ASUS FALL 2026 REPORT

11/19/2026

Active Members

- Kimsoo, President
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- Chloé, VP Sustainability & Equity
- Amy, SSMU Senator
- Leah, VP Finance
- Aaron, VP Internal
- Nina, VP External
- Océane, VP Academic
- Emily, First Year Liaison
- Christina, SSMU Representative

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

This year, ASUS has come in full force—some delays occurred because of insurance issues, but here is a list of some of the events and activities we managed to accomplish despite these issues:

- **Frosh Success:**
  - Subway Froshers was a great success, participation was very high and we were sold out of tickets by August 11 2026. We also were able to hand out ASUS welcome booklets to students at Frosh and Degree Orientation.
  - Facilitated an exciting entrance for new students and things were well organized.
- **Multi-Track Picnic:**
  - Successfully hosted our first event of the academic year on September 17 2026, bringing together students from across the Arts and Science program.

- Had broad appeal to all Arts and Science students.

- **Interdisciplinary Case Competition:**
  - Organized an academic case competition that took place on November 18 2026, aimed at encouraging interdisciplinary problem-solving and collaboration, with outreach extending to CEGEP students.
  - It was a fun way to encourage students to get involved and experience more interdisciplinary work not just for people in Arts and Science.
- **Student Engagement:**
  - Started our Event Planning Committee and First-Year Arts and Science Council (FASC), both of which are developing initiatives to increase student participation and community-building.
- **Academic Support:**
  - Continued the Arts and Science mentorship program and improved access to academic complaint forms and student resources.
- **Fundraising and Community Outreach:**
  - Organized a charity bake sale coming up on November 23, 2026— in support of the Women's Centre of Montréal.
- **Committee Retreat:**
  - ASUS hosted their first retreat. Besides facilitating opportunities to bond as a team, we were able to discuss our current constitution and amendments, set team goals, and have one-on-one meetings with our president to discuss our individual goals, intentions, and specific roles.

OBJECTIVES, PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

Following our executive retreat in October, ASUS has focused on strengthening the Arts and Science community by increasing student engagement, improving communication and accessibility, expanding academic and social opportunities, and building stronger relationships with other faculty associations.

1. Strengthening Relations with AUS and SUS

- Ongoing discussions to clarify interfaculty and multi-track funding allocations.
- Addressing event insurance challenges to expand student programming.

2. Improving Student Spaces and Resources

- Applied for and received lounge improvements and a furniture fund from SUS, as our room needed significant improvements.
- Improving student communication through social media, newsletters, and accessible resources.
    - We now each have office hours to facilitate more room for questions and communication between Arts and Science students and their representatives.

3. Academic Advocacy

- Through our Arts and Science Senator, ASUS has been involved in discussions with university administration regarding a proposed Self-Declared Absence Policy, improvements to mid-course evaluations, and examination scheduling.
    - The proposed mid-course evaluation initiative is being circulated through faculty and degree committees to gauge interest, while the Self-Declared Absence Policy remains under discussion.
- Increased accessibility to academic complaint forms through ASUS's Instagram and newsletters.

4. Internal Governance

- Updating the ASUS Constitution and reviewing amendment procedures.
    - Our constitution was extremely outdated; most revisions included changing pronouns to be more inclusive, changing the vocabulary to be more clear, and removing clubs and committees that are no longer active.
- Strengthening collaboration with departmental associations and first-year representatives.
    - Through regular General Council meetings, ASUS has maintained communication with SACS, MESS, and SASSS to coordinate initiatives and share updates.
    - The establishment of the First-Year Arts and Science Council (FASC) has created more opportunities for first-year students to participate in planning events and in shaping the Arts and Science community.

5. Student Engagement and Accessibility

- Expanding affordable, inclusive, and alcohol-free events.
- Planning wellness initiatives and interfaculty collaborations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- ★ Charity bake sale coming up on November 23, 2026— in support of the Women's Centre of Montréal.
- ★ Feel free to attend our office hours to discuss anything further, they are listed on our instagram page:**@mcgillasus**

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