



Report of the Arts Representative to SSMU SSMU Legislative Council: September 24th 2020

Introduction

- Hello! My name is Chip Smith, and I will be one the three Arts Representatives to SSMU, for the 2020/21 Academic year!
 - Hometown: Saint John, New Brunswick.
 - Degree/Program: U3 (fourth and final year), double majoring in political science and history.
 - Fun fact: I've got a mild (read: major) addiction to cool socks!

Arts Undergraduate Society Legislative Council

- AUS Legislative Council will be meeting bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 18:00 EST, via Zoom.
 - Cassia Nasralla will be our Speaker and Ghania Javid will be our Recording Secretary, this year!
- Legislative Council, September 14th 2020
 - AUS Legislative Council had its first meeting of the 2020/21 academic year on September 14th, 2020.
 - Two Presentations:
 - “State of the Society” Presentation (Presented by AUS President, Ananya Nair)
 - “Roberts Rules Review” Presentation (Presented by Speaker, Cassia Nasralla)
 - Three Motions:
 - Motion to Conduct Meetings of Legislative Council by Zoom Teleconference
 - **Passed with Amendments**
 - Motion to Ratify Executive Committee Decisions
 - **Tabled until September 22nd 2020**
 - Motion to Approve Additional Summer Pay
 - **Tabled until September 22nd 2020**
- Next Legislative Council: Tuesday, September 22nd at 18:00 EST!

General Business of the Arts Undergraduate Society

- Departmental Orientation
 - Departmental Orientation will be held on Monday, September 21st from 18:00- 20:00!
- MOA Renegotiation
 - Established a working group for renegotiation

- Members: Ananya Nair (AUS President), Stefan Suvajac (VP-Finance), Samad Fagbohun (VP- Services), Paige Collins (Arts Representative) and Chip Smith (Arts Representative).
 - Still waiting for further communication from the DPSLL’s office about this.
- Laptop Lending
 - Our laptop lending program will be available for students, this year!
 - We are looking at a restructuring the program, which would include:
 - Overview of lending protocols,
 - Re-establishing lending protocols to increase device security,
 - Increasing the coordination of the AUS, with regards to the program.
 - Some laptops from the lending program were unable to be returned, due to the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus crisis.
 - We’re looking at contacting students (particularly those who are in Montreal, followed by those outside of the city) who are currently in-possession of those laptop, in order to retrieve them.
- Locker Rental
 - Given that classes will be held online for this semester and that campus buildings are closed to the general public, we will not be renting lockers, at this time.
 - We will be contacting individuals who rented lockers last year to inquire about what should be done with their belongings.
- Audit
 - Due to the coronavirus crisis, the start of the audit was delayed until August 31st, 2020 (it was initially slated to begin on May 20th) and it is currently ongoing.
 - Estimated time for completion remains the traditional 4-month timeline.
 - Administration has confirmed that the AUS fee status will not be compromised or changed, as a result of the delay in submitting the audited financial statements.
- SNAX
 - Sadly, SNAX will be closed for the Fall 2020 semester. A possible opening for the Winter 2021 semester is being examined.
 - VP-Finance, Stefan Suvjac is working with the SNAX manager to implement a complete inventory system and debit machine, by the end of December 2020.
- Grad Fair
 - Due to the coronavirus crisis, “Grad Fair” will be hosted virtually, this year!
 - AUS VP-External/Arts Councillor Williamson has been meeting with CAPS to discuss continued partnership and organisation.
 - Working in collaboration with SUS for organisation and hosting.

- Invitations should be sent to schools, within the next two-weeks.
- Hiring
 - Still ongoing.
 - Applications for positions have closed. Interviews for positions are ongoing.
- FEARC (Freshman Events Academic and Resources Committee)
 - Applications for FEARC are officially online and live! You can find the link to apply on the AUS Facebook page.
 - Questions? Reach-out to our VP-Internal at internal.aus@mail.mcgil.ca, and she can help!
 - Deadline to apply (as of 17/09/20) is September 21st at 23:59 EST.
- Working to Adapt to Online Operations
 - Huge shout-out to the ENTIRE staff of the AUS (especially our Secretary-General, Christina, and our Executive Assistants, Julia and Sierra) for all of their work, in the past few weeks as we adapt to this new normal.

Personal Business

- SSMU Committees
 - Steering Committee:
 - Attended my first meeting on Friday, September 18th.
 - Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM):
 - Have not had a meeting yet!
 - Will be reporting to council on December 3rd, 2020.
- Office Hours
 - AUS Executives (including myself) will be holding our office hours this semester, over zoom!
 - Executives are still finalising office hours! They should all be public shortly.
 - My office hours for Fall 2020 (Zoom Personal Meeting ID: 456 386 7039):
 - Tuesday: 10:30-11:30 EST
 - Friday: 14:00-15:00 EST
- Miscellaneous
 - Attended the PSSA's Fall 2020 General Meeting on Thursday, September 17th.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Chip Smith, Arts Representative to SSMU