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AUS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:14 p.m.
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: [October 29](#)
5. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by VP Finance Weissman
 - b. Seconded by VP Social Pierotti
6. Announcements
 - a. [Information on Striking](#): has been sent to Presidents!
 - i. A lot of departments are submitting motions to strike, so a FAQ document has been distributed to all department presidents
 - b. VP Finance Weissman: heads up! Make sure your VP Finances or VP Internal that requests a Square Box, please do it 5 business days prior. If it is asked too late, it will be rejected.
 - i. Request cash in advance and disclose sponsorships and external funding so we can take into account.
 - c. The [Executive Accountability Survey](#) is out, it is mandatory for department executives to fill it out! Results are anonymous and will be shared at the next LC. This is really an opportunity for the executive team to improve.
 - d. Save the date: December 4th BdAUS Holiday Party! An RSVP form will be sent to your email.
7. Motion to add to the agenda: Motion to Ratify Decisions of the Financial Management Committee (FMC)

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- a. Motion to approve by VP Finance Weissman
 - b. Seconded by AUS Rep to SSMU Bongiovanni
 - c. Motion passed.
8. Unfinished Business
- a. [Motion to Oppose the Restructuring of Midnight Kitchen](#) (amended)
 - i. [AUS to SSMU Draft Statement](#) (new draft by Committee)
 - ii. Concern by EASSA : the Committee has not had the time to reach a consensus on the wording.
 - iii. Concern by VP Finance Weissman: If the Committee hasn't reached a consensus on the wording then we should vote on the original one.
 - iv. Clarification from GSFSSA: The group did meet and make edits.
 - v. President Rajan: We needed 5 people on the committee but we were down 2 people, so she waited until there was a full committee to finalize the meeting time.
 - vi. Clarification by VP Finance Weissman: the first round of edits by SSA, GSFSSA and EASSA were finalized but the second round of edits have not had a consensus.
 - b. [Motion to Oppose the Restructuring of Midnight Kitchen](#) (with amendments)
 - i. Motion has failed
 - c. [Motion to Oppose the Restructuring of Midnight Kitchen](#) (original motion as submitted previously)
 - i. Motion has failed
 - ii. (POI) EASSA VP External Liao: Can we redo/revote?
 1. Rebuttal by VP Academic Wright: they have the write to resubmit the motion, but it'd have to be rewritten from scratch.
 - d. Motion to Amend the [Motion to Ratify the AUS 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget](#)

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- i. VP Finance Weissman: Motion to amend this motion because it changed in the meantime.
- ii. On the document: the first Google Sheet that's linked is the one from previous LC and the second is amended for this time.
- iii. The reasoning behind the amendments:
 1. Go to tab 3 "President" > it is the MoA negotiation year so we must account for lawyers.
 2. LC food changes → changed from 250\$ to 400\$
 3. "VP Finance" tab > updated student fee and opt-out allocations.
 4. "VP External" tab > new project with 3k\$, food insecurity program, led by Rep. Bongiovanni
- iv. **Question period:**
 1. (Q) Can you explain the food insecurity program?
 2. (A) Arts Rep 1 Bongiovanni:
 - a. Maison Samosa, Family Indian restaurant in St. Laurent "AUS FSP Food Security Program"
 - b. 500\$ per event, up to 50 constituents, full meal (carbs, protein and vegetables + vegetarian options).
 - c. Cost: 10\$/meal (students do not pay).
 - d. The next event is on 21 November.
 - e. Individually packed, bringing it to campus, only 10\$/meal.
 - f. Encourages VP Externals to speak about it with constituents.
 3. (Q) Do the students pay?
 4. (A) No, it is completely free. But only Arts students will be able to RSVP.
- v. Motion to Ratify has passed.
- vi. [Motion to Ratify the AUS 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget](#)

9. New Business

a. [Motion to Amend LINGUA's Constitution](#)

- i. Motion has passed.

b. [Motion to Ratify the Arts Student Employment Fund Committee \(ASEFC\)](#)

[Decisions](#)

- i. VP Academic Wright: November 6 the ASEFC met. 3 student members.
- ii. Capping working hours at 160 hours, 18.60\$/hour which is the minimum wage. As these are research positions, it would be fair to align with
- iii. Question period:
1. (Q) Senator Baybayon: Is there an obligation to align with AMURE regulations?
 2. (A) VP Academic Wright: We don't have to abide by AMURE but the rationale in interest of it being similar work wants to align with AMURE guidelines.
 - a. Addition by VP Weissman: We had more money this time so that's why it went up to 18.60\$, this is not what typically happens. It is not a precedent that AUS always makes 18.60\$, usually it's at minimum wage, if not less.
 3. (Q) VP Comms PTT: How much was spent on this cycle and how much do you project for next semester?
 4. (A) VP Academic Wright: Just below 82k\$, because there was a rollover, we didn't fulfill the entire budget. Kept a 20k\$ leftover to help next semester from the rollover that wasn't student fees. Estimation of 50k\$ for next semester. We will *not* be in a bad position next semester because of this increase.
 5. (A) VP Finance Weissman:

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- iv. Motion passed.
- c. [Motion to Approve Amendments made to the PSSA Constitution](#)
 - i. PSSA: limitations to PSSA to call for GAs, and in general a political stance.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. (Q) MUGS: for the signatory part, how many signatures is 10% ?
 - 2. (A): 10% of 19,000 would be the quorum.
 - 3. (Q) MUGS: Would it take longer to call a GA compared to a digital form?
 - 4. (A): It can also be a digital form but it will be verified via McGill ID.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- d. [Motion to amend the CLASHSA Constitution to Add a Provision for General Assemblies](#)
 - i. Rationale: given the current striking wave, we want to add a provision to call a GA.
 - ii. Motion has passed.
- e. [Motion to amend the LAPSA constitution to include procedures on General Assemblies](#)
 - i. Motion has passed.
- f. [Motion to amend MESS constitution to reduce quorum on voting procedure](#)
 - i. Reducing quorum from 50% to 20% in line with the version passed by SUS.
 - ii. Motion has passed.
- g. [Motion to Ratify Decisions of the Financial Management Committee \(FMC\)](#)
 - i. Departmental associations unlock if this is passed and approve other fundings.

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- ii. Motion has passed.

10. Reports of Executive Officers

a. [President](#)

- i. Concussion on Friday night, apologies if she hasn't gotten to anyone.
- ii. President Rajan and VP Academic Wright met with Lisa Shapiro regarding the STM Strike and online class accommodation, and were informed that no more than 15% of classes were online.

b. [VP Internal](#)

- i. SHSS has informed VP Internal Nguyen that Arts 150 can no longer have food or beverages, and would have to serve in the lobby for upcoming wine and cheeses.
- ii. (Q) If we have a Wine & Cheese on Monday, do we have to apply this new rule?
- iii. (A) VP Internal Nguyen said: they haven't sent the official mandate yet so there should be leeway for this Monday but no more after that.

c. [VP Finance](#)

- i. Must send Zeffy payouts or else will be forced to use AUS Zeffy.
- ii. All reimbursements should be sent in by Jan 1st.

d. [VP Academic](#)

- i. Reminder under academic complaint system: Liaising with the Dean. Any academic complaints from course lecturers, deans, anyone in faculty: VP Academic Wright is here to represent you.
- ii. Concern of making smaller lectures for beginner courses, worries from smaller departments that might not have the staff for everything.

e. [VP Communications](#)

- i. Website down but a document of resources is here!

f. [VP Social](#)

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- i. Moving Office Hours to Thursday from 1:30-3:30 pm

11. Reports of Arts Representatives to SSMU

a. [Arts Representatives to SSMU](#)

- i. Arts Rep 1: Attended SSMU LC: Services committee will be coming together 17 November.
- ii. Arts Rep 2: SSMU LC biweekly, waiting for 2 committees she sits on to finish onboarding training.
- iii. Arts Rep 3: Anyone who wants to work on SSPN, apply by tonight!

12. Senator Report

a. [Senators](#)

- i. Senate meeting update: Code of Student Conduct revisions:
- ii. 3 main amendments:
 - 1. Governance Structure (Adopted by Senate; pending Board approval). Removes expanded Board of Governors powers. Senate retains authority over disciplinary committees and processes.
 - 2. Levels of Intent in disciplinary action “Knowingly” vs. “Unreasonableness” (Rejected by Senate). Senate kept the new “unreasonableness” standard for various offences; intent (“knowingly”) is no longer required.
 - a. Senators negotiated for students to only be disciplined if they know the repercussions of their actions. Judges if a student’s behavior meets reasonable standards. The faculty argued that this lowered the threshold of discipline, especially in protests.
 - 3. Presumed Minimum Sanctions (Not debated; remains as proposed)
 - a. Automatic minimum sanctions for certain offences or repeated misconduct stay in the draft Code.

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- iii. New amendments are on the Senate website.
- iv. Appendix:
 - ☰ CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT - KEITH'S NOTES FROM NOV...
- v. (Q) Although the second amendment wasn't passed? Say our association pickets a class with striking, what would that imply?
- vi. (A) As long as you're not stopping someone from entering, it's in line. *If someone within the protest constituency makes someone not come in* . If a student walks in and joins it, they can still be caught liable. Being there makes one liable, because the knowing standard hasn't been passed yet.
- vii. (Q) For obstruction: people standing in front of a door and
- viii. (A) If you vocalize why someone cannot enter, you are liable. Soft picketing and standing in front with a banner while letting people come in is okay.

13. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations

- a. [LAPSA](#)
 - i. LAPSA website under construction! Essays, creative pieces, highlighting voices in the program.
 - ii. Events: Bake Sale on Sept 25th, reconnecting after the summer break
 - iii. September 26th & October 24th study sessions.
 - iv. Instagram as the main platform for updates.
- b. [MUGS](#)
 - i. Used Plate club plates for events. (Free)
 - ii. Doing MUGS mugs as merch.
- c. [GSA](#)
 - i. Open to collaborations!
 - ii. Academic support at coffee hours, certificate study sessions
 - iii. Budget and training done.
- d. [AHCSSA](#)

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- i. Events: Welcome back sketch and sip, trivia with LAPSA at Gerts.
Halloween event with DESA.
 - ii. Hot chocolate and study coming up.
 - iii. Active on Instagram, new ListServ, first one going out this week.
- e. [CSA](#)
- i. Trivia Night, lecture series with HSA, great turnout
 - ii. Movie night, Prof. Emily Varto from Dalhousie
 - iii. Classics bake sale from today went well + raffle waiting
 - iv. Instagram Takeovers next week.
 - v. EiC has been chosen, the first edition will be published during finals.
- f. [MPSA](#)
- i. Team is complete and equity trained by AUS & SUS!
 - ii. Budget sent to AUS + SUS Finance
 - iii. Raffle + Wheel in BdA for Halloween
 - iv. Headshots today, turnout not as good because of the snow but people still showed up.
 - v. Good turnout for study sessions.
 - vi. More liaising between labs and students.
 - vii. Open to collabs! Reach out via Instagram.
- g. [WIMESSA](#)
- i. Entire team hired, introduced to students via Instagram.
 - ii. Last week: Palestinian film in Arabic and students able to follow.
 - iii. Coffee hour today & more to come.
 - iv. Journal print available.
 - v. GA divest from genocide GA yesterday passed.
 - vi. EiC hired
- h. [AGELF](#)
- i. All positions filed, U1 rep included.

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- ii. Picnic event, Coffee Mondays more frequent especially with STM strikes (staying on campus)
- iii. Had to delay Karaoke night
- iv. Weekly blog to share experiences
- v. Study sessions, especially required courses
- vi. Doubled visibility this semester
- vii. Working on merch
- i. [RSUS](#)
 - i. Almost all of the positions have been filled: U1/U0 reps will be posted on Instagram
 - ii. Important religious traditions are being posted regularly on Instagram
 - iii. Tea party in Birks common room
 - iv. Wine & Cheese + Movie night in late
- j. [JSSA](#)
 - i. Finance and operations: asking the students what they want for merch
 - ii. Working journal.
 - iii. Making more resources available to students
 - iv. Trivia Night on Sunday
 - v. Pickling event on Dec. 1st
- k. CSAUS
 - i. Inactive.

14. Question Period

15. Next Meeting Time and Date: November 26, 6 pm LEA 232

16. Adjournment: 7:51PM