



Arts & Science Undergraduate Society

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ASUS Representative Council Report

Legislative Council of the Students' Society of McGill University

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Introduction:

Hello! It has been a pleasure serving the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) and the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) this past semester. Since my last report, the ASUS has run several events and opportunities for students, including a buddy/mentoring program for first-year students and a frosh reunion for the faculty, among others! On the SSMU front, I have continued to attend Legislative Council sessions, where I have done my best to contribute my constituents' views and questions. I believe that this is evident in my voting record and questions/contributions in LC sessions.

Since My Last Report:

ASUS Administrative Updates:

- The ASUS VP External resigned in mid-November, resulting in the President taking on the role temporarily
- ASUS began its search for a Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in preparation for elections in the spring
- The former two exempted ASUS filled vacant executive positions, including VP Sponsorships and Equity Commissioners
- ASUS served various committees, including the Event Planning Committee (EPC), First-Year Council (FYC), and the Equity Committee
- Some Executives met with Andrew Piper, the new director of the Arts and Sciences Program

ASUS Events and Initiatives:

- ASUS successfully ran a buddy program first semester, which garnered around 20 mentee responses and over 20 potential mentors (VP First-Year Affairs)



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- Cookie decorating and studying events directed at first-year students (VP First-Year Affairs)
- ASUS Frosh reunion hosted at Randolph's on St. Denis with froshie and leader attendees (VP Events and VP First-Year Affairs)
- ASUS x SACS Trivia Night success at GERTS a week ago (VP Events)
- ASUS ran a summer internships/opportunities session last week (VP Academic)
- ASUS launched merchandise for Arts and Science students (VP Finance)

What I Have Done:

- Gained a better understanding of the structure and aims of the SSMU, primarily through the Legislative Council
- Joined the Services Review Committee (SRC)
- Attended all Legislative Council sessions and consistently represented ArtSci students' interests
- Spoken with other councillors regarding potential motions and projects in the works
- Continued to voice ArtSci students' concerns in Legislative Council sessions and through communications with relevant SSMU Executives

Upcoming:

ASUS Administrative:

- Selection of a CEO to begin planning spring elections for ASUS positions
- Officially selecting a new VP External to fill the previous vacancy
- Presenting a motion in the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) Legislative Council regarding ArtSci students' participation in AUS Executive positions
- Determining the status of a currently mandated ArtSci course BASC 201

ASUS Events and Initiatives:

- ASUS to host a Winter Semi-Formal at Thompson House this Friday! (VP Events, VP Sponsorships)
- Renewal of the buddy program for first-year students (VP First-Year Affairs)
- Organizing another formal likely to occur in March, specific details TBD (VP Events, VP Sponsorships)



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My Goals:

- Continue consultations with ASUS (and ArtSci students) regarding SSMU LC motions ahead of Legislative Council sessions
- Help the ASUS President in writing changes to the constitution and drafting relevant motions to maintain ASUS' status
- Collecting and accounting for feedback from ArtSci students regarding changes for SSMU and ASUS alike
- Continuing to volunteer at ASUS fundraising events

Conclusion:

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with both ASUS and SSMU during the last few months, and look forward to continuing in my role until the end of my term. I plan to continue to represent the interests of ArtSci students to the best of my ability. I am grateful for the support of those around me in better understanding SSMU and student governance, and I am excited to continue to further my understanding and contributions.

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