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AUS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:07p.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: [November 12](#)
 - a. Approved as corrected.
5. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. No debate.
 - b. Agenda adopted.
6. Announcements
 - a. Last LC of the semester! Thank you so much for your hard work and attendance!
 - b. The AUS Office will be closed as of December 4th.
 - c. A huge thank you to our Speaker and Recording Secretary :)
 - d. December 4th BdAUS Holiday Party! Must RSVP by November 29 to attend.
 - e. VP External resigned very recently:
 - i. Deadline for by-elections is December 1 in the Electoral-By Laws meaning there will be an appointment by a committee formed through LC and then approved at the next LC, due to the timeline.
 - ii. Those who are applying should not partake in the committee that will be created soon.
 - iii. Who can apply: Anyone who sits on LC (VP External) or part of an AUS standing committee (i.e. Fine Arts Council, FMC members)
7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a. Motion to add the [Motion to Ratify Decisions of the Financial Management Committee \(FMC\)](#) to the agenda
 - i. Moved by VP Finance Weissman
 - ii. Motion passed, Motion added to the agenda.
- b. [Frosh 2025 Equity Report](#)
 - i. This is not to critique anyone, we are just noting that there is always room for improvement despite efforts.
 - ii. Froshies had to arrive late to classes since it started too late
 - iii. Alcohol pitchers sold at a price higher than expected.
 - iv. A bit of frustration with early attendance to the boat (7am)
 - v. Aggression by security guards in 2 venues.
 - vi. Expectations with management before Frosh but issues with serving still emerged.
 - vii. No one should be peer pressured into drinking.
 - viii. Reiterating smoking laws, no vaping or smoking.
 - ix. Future recommendations:
 1. Bar crawl accessibility and logistics →led to chugging due to having to leave quickly.
 2. Alternating Times For Froshies To Attend Events.
 3. Unique T-Shirts to not be confused with O-staff, Equity commissioners with specific t-shirts.
 4. Peer pressure for drinking: placing a stronger emphasis on Froshies to check on each other or check on those who are unwell.
 5. More transparency on smoking-allowed areas.
 6. Clear and consistent location protocols, unauthorized people in the lines.
 7. Improve leader certainty: not losing Froshies, reinforcing expectations during leader training on repeating

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instructions when noise is higher and to make sure the numbers are complete.

8. Reiterate during training that drinking peer-pressure is not allowed.

9. Thanks Frosh leaders!!

- c. [Motion to Approve the 2026 AUS Elections Schedule](#)
 - i. Motion is passed.
- d. [Motion to approve the AUTS FY 25-26 Budget](#)
 - i. VP Finance Weissman:
 - 1. Every year we need to approve the AUTS budget even if they work independently.
 - ii. Motion is passed.
- e. [Motion to Urgently Amend the RSUS Constitution to Improve Governance by Clarifying the General Body, Formalizing General Assemblies, and Detailing the Amendment Process](#)
 - i. VP External RSUS: Reducing quorum from 12 to 15% due to people having minor of religious studies, not fully implicated.
 - 1. (Q) VP Comms PTT: What would the new quorum be?
 - 2. (A) 12% instead of 15% Quorum
 - 3. Seconded by Senator Baybayon
 - ii. Motion is passed.
- f. [Motion to Ratify AUS Communications Policy](#)
 - i. Digital footprint clause: allowing students to report any unauthorized pictures of themselves.
 - ii. Constituent list is private info outside of ECs.
 - iii. Motion is passed.
- g. [Motion to Approve the Amended IDSSA Constitution](#)
 - i. VP External IDSSA: 10.10 is the longest amendment. Approached by BWV to be under IDSSA, IDSSA believes the Grassroots (BWV) publication aligns with IDSSA ethos.

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- ii. New clause on how to terminate this collaboration if needed.
 - iii. Creating a directory of all DE&I initiatives.
 - iv. Last motion is an expansion of the mandate to reflect current world issues
 - v. Motion is passed.
- h. [Motion to Ratify Decisions of the Financial Management Committee \(FMC\)](#)
- i. VP Finance Weissman:
 - 1. Went over PSA's budget + funding decisions.
 - 2. Motion is passed.

9. Reports of Executive Officers

- a. [President](#)
 - i. Any extra questions, address them to Aishu!
- b. [VP Internal](#)
 - i. Fill out RSVP for BDAUS.
 - ii. FYC (11) have the ball rolling!
 - 1. (Q) Senator Baybayon: SSMU, FYC
 - 2. (A) One of the FYC will sit on SSMU
- c. [VP Finance](#)
 - i. Anyone planning on making office improvements (supplies, renovations, etc.) recommend applying to AUIF to save for allocation of programming (but you're still free to use your budget how you'd like!)
 - ii. Any sales or fundraising, tell Ben in advance.
 - iii. New CashBox request form sent out via email. Fill out the form instead of emailing VP Finance. It's a quick form.
 - iv. Updating budget regularly.
 - v. Make sure you're reading the FMC handbook before submitting apps.
 - vi. Attach quotes as much as possible!

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d. [VP Academic](#)

- i. Foundation year program restructuring.
- ii. If you have any problems with changing syllabi after A/D.
- iii. Would love to hear any feedback.

e. [VP Communications](#)

- i. Website almost done: aus.mcgill.ca (not .com anymore!!)
- ii. Last friday fine arts commission.
- iii. The form will be posted on Friday then open all of the break.
- iv. Any suggestions for the website reach out.
- v. Add-on announcement: [Student Stats](#) + [Image 2](#)

f. [VP Social](#)

- i. Congrats on your hard work!!
- ii. Last BdA tomorrow, BDBoiler Room.
- iii. 5:30-9pm this week.

10. Reports of Arts Representatives to SSMU

a. [Arts Representatives to SSMU](#)

- i. Arts Rep Bongiovanni:
 1. Clubs approval: Among deferred Clubs, the McGill European Community
 2. Nursing Undergraduate Society, Christmas gift drive for children at Sherbrooke 680
 3. MOTION: Internal Regulations of Elections & Referenda
 4. President Taylor: The rejuvenated meals “SSMUnchies”: 175 students per day.
 5. VP Léger: SSMU Audit Finalization
 - a. 100 equity baskets being organized to be distributed on December 3rd and 4th to low-income
 - b. students
 6. VP Internal Mirza : Equity Baskets Initiative

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7. Emergency council tomorrow 19h-21h, location SSMU next to the cafeteria. If you want to join email Justice!
- ii. Arts rep Cahill on behalf of Arts rep Sienna:
 1. The finance committee has sent out , AUSFSP working well, 1st one on Dec 1st.
 2. If anyone is interested, will be sending out forms to ensure all students get the food they require.

11. Senator Report

a. [Senators](#)

- i. Senate series on Senator Babbayon's instagram highlighting senate meetings.
- ii. One card project: Reinstate off campus food options that have been cut.
- iii. Increasing accessibility on Work Study Program
- iv. Code of Student Conduct is an active legal document
- v. Sports Cuts: Not under senate purview but looking into way to address it at the next meeting.
- vi. Feel free to send feedback on the input form.

12. Reports of Committees and Departmental Associations

a. [CSUS](#)

- i. CSUS was on strike in solidarity with Palestine last week (November 17 to 21)
- ii. Awkward Soirée in collaboration with SUMS, MSPS and SACS
- iii. AI Ethics Panel in collaboration with Encode
- iv. Game Night in collaboration with NSBE
- v. FYC 3 events since being appointed
- vi. Study night and pumpkin painting for Halloween.
- vii. More than 40 reels and posts.

b. [ASA](#)

- i. Co-hosted trivia

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- ii. Honours fair end of march
 - iii. Hosted an outdoor picnic for all ANTH students
 - iv. Hosted a GA, reached quorum, and was able to vote
 - v. Tabled at activity night
 - vi. Hosted multiple study sessions with coffee and Timbits provided for ANTH students
 - vii. Provided a free tour of the Maude Abbott museum in Strathcona
 - viii. Tabled at BDA, where students did an “archaeology dig” for beer tokens
 - ix. End of the year symposium event partnering with the SSA
 - x. Updated executive bios & photos on Instagram.
- c. [CLASHSA](#)
- i. Collab with SLASA
 - ii. Hosted various panels to discuss LATAM affairs
 - iii. Book sales in SSMU
 - iv. Symposium went well
 - v. Another one next Spring
 - vi. Began making tote bags and merch
 - vii. Secured funding for merch and symposium
 - viii. Posting reels and opened a TikTok account
 - ix. Did takeovers
 - x. Annual magazine launching in April, taking submissions soon.
 - xi. VP External will be on exchange next semester so started the process of a new External.
- d. [SACS](#)
- i. Creepy Crawlween
 - ii. PSA collab in Gerts
 - iii. Dec 4: Study Session in Cyberthèque
 - iv. VP Academic working closely with new members of the Academic Committee.

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- v. In process of getting merch
- vi. Exec takeovers happening right now
- e. ASSA
- f. [ASUS](#)
- i.
- g. CSAUS

13. Question Period

14. Next Meeting Time and Date: January 21st, 6 pm LEA 232

15. Adjournment: 7:38p.m.