their request for election waiver to AUS President and Vice-President Internal prior to Feb. 16th 2018. Granted by a two-thirds vote.
- FMC: On behalf of a small department, regarding the last cause, in past years we have supported requests, do we have to submit each year?
- President: Yes, you have to submit new requests each year.

- No Debate.
- Vote: 47 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

#### 4. Motion to Approve Revised AUS Budget

- Moved by AUS President and VP Finance
- See Appendix A.
- Reflecting changes suggested by Council two weeks ago due to increase of fees, FMC funding will be reduced in accordance with proposed motion to amend Financial By-Laws.
- Budget still proposes a slight surplus and is more accurate than fall version.
- VP Finance: FMC budget has been reduced as it hasn't been used fully in previous years. Changes in Academics due to Peer Tutor allocation being returned to previous amount; as well as extra \$5500.00 for textbooks. Internal Portfolio increased from \$6000 to \$10,000. VP Finance audit costs are projected higher due to long audit due to complexities in previous years. Changes in taxes due to payroll taxes no longer being done automatically and now manually. Previously listed in "payroll" category. \$5000 set aside for AUS accountant to have on payroll. Previous years tax troubles was an issue; this would prevent difficulties in the future to come. VP Social Portfolio increase due to bursary for student in need and subsidized.
- Senator Nwabufo: How we're spending more at Grad Ball than our revenue. Are we budgeting to spend more?
- VP Finance: this was in the budget at the beginning of the year where there were large deficits in the previous year. We're hoping there's no deficit this year, trying to account for it in the budget.
- Debate:
  - VP Internal: Budget says she has \$0 for liquor permits. Numbers appear to have shifted out of sync from proper category. Friendly motion to shift all data.
  - Speaker: VP Finance will submit a revised spreadsheet. Currently perceived as friendly.
- Vote: 47 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

#### 5. Motion Regarding FMC Decisions

- Moved by President, raised from the floor. Seconded VP Academic.
- ASSA: point of personal Privilege to leave.
- MIRA: point of personal Privilege to leave.
- Be It Resolved, that AUS Council Accepts the FMC decisions in Appendix C. except for item 1 — MPA.

- President: If Council rejects this motion, then Council will accept FMC decision.
- Senator Anderson: What does MPA stand for?
- President: McGill Policy Association.
- Senator Anderson: Can council override the decision?
- FMC: there was general approval towards MPA because they gave good presentation.
- President: Council can reject with 50 + 1 votes
- Arts Rep Zhou: also on FMC and was present at meeting. General Understanding was funding going to MPA Case Competition would not go for cash awards. Half their expenses were cash awards. Funding they asked for would pay their expenses and cash rewards would come out of their own budget.
- Debate:
  - President: \$350 worth of expenses and \$400 worth of cash prizes. This is allowing for cash prizes, and strange that Council is spending money on this.
  - VP Finance: Affirm Arts Rep, when talked at FMC, gave \$400, \$350 was earmarked towards expenses, \$50 towards cash prizes. They presented their event, which sounded great. FMC strongly in favour.
  - Senator Anderson: We don't have their requested budget, but there are only \$350 worth of actual expenses, then why didn't FMC just fund \$350 expenses?
  - VP Finance: they asked for \$400 to clear deficit. Felt extra \$50 was worth giving to them.
  - LAPSA: Request to leave.
  - MUGS: Request to leave.
  - Senator Nwabufo: what have they allocated for the year?
  - President: they are not affiliated with AUS or SSMU. They only get funding if they are approved by FMC.
  - Senator Nwabufo: do we know FMC's budget? Is that a substantial amount?
  - President: it's about \$15,000 per year, but that money is used to fund the committees and if not used, it goes into AUS' savings.
  - VP Finance: clarify that the fund it comes out of is the special projects fund, specifically for non-AUS groups who benefit AUS students.



- Vote: 26 in favour, 9 opposed, 7 abstain. Carried.

## 9. Reports of the AUS Executives

### 1. President

- Executive retreat occurred and AUS now has naloxone/overdose kit in office. Hoping departmental executives will also be able to.
- Put in request for computers to be removed at start of week, and began installation process for the OPUS reloading station in Leacock. Working on removal of old printer.
- Looking forward to first Presidents' Roundtable.
- Met with SACOMSS representatives to discuss collaborations.
- CBRC met on Friday and proposed by-law changes.
- Tax forms mailed out for 0217 for all employees and secretary generals are looking into a new hiring platform that allows for blind reviews of resumes and cover letters to require bias in processes. Expensive.
- Met with AIOAC.
- Looking for options to upgrade laptop lending program. Now open.
- ACE: what are you trained in?
- President: Focus of the retreat was naloxone training to prevent overdoses.

### 2. Academic

- ASEF applications sent out, deadline is Jan. 31st. For hiring research assistants etc.
- Peer Tutoring application deadline January 22nd. Allocations approved by VP Finance
- Curriculum Committee and Faculty of Arts Committee met on Jan 22nd and 23rd.
- Library Partnership Committee met Jan. 23rd.
- Know your Rights Campaign: departmental VP Academic and AUS VP Academic referred to as contact for questions and concerns surrounding student rights.
- Working with SSMU UA and Science Senator on upcoming OER online campaign. Goal is a McGill-specific OER database to set example of rest of QC.
- Textbook Resource Centre received \$5500 in funding. Will be solidifying courses and number of textbooks and liaising with relative departments for distribution details.

### 3. Communications

- Francophone Commission planning events such as donut for conversation, Francofête. Conversation circles set for Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-7.
- FAC planning Nuit Blanche and met today. Meet again on Friday.

- Marketing Committee predominantly advertising for Nuit Blanche and posting fun facts about AUS for promotion. Recruited one more members.
- Speaker Series — booked one more speaker who will Skype in the first week of March after reading week. Will begin promotion following Nuit Blanche.
- Working on exit report.
- A photographer resigned.

#### 4. External

- Working on EmbrACE Week. Adopting new logo and nominated by-law writing subcommittee.
- MHAUS planning a winter semester Mental Health week with Arts OASIS.
- Our Turn Taskforce — SSMU's legislative Council passed a motion acknowledging rape culture on campus, and mandate to strike an Our Turn Taskforce. AUS will be represented by Arts Rep Chan on Taskforce. Foster more discourse on the Faculty level to enforce culture of consent on campus. Can look up first meeting on Facebook.
- WYBA has begun. Must register for all events on MyFuture. FWSEP has already presented, and to come includes NGO Fair, UN, etc.

#### 5. Finance

- AUIF: has been emailing the Dean's office and waiting to hear about their availabilities for AUIF to determine the date.
- Met with SUS Vp Finance for Grad Ball finances. Talked about respective accounting, financial tracking etc.
- Audit Results: 28k surplus, 27k from SNAX. Full information will be made public once audit documents are approved.
- FMC decisions are attached.

#### 6. Internal

- Office Hours now determined.
- Liquor permit and house rules MUST be posted behind where you are serving alcohol.
- A lot of time spent on AUS Awards. Need to increase number of attendees. Invitations to come.
- Contacted building directors about working on gender neutral Leacock bathrooms. Asked to sit in on the meetings. There will hopefully be a meeting soon.
- AUSEC working on sustainability event on campus.
- FEARC Quebec City Trip on Feb. 10th. Reach out to VP Internal for any collaborative events with FEARC to increase first-year engagement with association.



## 7. Social

- BDA held first event of the year. Gutenberg (Gluten-free beers) now available for \$1 due to budget increase.
- EPIC began planning for winter semester event.
- Collected and reviewed Grad Ball Committee applications. Moved Grad Ball date to the 24th of March. Tickets should go out in about 2-3 weeks.

## 10. Reports of the Arts Representatives & Senators

### 1. Report of the Arts Representatives

- Given by Arts Rep Zhou.
- SSMU
  - Chan: a part of the Our Turn Committee and excited to continue working with Equity Committee.
  - Zhou: talked at activities night for SSMU Mental Health Committee. Mental Health Week was last week.
  - Corinne: Daycare Board of Directors has ratified; not re-ratifying new director VP Finance Herpin.
  - Had a presentation from the Indigenous Affairs Committee at last SSMU meeting about how student government groups can be helpful.
- AUS
  - Office Hours to be determined.
  - Attended AUS retreat.
- VP Internal: for office hours, could you pick times when you can be there at both times?
- Arts Rep Zhou: schedule currently fluid due to confluences.
- President: Move to advance to next point on the agenda.

### 2. Report of the Arts Senators

- Senate Jan. 17th: discussed Board of Governors report — passing of a Campus No Smoking Policy, proposed changes to CAMSR Committee Terms of Reference, updates on RVH Project and Timelines recently submitted.
- Senate Caucus: discussed continuation of Senator AMA, Project Proposals, updates for the year.
- Senator Anderson: attended Accountability Committee meeting on Jan 23rd. Will attend CSS and ESAAC meetings.
- Senator Nwabufo: will attend CSA meeting. Attended MARAB meeting:
  - Varsity council will hold canned drive at Hockey game, new student athletes appointed to councils.

- SAC constitution changes, safety in locker rooms, women only hours at Fitness Centre, bags and boots policy.
- Door issues, Mertha pools and Moson Stadium.
- MacDonald Campus to upgrade fitness centre over the summer; aprox. \$400,000. Looking at new building, apron. \$10-15 million.
- Nutrition Law — to do performance nutrition research, vegan, diabetic, and weight loss as well to ensure balance between athletes and others.
- Referendum will occur in upcoming months.
- New staff hire in varsity office and new manager of business office.

## 11. Reports of Department Associations

### 1. CSA

- CSA constitution committee met to discuss new draft of CSA constitution. First exec meeting planned for Friday.
- L817 Classics lounge now open for all students (except for booked hours); CSA Executive holding hours on Mondays in L629.
- Dr. Lynn Kozak performing the Iliad in “Happy Hour Homer” at Bar des Pins on Mondays 5:30-7:30. Content warning.
- McGill Classics Play presents Plautus’ Pseudolus Jan 31-Feb 3 at MainLine Theatre 3997 Boul. Saint-Laurent.

### 2. CSAUS

- Debriefed last semester’s CANS 200 Review Session, planned for similar future events.
- Discussed less than satisfactory response to personalized contact campaign.
- Created publishing manual for departmental journal, overseen by VP External.
- Evaluated applications for associate editor positions on journal board.
- Planning Wine and Cheese: Olympic Edition for Feb. 13th in ARTS 160.
- Introductory Editorial Board Meeting to be held HSSL-M3-17B on Jan. 24th from 8:30-9:30 AM.
- Journal submissions close Jan 31st at 11:59 PM.
- Executive photos to appear soon.
- Journal launch and research brunch to be held April 5th.

### 3. CSUS

- Nothing on report.
- Last semester finished plan COMP 250 and 202 review session.
- Planning Wine and Cheese this semester; however don’t yet have liquor permits
- Looking for workshops with Google etc.

- VP Internal: Never received liquor permits.
- CSUS: go through Trottier facility for liquor permit.
- ESA: Is CSUS having any programming tutorials? Like R, Python etc. for beginners?
- CSUS: we don't do these.

#### 4. DESA

- Jan 18th U1 Rep held info session on Italian English program that hires students.
- Larry Butts to talk tentatively on Feb. 22nd.
- Drama and theatre Rep planning zine workshop and fair this semester.
- Literature Rep planning creative writing workshop during weekend of Feb. 27th.
- 2/6 journals ended call for submissions. 4/6 still ongoing.
- PSSA: Do you mean Gerry Butts?
- DESA: The name should be Gerry Butts.
- Arts Rep Chan: It should be Gerald Butts.
- VP Communications: Elaborate on Mental Health Project?
- DESA: met with McGill Counselling twice to create survey addressing mental health issues. Students requested DESA to do the survey and ran it by the OSD and run it by the Equity Commission.

#### 5. EASSA

- Hired three new tutors for Korean and mandarin. Currently hosting weekly office hours.
- Holding a language exchange this week for all interested in practicing Mandarin, Japanese, or Korean on Feb. 7th 2018.
- Planning Lunar New Year event with Grad students of the EASSA department. To be hosted at Thompson Hall.
- Feb. 1st will be a documentary screening of "Joshua: Teenager vs. Superpower" followed by discussion.

#### 6. ESA

- ESA VP External resigned as of Jan. 22nd. Will be proxied by all ESA members until a new VP External is hired.
- ESA has created Facebook groups for all economics classes this semester. Posted on ESA group.
- Will co-host economics debate at McGill UdeM and Concordia. As well as professional speakers with RBC, Scotiabank, etc.
- McGill Journal of Economics will be completed in a few weeks. Will contact FMC for journal funds once finalized.



- March 23rd will host guest speaker deputy governor at Bank of Canada.

12. Question Period

13. Next Meeting Time and Date

- February 7th 2018 @ 6PM

14. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 7:35 PM

Title	Name	Present	Late/Leave Early
<b>AUS President</b>	Eric Partridge	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Communications</b>	Maria Thomas	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Internal</b>	Rebecca Scarra	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Social</b>	Nathan Greene	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Academic</b>	Madeline Wilson	Yes	
<b>AUS VP Finance</b>	Noah Lew	Yes	
<b>AUS VP External</b>	Alice Yue	Yes	
<b>Arts Representative to SSMU</b>	Corinne Bulger	Yes	
<b>Arts Representative to SSMU</b>	Jennifer Chan	Yes	
<b>Arts Representative to SSMU</b>	Kevin Zhou	Yes	
<b>Arts Senator</b>	Isabella Anderson	Yes	
<b>Arts Senator</b>	Michael Nwabufu	Yes	
<b>FEARC</b>		Yes	
<b>AUS Environmental Council</b>		NO	
<b>AUS Equity Committee (AUsec)</b>		Yes	
<b>ACE</b>		Yes	
<b>AGELF</b>	Felicia Thibaudeau	Yes	
<b>AHCSSA</b>	Sarah MacRae-Korobkov	Yes	
<b>ASA</b>		Yes	
<b>ASSA</b>	Carmella Munyuzangabo	Yes	Left Early
<b>BASiC</b>	Julia Kafato	Yes	



<b>CLASHA</b>	Leah Damo	Yes	
<b>CSA</b>	David Epstein	Yes	
<b>CSAUS</b>	Aidan Fehr	Yes	
<b>CSUS</b>	Nicholas Lee	Yes	
<b>DESA</b>	Thomas MacDonald	Yes	
<b>EASSA</b>	Christopher MacDonald	Yes	
<b>ESA</b>	Evan Chung (now VP External)	Yes	
<b>FMC (Financial Management Committee)</b>		Yes	
<b>GSA</b>	Martin Croquez	Yes	
<b>GSFSSA</b>	Emma Clark, Bee Khaleeli, Emily Stimpson, Kyle Stewart	Yes	
<b>HSA</b>	Rachel Almuli	Yes	
<b>ISSA</b>	Mario Bozzo	Yes	
<b>IDSSA</b>	Zain Bhanji (new VP External)	Yes	
<b>JSSA</b>	Proxy today; Sara Gruszczynski	Yes	
<b>LAPSA</b>	Noah Kaplan	Yes	Left Early
<b>MESS</b>	Charlotte Aubrac	Yes	
<b>MIRA</b>	Sarah Bedard	Yes	Left Early
<b>MPSA</b>	Lilith Shiloh Li	Yes	
<b>MUGS</b>	Jesse Bartsoff	Yes	Left Early
<b>NASSA</b>	Véronique Marquis	Yes	
<b>PSA</b>	James Lawrence	Yes	
<b>PSSA</b>	Liam Kirkpatrick	Yes	
<b>QSSA</b>		NO	Excused
<b>RSUS</b>	Jay Lu	Yes	
<b>RUSS</b>	Basil Sylvester	Yes	



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<b>SLUM</b>	Nicole Ryan (filling in), Basil Sylvester	Yes	
<b>SSA</b>	Michelle Garcia	Yes	
<b>SUMS</b>	Marie Leech	Yes	
<b>WIMESSA</b>	Andrew Sandock	Yes	Late; Excused
<b>Speaker of Council</b>	Husayn Jamal	Yes	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Rosalie Peng	Yes	

APPROVED