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**AUS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: 6:02pm
2. Territorial Acknowledgement

*The AUS would like to acknowledge that McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. The AUS recognizes and respects the Kanien'keha:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today*

3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: [Jan 29](#)
  - a. Approved
5. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Updated to add MUGS Motion
  - b. Adopted
6. Announcements
  - a. A major congratulations to Khadijatu-Dimalya Ibrahim (VP External ASSA) on receiving the Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec Memorial Award
  - b. Presentation and Conversation with Adam Hill (TA)
    - i. TA Training program and getting feedback on experience with TAs
    - ii. Conversation on TA Experiences with Council
    - iii. Concerns:
      1. Grading
        - a. Seen as dependent on the TA and large classes may have large grade variation
        - b. While there is technically no fixed average needed for each TA section, students do not know this
        - c. Threat of being graded lower deters people from being prompt to speak out against being regraded or graded fairly
        - d. Unclear grading expectations



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2. Communication

- a. Communication between Professors and TAs seem to be lacking as expectations and policies can unclear
- b. Inconsistency on what TAs do for each classes
  - i. Unsure where to go for specific questions
- c. There is an unfair burden on TAs as they are expected to know how to handle everything

3. Facilitating Conversations/Conferences

- a. Some TAs want specific answers and push for that rather than facilitating conversation
  - b. Some TAs don't know how to facilitate conversations or end them, especially when dealing with sensitive topics
  - c. Unfair distribution of time, where office hours can be unhelpful and you might spend more time waiting
4. If a TA is from a different faculty, there can be large gap in their knowledge

iv. Pros:

1. When TAs come into conversations wanting to facilitate them and with clear expectations on preparation and grading
2. When TAs share their own research
3. Group sessions can aid in fixing unfair time distribution
4. When TAs are their own person and have opinions that differ from the professors
5. Having multiple ways of getting participation such as written and discussion posts portions rather than relying solely on speaking



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6. IDSSA is currently implementing training for their TAs on how to handle uncomfortable topics/situations
  - v. Other institutions?
    1. Written component and grading is less strict
    2. Clearer rubrics and policies
      - a. Unclear rubrics are a big problem in PHIL classes
  - vi. EMAILS: [art.education@mcgill.ca](mailto:art.education@mcgill.ca) or [adam.hill@mcgill.ca](mailto:adam.hill@mcgill.ca)
  - c. LEA bathrooms announcement - can now use bathrooms 4th floor and above
  - d. Snow Day!
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
  - a. [Motion to Ratify FMC Decisions](#)
    - i. Approved with Majority
  - b. [Motion to Amend the Constitution of MUGS](#) - from the floor: FOR APPROVAL
    - i. Add VP Events, remove two weeks notice for strike, clarify responsibilities of the sustainability officer
    - ii. Approved with Majority
  - c. [Motion to Approve the Amended DESA Constitution](#)
    - i. Voted by the executive committee and to be approved by LC
    - ii. Add journal and groups to the constitution
    - iii. Approved with Majority
9. Reports of Executive Officers
  - a. [President](#)
    - i. Frosh Dates: AUG 28-SEP 1
    - ii. Grad Ball: APR 4
    - iii. Donor Fair: APR 7
      1. Send over a copy of your department's journal for display
    - iv. If you are setting up a Zeffy account, please go to the President



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- v. Only submit room bookings to AUS Bookings
- vi. Please submit opt-in/out of elections ASAP

b. [Vice-President Finance](#)

- i. AUIFC applications due FEB 21

c. Vice-President Communications

- i. CIFCO is open!

d. [Vice-President Academic](#)

- i. Applications for Valedictorian have closed and meetings are occurring to choose applicants
- ii. Teaching awards are open!
- iii. ASEF applications open and close on MAR 8

e. [Vice-President Internal](#)

- i. Submit to Sustainability Reimbursement Fund!

f. [Vice-President External](#)

- i. MHAUS field day on FEB 26th

g. Vice-President Social

10. Reports of Arts Representatives to SSMU and Senators

a. [Arts Representatives to SSMU](#)

- i. Fee increases to be sent out on the Winter Referendum
- ii. SSMU GA was cancelled
- iii. Ben: Funding committee on indefinite pause
- iv. Emma:
- v. Rishi: Motion on Universally Accessible Gender Neutral Bathrooms Passed but implementation is yet to be seen
  - 1. Consultations for upcoming constitutional amendment (SSMU)
  - 2. VP Sustainability will not be a role anymore
  - 3. VP Student Life will be changed
  - 4. VP Finance will be a Board of Directors appointed role




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- a. Brings up concerns of its democratic nature but also could prevent the unqualified nature of past VPs

- b. Arts Senators

- i. Senate: discussion on the current campus climate
- ii. Andrew:  Input for Accessible Study Spaces Project.pdf
- iii. Vivian: met with financial aid, they will be able to handle frosh bursaries the coming year
- iv. Inter-Residence Council Feedback for residence students::  
[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=cZYxedSaEqvqfz4-J8J6usP5I6jHiZCiOKHfLLTcPRUMDc2OEVJWEZXV1IPNEJDV0tUU1NFV0hCRi4u&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaYAdMJ6ElcPp61XRNsoEoxcy5E2X83bXHKT62gj6QWSvQ3UTepbxf1Mzg\\_aem\\_R5a4wfSbnjzaybZRzFZufw&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=cZYxedSaEqvqfz4-J8J6usP5I6jHiZCiOKHfLLTcPRUMDc2OEVJWEZXV1IPNEJDV0tUU1NFV0hCRi4u&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaYAdMJ6ElcPp61XRNsoEoxcy5E2X83bXHKT62gj6QWSvQ3UTepbxf1Mzg_aem_R5a4wfSbnjzaybZRzFZufw&route=shorturl)

## 11. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations

- a. MUGS

- i. Lots of events and collaborations coming up

- b. LINGUA

- i. Events coming up
- ii. Looking to bring back the Linguistic Conference

- c. PSA

- i. Lots of events coming up

- d. CSAUS

- i. Revamping journal and website
- ii. Events and collaborations upcoming

- e. ISSA - Not Active

## 12. Question Period

- a. Snow day tomorrow!!

## 13. Next Meeting Time and Date:

- a. Feb 26, 6pm, LEA 232

## 14. Adjournment: 7:08pm