



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 semester. ASUS has been busy lately, finishing fall elections early in the semester and starting up meetings, fundraisers, and events for students in the faculty of Arts and Sciences. I have reflected on many of the ongoing questions and issues raised at Legislative Council and in feedback from ArtScis, as discussed in this report.

ASUS Executive:

To-Date:

- Elections and interviews completed in October with executive positions filled
- Completion of equity training through SUS on October 3, 2023
- Initial consultations and discussion about current issues including:
 - Addressing Israel-Palestine and tensions on campus
 - The government of Quebec's proposed tuition hikes for out-of-province and certain international students
- Early stages of filling positions on ASUS committees, including Academic Committee, First-Year Council (VP Academic, VP FYA)
- Planning potential events including Gerts Trivia Night (VP Sponsorship)
- Executive brunch on Sunday, November 5th
- Preparing for samosa sale fundraiser with World University Services Canada (WUSC)
- (Seemingly final) Decision to not produce a statement on Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Upcoming:

- Full operation of ASUS committees upon completion of interviews with candidates
- Consultations with students and faculty about potential impacts of proposed tuition hikes
- Fundraisers and academics as finals approach in December
- Townhall for ArtSci students in middle- or late-November (VP Academic)



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SSMU Representative:

To-Date:

- Joined SSMU Steering committee and attended SSMU Legislative Council sessions
- Partaken in consultations and drafting of a potential statement regarding on-campus tensions by the SSMU
- Produced a bilingual feedback form for students in the ArtSci program to communicate ideas and feedback for either SSMU or ASUS
- Began consultations with ArtSci students concerning the potential tuition hikes

Upcoming:

- Encourage ArtSci students to reach out with their concerns or suggestions through the faculty Listserv
- Continue to solicit feedback and opinions regarding the likely impacts of Quebec's proposed tuition hikes on the Arts and Sciences program
- Explore how SSMU and faculty association statements on political issues and global conflicts can be beneficial to students
- Establish faster communication with ASUS students, particularly to get broader feedback on SSMU motions and ahead of Legislative Council sessions

Conclusion:

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with both ASUS and SSMU over the couple of months, and look forward to continuing in my role even though classes have been incredibly demanding. I plan to continue to represent the interests of ArtSci students to the best of my ability and am grateful for the support of those around me in better understanding SSMU and student governance, and I am excited to continue to contribute the opinions of ArtSci students in Legislative Council sessions.

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