Book of resolutions
October 27th, 2014
Fine Arts Student Alliance

Referendum on ASSE affiliation, March 2014

That FASA be in support of the following seven principles of ASSÉ

1: a free, public, quality, secular, and accessible education;

2: an adequate financial aid system, with the aim of eliminating student debt and ensuring fundamental needs are met;

3: a public education system free from all private business interference – including but not limited to, sub-contracting;

4: the democratization of educational institutions in the perspective of self-management;

5: solidarity with all progressive international struggles aimed at the betterment of society;

6: against all forms of globalization which reinforce the dominance of profits over people;

7: for a combative feminism, aiming the abolition of patriarchy, against all forms of oppression and discrimination

September 30, 2013

WHEREAS the United Nations published major report last week that warned that the world is heading towards a 5 degree Celsius rise in global mean temperature by 2100 at the current rate of industrial production.

WHEREAS the majority of proven fossil fuel reserves will need to stay in the ground if we are to prevent a dangerous rise in global mean temperature, according to the United Nations and Australian Commission on Climate Change, among other sources.

WHEREAS the fossil fuel industry through its army of lawyers, lobbyists, and public relations specialists are actively working to maintain the status quo and sow doubt in the publics mind about human caused climate change.

WHEREAS Concordia University, according to a 2011 financial audit, had over 11.7 million dollars invested in fossil fuels and pipelines through their endowment fund.

Be It Resolved That FASA support the campaign to divest Concordia form the fossil fuels industry and to have it adopt a socially and environmentally responsible investment policy to guide all its investments.

Be It Further Resolved That FASA informs its membership about the campaign.

Be It Further Resolved That FASA attempt to gain fine arts faculty members' support for the campaign and work towards having having faculty members vote on the matter at te fuculty meeting.

March 6, 2012

Document on 4 -pronged approach adopted

Financial Autonomy / Fund Development / Council Reforms / Community Presence

To be referenced, revisited, throughout the next 5 years. If adopted, it a policy be created to ensure the document is handed down to future council members.

SCOPE

The following FASA strategic plan for the next three years is the result of revisions upon the original FASA four-year strategic plan. FASA is committed to being a transparent, autonomous Alliance which serves the needs of Concordia University Fine Arts students. The following goals have been designed with FASA's commitment to being a transparent, autonomous Alliance in mind.

A. FINANCIAL AUTONOMY

FASA is dedicated to moving towards greater financial autonomy from Concordia University. As such, a full financial audit will be complete prior to September 2014, paid for by banked guaranteed fee levy money earned in the Fall of 2012 and 2013. The value of a full financial audit will be to revise reimbursement procedures, shifting from a four to six week period to a maximum of ten days. Greater financial control will strengthen the presence of FASA within the University community, and ensure increased financial transparency and accountability to FASA members.

<u>MARCH 20 - MAY 31, 2012</u>

-Fee levy increase on 2012 elections ballot. The proposed increase will be determined by the VP Finance and is intended to cover the cost of an audit in the Fall of 2015. Money from this increase will be put into a high interest bank account for two years.

-Conditional on fee levy increase. Consult with accounting firm contracted to complete 2011 unaudited financials about upcoming auditing expenses, and procedural matters.

OCTOBER, 2012

-Conditional on fee levy increase. $3,000 is deposited into short-term high interest bank account.

-RECOMMENDATION: FASA Affiliate organizations (VAV/Art Matters/Fine Arts Reading Room/Cafe X) hire the FASA bookkeeper on a regular part-time basis to maintain ongoing finances.

OCTOBER, 2013

-Conditional on fee levy increase. $3,000 is deposited into short-term high interest bank account.

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31, 2014

-Using banked money from 2012 fee levy increase, initiate full audit and preparation of financial statements. Financial statements should be presented at the first FASA Council meeting of the 2014/15 year.

-Revisit reimbursement procedures and establish external bank accounts to ensure that future reimbursements will be processed in two weeks or less.

-Bookkeeper and VP Finance should collaborate on revised reimbursement structures over the summer. -Revised reimbursement procedures will be reflected in the FASA Bylaws Annex C (Financial Policy) and distributed to the Council of Representatives before September.

-Bookkeeper and VP Finance will confirm what firm will oversee FASA's taxes, and systems of financial accounting.

-VP Finance shall review, in conjunction with the proposed Standing Committee on FASA By-laws and Annexes, those policies in Annex C - Financial Policy that need updating in order to comply with the new reimbursement structure.

SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 15, 2014

-Club Treasurers, Affiliate Members and Councillors are given a workshop on revised reimbursement procedures.

B. FUND DEVELOPMENT

Focusing on longer term goals, the incoming FASA Executive will collaborate with Clubs and Affiliates to plan large-scale events, sustainable initiatives, and campaigns to enhance the Fine Arts student experience, with a specific focus on Fall and Winter orientation.

JUNE 1 - JULY 31, 2012

-Executives form a team to write grants to fund large projects throughout the year.

JUNE 1 - JULY 31, 2013

-Executives form a team to write grants to fund retreat for Councillors, past and present Executive and Affiliates.

C. COUNCIL REFORMS

The FASA Executive is accountable to the FASA Council of Representatives. In 2013 FASA Club Elections will take place at the same polling stations as the FASA General Elections. The move towards forming Club Executives earlier in the year is to increase communication and accountability, and encourage planning over the summer months. In 2013. the FASA Council will be formed in September, orientation events will involve Club representatives with a goal of reaching more FASA members at the beginning of the year.

OCTOBER 2012

-Formation of a Standing Committee to evaluate FASA By-Laws and Annexes and propose reforms and changes as needed. This Standing Committee should be formed at the first Council of Representatives meeting of each year.

-Re-evaluate the proposed Ambassadors initiative through formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee.

APRIL 1 - MAY 31, 2013

-Add club elections to the same ballot as Executive elections. In doing so, the FASA Council can be formed earlier in the year and communication/collaboration can take place over the summer.

AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

-Retreat held for all sitting Councillors, past and present Executives and Affiliates.

-First FASA Council meeting of the year held in September.

D. PRESENCE IN THE MONTREAL FINE ARTS COMMUNITY

FASA is committed to increasing its presence in the Montreal Fine Arts community through partnership with its Affiliate Members, particularly the VAV gallery and the Art Matters festival.

MARCH 20 - MAY 31, 2012

-Aid in the revision of the VAV and Art Matters constitutions.

JUNE 1, 2012 - MAY 31, 2013

-Investigate possible new partnerships with the Montreal Fine Arts community beyond Concordia University connections (ie: Partnering with local museums and galleries for talks/events).

-Encourage collaboration between Montreal university fine arts associations through events.

November 1, 2011

Motion to officially endorse the campaign against tuition hikes.