



**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

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**AUS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: 6:07pm
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: [March 12](#)
5. Adoption of the Agenda
6. Announcements
  - a. RSVP for the [AUS Awards!](#)
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
  - a. [Motion to Approve the Fee Increase for GEOG 290 Local Geographical Excursion](#)
    - i. GEOG 290 3-Day excursion would like to increase their fee
    - ii. Q by MUGS: 1) is the department present? 2) what is the financing process question about the financing process for students and if the increase made the course more inaccessible?
      1. A: As the department is not present, the President will see if they can attend the next LC as AUS is not sure
    - iii. Motion to table by VP External - motion approved, tabled until April 9
  - b. [Motion to Approve the Executive 2025 Summer Hours](#)
    - i. Pay and potential hours for the workers during summer
    - ii. Motion approved with majority
  - c. [Motion to establish a Strike and General Assembly Procedure for WIMESSA](#)



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- i. They would like to implement a strike procedure into their constitution
  - ii. Q: How many people would ½ be for WIMESSA?
    1. A: around 200 students
  - iii. Q: Regarding the strike, what happens if it does pass?
    1. A: depends on what the strike includes and then the students decide
  - iv. Motion approved with majority
- d. [Motion to Ratify Financial Management Committee \(FMC\) 2024/2025 Membership](#)
- i. Motion approved with majority
- e. [Motion to Ratify Decisions of the Financial Management Committee \(FMC\)](#)
- i. Approved by ExCom and needs to be approved by LC
  - ii. Motion approved with majority
- f. [Motion to Ratify the Arts Student Employment Fund Committee \(ASEFC\) Decisions](#)
- i. Decisions of the ASEFC
  - ii. Q: Who was the \$20,000?
    1. A: The \$20,000 is for ARIA and that is why there are multiple ID numbers
  - iii. Q: Are we able to have notes for approvals in addition to rejections?
    1. A: VP Academic will work on implementing decision notes for all funding choices
  - iv. Motion approved with majority
9. Reports of Executive Officers
- a. [President](#)
    - i. 15% cut to TA and course lecturer budget
    - ii. Referendum coming out soon



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- iii. Lots of hiring coming out
- iv. Department elections are ongoing
- b. VP Internal
  - i. FYC had a successful event
  - ii. Influx of approval of liquor permits
  - iii. Nominate execs for AUS awards!
- c. [VP Finance](#)
  - i. Reimbursements due on April 15 because the fiscal year ends April 30th for AUS
    - 1. Contact ASAP if this is an issue
  - ii. 2023 audit is being wrapped up and 2024 audit is underway
  - iii. AUIFC decisions approved in full but still waiting on the money from McGill
  - iv. Last FMC meeting is April 16 so applications are due April 15
- d. [VP External](#)
  - i. If you have any events that you would like included in the alumni newsletter, send it by next Wednesday (April 2)
  - ii. Drop in yoga on friday
- e. [VP Academic](#)
  - i. Free peer tutoring and writing center help during final season!
  - ii. Planning some workshops
  - iii. Opt-out departments, please log peer tutoring hours for reimbursement ASAP
  - iv. Lots of requests for ASEF so looking for way to get more money in the fund
- f. [VP Communications](#)
  - i. FAC Fine arts exhibition this friday 6pm @WIP!!!
  - ii. CIFCO is meeting next week
- g. VP Social - No Report

## 10. Report of Arts Representatives to SSMU



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### a. Arts Representatives

- i. SSMU LC next week
- ii. Notices of Motion, Main two:
  1. Motion to End the Pause on Ancillary Fees
  2. Policy Against Antisemitism being brought to the floor again next week
- iii. Strike GA tomorrow in-person from 6-9pm in the SSMU Cafeteria
- iv. Ben: funding commissioner hired but no notice of when funding will start up again
- v. Emma: preliminary discussion on D1 D2 courses and their future
  1. BOD: partnership with Bounce and a free trial to be announced

## 11. Senator Report

### a. Senators

- i. Senate meeting documents
  1. Budget situation: large deficit
  2. Around a 100 layoffs of mostly admin staff
- ii. Caucus
  1. Collective letter on vandalism
  2. Meeting with Deep Saini later this week
- iii. Meeting with the Dean of Students and the Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning regarding first year affairs
- iv. Caucus meeting with Associate Director of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Management
- v. Meeting with student services to create a working group for next year

## 12. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations

### a. CLASHA

- i. Journal launch on April 7
- ii. A successful semester of events



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- b. [CSUS](#)
  - i. Good engagement on social media
  - ii. More merch coming
- c. [DESA](#)
  - i. Tons of successful events
  - ii. Formal with a couple of other departments on April 11
- d. JSSA - Not present
- e. [WIMESSA](#)
  - i. Working on revising their journal
  - ii. Planning 2 large events: Sudan Poetry Event and Research Iftar
  - iii. Elections occurring soon
- f. [ASUS](#)
  - i. Nominations for elections starting soon
  - ii. Opening ASUS to non arts and sci students to make it more interdisciplinary
  - iii. Eradicating VP sponsorship
  - iv. launching journal in May
- g. [AHCSSA](#)
  - i. Journal had a successful symposium turnout
  - ii. Lots of engagement with students and professors

### 13. Question Period

- a. If there is a SSMU strike, would all departments be under strike if it passes?
  - i. The decisions apply to all members of SSMU
  - ii. If you miss classes due to the strike, there is no absolute that profs will accommodate that - departments/students may email professors to ask them respect it but there is no guarantee
  - iii. All SSMU services also on hold: SSMU Reps are under the impression that they won't be operating
- b. Is it a problem if Non-Partisan Departments support the strike?



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- i. There is nothing preventing a department from taking a stance, as long as there is a distinction between the department and executive/personal stance
- ii. Ex. Make it clear that the support is coming from the executive board rather than the whole department
- c. General Process of the SSMU Strike
  - i. The strike will first go to GA (quorum must reach 500), then to online referendum vote, then the vote has to be ratified, then SSMU will be on strike
- d. Departments may have a GA for a strike and if they reach their quorum, department members may vote on the strike

14. Next Meeting Time and Date:

- a. April 8th, 6pm, LEA 232 - FINAL LC!

15. Adjournment: 7:05pm