

MINUTES

LSA Council Meeting #2 [2016-10-19]

Location: NCDH 316

Présent(e)s: President (Valérie Olivier), Vice-President Administration (Andréa Baptiste), Vice-President Finance (Benjamin Brunot), Vice-President External (Romita Sur), Vice-President Clubs and Services (Brittany Williams), Vice-President Professional Relations (Nigah Awj), Vice-President Internal Special Events (Béatrice Bull), Vice-President Internal Ongoing Events (Franks Hawkins), Julia Bellehumeur (2L President), Jillian Ohayon (2L President), Andrée-Anne Dion (3L President), Lauren Phizicky (3L President), Frédérique Bossé (4L President), Émilie Binette (1L President), Kevin Pinkoski (1L President), Adrien Habermacher (GLSA Representative), Laura Cardénas (Faculty Council Representative), Michael Luba (Faculty Council Representative), Anna Goldfinch (Faculty Council Representative), Meghan Pearson (Faculty Council Representative), Shannon Snow (Law Senator), Benjamin Dionne (Speaker).

Absent(e)s: VP Academic (Anne-Sophie Ouellet), Aleksander Godlewski (Faculty Council Representative).

(1) Call for order

Moved by: Shannon

Seconded by: Julia

(2) Motion to open the agenda

Amendment of the agenda:

Motion by Romita to amend LSUC from “for discussion” to “to be amended” and to move it up to topic 5.2.

Motion to adopt the agenda with proposed amendment passes unanimously and carries.

(3) Rapports de l'Exécutif (Questions et réponses)

I. President

Question (Frédérique) : Concernant les photos de graduation, y a-t-il moyen de contacter photographe pour l'ordre des couleurs ?

Valérie : Le photographe contacté et j'ai parlé à Nancy, pour les gens qui ont déjà pris la photo, ce sera arrangé par Photoshop.

II. VP Academic
(Absent)

III. VP Administration

Question (Michael) : Where would the chalkboard wall be ?

Andréa : In the basement, on the wall right in front of the cafeteria.

Question (Frédérique) : Will there be anyone/anything set up for monitoring of what is written on the board ?

Answer : Not for the moment. Considering that we don't need monitoring for the chalkboard that's upstairs and that it's usually used by clubs or journals to advertise things or to write summaries (like last year for Contracts), I don't think it's necessary. If it is, we can definitely look into it.

Question (Brittany) : Can we appoint an exec that would be responsible for it ?

Andréa : Definitely, actually it can be someone from the Arts committee, which is under you.

Question (Benjamin): Will there be someone taking care of supplies like chalks, and who will take care of those financially ?

Andréa : The arts committee, and those expenses could go under the exec that oversees the chalkboard. We can figure it out.

Straw poll : Is transforming one of the walls into a chalkboard one a good idea.

Unanimous yes.

Question (Lauren) : Can we talk about how we are going to communicate for LSA Council ? Through email, Facebook or both ? communication for LSA Council

Valérie : We can talk about it during the point about meeting procedure.

IV. VP Clubs and Services

Nothing to add.

V. VP External

Nothing to add.

VI. VP Finance

Question (Brit) : Does Contours have any money considering what we've discussed?

Benjamin : They technically have a fee that hasn't been collected yet.

Question (Shannon) : Valérie a la réponse à la question.

VII. VP Internal (F)

Question (Lauren) : Can we make a semester schedule for serving at Coffeehouse ?

Frank : Yes.

Question (Adrien) : Has the GLSA request for a coffeehouse been approved ?

Frank : Brittany has an answer

~ Brittany : Because there is no need for proceeds, we can fit the GLSA in one of the dates. We wanted to wait for other clubs to answer what we need them to answer and deal with them first.

VIII. VP Internal (B)

Question (Frédérique) : Est-ce qu'il y a des démarches pour que tout le monde puisse rentrer au party d'Halloween, contrairement à ce qui s'est passé l'an dernier ? Il y avait une clause l'an dernier aussi dans le contrat, mais ils ont brisé le contrat.
Béatrice : J'ai parlé au propriétaire et voici ce qu'on a mis en place pour éviter que ça se reproduise:

- i. On a des billets physiques cette année
- ii. Clauses dans le contrat pour empêcher ça
- iii. 700 places dans le club/1000 qui sont à nous (on a 700 billets).

Question (Brittany) : Are we giving them money before or after the party ?

Béa : They get 1\$ on the ticket for now.

Question (Émilie) : Dans ton rapport, tu as mentionné que tu veux essayer d'organiser des low-key event?

Béa : Je cherche encore des possibilités, le timing rend les choses difficiles (Novembre, juste avant les examens). Peut-être qu'on va essayer pour une soirée jeux de société ou jeux vidéo dans le moot court. Si c'est pas pour cette session, ce sera pour la prochaine.

Question (Shannon) : I have a personal question about lockers, what's the best way to pay when you're double booked ?

Béa : The problem with money should be dealt with soon and we're also currently dealing with the double-bookings.

IX. VP Professional Relations

Question (Shannon) : Any way to rethink our way of getting sponsors re : conferences ? It's a burden on the VP-PR position. Is it possible to have promotion in a way that is not physical involvement ?

Nigah : I can look into it.

Question (Béa) : Will there be food at the upcoming event?

Nigah : No, we might order pizza.

(4) Rapport de la Sénatrice

Currently working on:

- Mental health advisory board.
- Sexual Violence Policy: going up for information today at senate. Angela Campbell added student-professor relationships in definition of consent (graduate level problems too).
- Board of governor for senate of First Peoples: land recognition = not affirmed by Indigenous stakeholders is a statement, not acknowledgment, working on that.
- Charter of Student Rights advisory board: charter amended this year.
- Universal design presentation at Faculty Council with Gift

Question (Anna): When's the meeting [Sexual Violence Policy information session]?

Shannon: 2:30 PM.

Question (Romita): They're doing a conference on Monday for student leaders, and they are going to mention the policy, would it be possible for Shannon or Anna to be present?

Shannon: Maybe?

Question (Adrien): Le gouvernement du Québec travaille présentement sur une politique cap sur les violences sexuelles sur les campus, est-ce possible de nous garder au courant?

Shannon: Oui.

Anna: J'étais impliquée dans le groupe étudiant. Je sais qu'en ce moment il y a un "media tour" et qu'il y a eu discussion avec le ministre. Par contre, les discussions avec le gouvernement du Québec et les politiques sur le campus ne sont pas très reliées.

(5) 4L President Introduction

Motion to move point on meeting procedure before LPP: Valérie

Seconded by: Andréa

The motion passes unanimously and carries.

(6) Meeting Procedure – Présidente

Communication en reunion et avant reunion:

- Facebook + courriel pour communication.
- We have to be more on the ball pour constitution and reports 48 hours before.
- Summary on Robert's rule by Benjamin (Speaker).

(7) Letter: LSUC LPP

Romita (general presentation of developments):

Results of survey monkey: 35 yes vs 20 no, so the letter is going to be written.

Question (Anna): Would it be possible to write a different type of letter? It seems like for now we are supporting program as whole as opposed to just having it last the 5 years it was supposed to. Specifically, the middle paragraph seems to be supportive generally. Why?

Motion/Amendment to the letter by: Anna. The tone of this letter is that the LSA does not support cancelling a program that would harm students already involved in it and that review of program should be after it has expired. Letter should be with tone that we agreed upon, not supporting the program generally.

Seconded by: Lauren

For/Against:

Benjamin: Anna's comments are legitimate, but if LSA wants to support program to run for 5 years it is because of those positive reasons mentioned in the middle paragraph. The tone can be toned down, but mentioning positive things justifies why the program should run its course.

Michael: Were we able to get in contact with student who made motion?

Rom: No.

Straw poll: In light of that information [that we were not able to get in contact with student who came forward with that motion], who thinks we should not go on with writing the letter? 8 people.

Emilie: What reason are we giving to give this up after we put up poll on Facebook?

Romita: True, some students were still expecting this letter, even though the guy behind the motion didn't show up.

Anna's motion passes unanimously and carries.

*Overall, we are against cancelling the program before its due course, but not for the program itself.

Discussion on the polling method itself

Frank: Can you repeat the results of survey monkey?

35 yes, 20 no.

Fred: What was the length of the voting period?

Rom: Sunday to today.

Lauren: Was there any publicity done around this? If so, not well. Could we have a longer time period? Could it have been done on Facebook?

Rom: Yes, there was publicity, but when we put the poll on Facebook, people didn't want to vote there because of confidentiality issues. So we sent it in the listserv.

Frédérique: If the guy who brought forth the motion isn't even here, why is it our burden to carry?

Rom: Good question.

Anna: I'm in favour of letter. Considering the limited time and resources we have, I suggest we just vote on letter as amended.

Valérie: I'm also in favour of letter. In way it's worded (with the amendment), I think it could work.

Adrien: I'm also in favour of the letter as amended, we've asked grad students' opinions if they wanted to join LSA on this letter and we had no answer. I think the little interest says something.

Vote: All those in favour of letter being sent with the amendments to the tone as discussed earlier.

18 en faveur.

1 abstention.

2 oppositions. Motion passes.

Adrien: How will the text be transmitted to LSUC?

Valérie: They collect the letters to send them themselves to the LSUC.

(8) Approbation de la date de l'Assemblée générale annuelle

Suggestion: Mercredi le 9 novembre de 13:00 à 14:30

Vote: 2 abstentions. Motion carries, the AGM will be held Wednesday November 9th at 1:00 PM.

(9) Selection of two students (members of Faculty Council or class presidents) to sit on the Dean's Discretionary Fund (DDF) Committee.

Their role is to sit on committee with Benjamin and Brittany to determine DDF allocations. There are 2 members from the Council who have a vote each, Brittany and Benjamin share a vote.

Question (Frédérique): How are we going to deal with conflicts of interest?

Brittany: I, for example, will be careful to vote on stuff that concerns me.

Question (Adrien): Is the committee open to grad students? (Since grads have their own dean).

Benjamin: Technically yes, if you look at project of the DDF itself, it is technically not restricted, the money could even go to staff.

Question (Jill): What is the time commitment like?

Brittany: We will start as soon as next week till mid-November. Not a lot of time spent during the week. We'll do some preliminary work on Google Drive, then we'll come together in 2 hours meeting. We'll spend some more time together during the winter in February.

Benjamin: 5-6 hours in the upcoming weeks, same in winter.

People who volunteered: Frédérique, Lauren, Jill, Laura.

Results of the vote: **Laura & Frédérique.**

(10) For discussion: Consultation on course registration

To be moved to next meeting since Aleksander is not here.

(11) Varia

Émilie: Les P-V vont-ils être publics? Est-ce possible d'ajouter membres des conseils sur le site de l'AÉD?

Andréa: Oui.

Romita: Let me know if you want to be part of some involvement at the faculty regarding cultural appropriation.

Valérie: There will be the publication of Gift's report in the Quid, we read through it and we'll compile a list of priorities on what we want to act on this year.

Write AGM in agenda. Important changes have been made to budget. Ex: journal funding.

Lauren: We should make sure to promote the AGM to make sure we have quorum!

Lauren: I'd like to have a temperature check on the Facebook conversation. Specifically streamlining what's going on online, administration and moderation of law groups. (Most people want to see this happen). Ok! I'll bring it up do be added to the agenda.

(12) Approbation de la date de la prochaine réunion : Next week same time: Wednesday
October 26th from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

(13) Motion to adjourn
Moved by: Andréa
Seconded by: Laura

The motion carries.