

**LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – November 26, 2024  
NCDH 101 & Zoom**

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**7PM - 8PM**

**Present:** Tala Al Rabea, Julien Bérubé, Matthew Dodds, Julius Grippo, Pénélope Labbé, Jessica Li, Steve Mansour, Emily Payne, Christopher Aoun, Daniella Akat, Connor MacDonald, Ian Marcoux, Fadumo Hussien, Sajneet Mangat, Una Sverko, Jessica Khoury, Jean-Sébastien Léger, Andrew Blackwell, Matthew Boulden, Dylan Lamberti, Omar Qaqish, Mees Brenninkmeijer

**Regrets:** Marie Jolicoeur-Becotte, Sophia El Bakir,

**Observer:**

**Note:** Faculty council members can refer to LSA Executive reports for updates. **Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre at 7:03PM.**

1. **Agenda**
2. **Motions**
3. **Executive Reports and Questions / Rapports et questions de l'exécutif**
4. **Other Reports and Questions / Autres rapports et questions du Conseil législatif**
5. **Adjournment**
  - 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Agenda
  - 3. Graduate Students Association Reports and Questions / Rapports et questions de Association étudiantes des cycles supérieurs
  - 4. Motions
    - a) Adoption of last meeting's minutes (November 12;  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OTiYWO0SCIHkl7etkNKduj7eW76-6KquIUQibrdVq2Y/edit?usp=sharing>)
    - b) Adoption of the provisional budget as presented, in accordance with section 22 of the LSA Constitution, which will be valid for a period of 30 days  
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- c) that the LSA calls the Annual General Assembly for January 29th, 2025 at 1PM.
- 5. Executive Reports and Questions
- 6. Other Reports and Questions / Autres rapports et questions du Conseil législatif
- 7. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement
  - Motion to adopt the Agenda:
    - Moved by: Emily
    - Seconded by: Jessica K.
    - Vote: Passed unanimously.

### **3. Graduate Students Association Reports and Questions / Rapports et questions de Association étudiantes des cycles supérieurs**

#### **a) Mees Brenninkmeijer (GLSA President)**

- i) Wants to join forces with LSA with things that are happening at the faculty. GLSA is concerned with things around academic freedom. It wants to be a force in the faculty.
- ii) They will be voting on a motion next week about McGill's injunction that it sought a week ago.
- iii) First step towards GLSA knowing what the LSA is doing and the other way around.
- iv) LSA President said that the last motion had gotten a reply, which is rare. New events are all canceled by McGill Central until the end of the semester. Pénélope says that if anyone has any comments, they can email her.
- v) Ian asks if the freeze on the events was in response to our last motion.
- vi) Pénélope answers no.
- vii) Julius asks to clarify if the motion will be passed at their legislative council.
- viii) Mees answers yes. LSA and GLSA have similar mandates.

### **4. Motions**

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  - i) Proposed by: Matthew D.
  - ii) Seconded by: Jessica K.
  - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously.
- b) Adoption of the provisional budget as presented, in accordance with section 22

of the LSA Constitution, which will be valid for a period of 30 days  
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- i) Jean-Sébastien presents the budget and the context as to why we have to adopt it until the next AGM. The budget is in deficit due to 5 years worth of audits not being done.
  - ii) Connor asks if it is an in-year deficit and whether it is a structural deficit.
  - iii) Jean-Sébastien answers that it is in-year, and that it is not structural.
  - iv) Connor asks if we have reserves.
  - v) Jean-Sébastien answers yes.
  - vi) Pénélope clarifies that the audit has not been done in the past five years, contrary to what our Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with McGill asks us to do.
  - vii) Omar asks if this is a cash budget or an accrual budget.
  - viii) Jean-Sébastien answers that it is not a cash budget. We do have an operating deficit no matter what. An increased base fee will have to come.
  - ix) Omar asks if we have asked for a grant from the government for Employee.
  - x) Jean-Sébastien answers that we do not have employees so do not qualify.
  - xi) Connor asks how much we need to pay to Revenue Canada.
  - xii) Jean-Sébastien says we do not know.
  - xiii) Sophia asks if we need to pay legally anyways to Revenue Canada, without the MoA.
  - xiv) Jean-Sébastien answers that no we do not, as we are not a non-profit organization.
  - xv) Proposed by: Jean-Sébastien
  - xvi) Seconded by: Pénélope
  - xvii) Vote: Passed unanimously.
- c) that the LSA calls the Annual General Assembly for January 29th, 2025 at 1PM
- i) Proposed by: Jessica K.
  - ii) Seconded by: Julius
  - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously.

## 5. Executive Reports and Questions / Rapports et questions de l'exécutif

### a) Pénélope Labbé (President)

- i) Sexual Violence Education & Prevention Committee: trainings to come
- ii) Plate Club: to be restarted in the Winter. We have a kitchen on the third floor. For events, people can request items.
- iii) Sitting on Faculty Council tomorrow.

- iv) Any ideas? Projects? Concerns? – Do not hesitate to contact Pénélope
- v) She has been busy taking care of the tensions on campus.

**b) Emily Payne (VP Internal)**

- i) The Referendum. Results: both votes passed. Thank you to CRO and DRO for ensuring the process went smoothly.
- ii) Coordinated the LSA Executive Council Retreat (per the Constitution). – Paid by Execs themselves.
- iii) McGill Law Merchandise:
  - 1) LSA Bulk Merch order is going strong. Deadline to submit an order: November 27th at 11:59PM. Orders for exchange students are being prioritized.
  - 2) Mugs are continued to be sold during Moka Lundis and Mercredis for 15\$ and can be ordered during the LSA Bulk Merch placement.
  - 3) All other info can be found on the Google Form.
- iv) Mental Health & Wellbeing Committee:
  - 1) First event: Sip & Paint event on November 28th (during Coffeehouse) – Please come!
- v) Skit Nite:
  - 1) Recruited all animateurs.
  - 2) Have been having weekly meetings with all animateurs on Fridays.
  - 3) We have decided on a theme.
  - 4) The Save the Date will be sent out soon.
- vi) AGM preparation:
  - 1) Prepared the PowerPoint for the AGM that did not happen.
- vii) Exam Period Access:
  - 1) Coordinated with the Law Library to ensure law students have exclusive access to the library during finals (as per previous semesters) – this will begin December 2nd and end December 20th.
  - 2) Put in an urgent request with the Law Library to fix the lamps/install them on the big tables, as students need light to study, with the sun setting much earlier now.
  - 3) Coordinating with the Faculty building management to allow NCDH classrooms on 1st and 3rd floor to be unlocked at night during exam period, to allow for group projects/studying – so far, seems to not be a possibility.
- viii) Legislative Council Meetings for Winter 2025:
  - 1) Please fill out the following When2Meet for our FIRST Winter 2025 meeting date before December 20th:  
<https://www.when2meet.com/?27756324-FV4qF>

- 2) Another when2meet will be sent for the rest of the meetings for Winter semester

**c) Jean-Sébastien Léger (VP Finance)**

- i) Report on Financial situation of the LSA and adoption of provisional budget
  - 1) Received 21K\$ in sponsorship so far
  - 2) Special Events - Net deficit to date of 16 000\$
  - 3) Ongoing Events - Net deficit to date of 366\$
  - 4) ASEF Funding approved to date - 6 386\$ to 11 projects

**d) Matthew Dodds (VP Academic)**

- i) Since last council:
  - 1) Clarified questions for 1L & 2L reps that were posed to me from last council meeting surrounding Property professors and exams
    - (a) Issue with Property Grade
  - 2) Attended Faculty Council
    - (a) Discussed upcoming renovations on 3rd floor
    - (b) Discussed accessibility issues for students: Piper insisted on the need for professors to commit to considering accessibility issues in their assessment design
  - 3) Attended Curriculum Committee:
    - (a) Approved renewing Jeff Kennedy's Prison Law course
    - (b) Discussed:
      - (i) GAship credit reform
      - (ii) PASL – asks that class presidents are knowledgeable on it
      - (iii) New Leave of Absence Policy
      - (iv) Will also be discussing moot credits – to add more
      - (v) A joint BCL/JD/MPP
  - 4) Will be meeting with SAO team tomorrow: shoot me your questions
  - 5) Discussed with students possible additions to the Winter 2024 schedule
  - 6) Lundi en français: moved location, participation has improved
  - 7) Hosted Town Hall on grading policy, no one came.
  - 8) Waiting for SAO to publish courses that will be added to the Winter 2025 schedule
  - 9) Class Presidents: If you are hearing about issues on the ground, please flag them for me
    - (a) Jessica L.: 3Ls are asking for a list of courses that meet the writing requirement.

**e) Julien Bérubé (VP External)**

- i) Discussed with Fédération Étudiants en Droit du Québec (FEDQ) officials about potential joining, attended first board meeting yesterday – a referendum question will come this Winter as to whether we should join or not.
  - ii) Continued work at SSMU leg council
  - iii) Continued work with Equity Commission – one member has resigned.
- f) Julius Grippo (VP Communications)**
- i) No updates. Students see what he publishes.
- g) Tala Al Rabea (VP Clubs)**
- i) Reimbursement requests.
  - ii) Sent out decisions for Round 2 of ASEF. There are 2 rounds left for next semester – about 9K\$ left.
  - iii) Will be meeting with the Assistant Dean about EDI initiatives.
- h) Jessica Khoury (VP Partnerships)**
- i) Skit nite – going back to Osler for sponsorship.
- i) Marie Jolicoeur-Becotte (VP Special Events)**
- iv) All events for the fall term are now done
  - v) Winter events will include: igloofest (pending answer), ski trip (pending confirmation), med law - vitals and verdicts (date TBD but likely Sat. Feb 15th), and grad gala.
- d) Dylan Lamberti (VP Ongoing Events)**
- i) Lavery, the final sponsored coffeehouse of the year was last week and was a great success
  - ii) LCM will be in the atrium for the final Moka Mercredi of the semester
  - iii) Two remaining CHs before the end of the year
  - iv) Skit nite theme chosen, animateurs will begin writing skits and recruiting talent from students and profs in January.

## **5. Other Reports and Questions / Autres rapports et questions du Conseil législatif**

### **a) Law Senator**

- i) Nothing pertinent to the Faculty of Law.
- ii) Submitting questions to Senate.
- iii) Working on accessibility and academic policy (partnering up with other student representatives about it).

### **b) Faculty Council Representatives**

- i) Summary of last FC meeting that is relevant to students:
  - 1) Second floor renovations will begin in April 2025. Rooms being renovated: ILT Learning Space, Interactive Learning, Room 16, Room across the library.

- ii) They will move to a new software other than MyCourses after April 2025 (will be ANS).

**c) 1L Presidents**

- i) Event with Profs about how to prepare for an exam – tomorrow.

**d) 2L Presidents**

- i) No report.

**e) 3L President**

- i) Have been working on end of year Gala for graduating students.

**f) 4L President**

- i) Organizing a 3.5L goodbye party on the 28th at 8PM.

**6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement - 8:10PM**

- i) Proposed by: Emily
- ii) Seconded by: Julius
- iii) Vote: Passed unanimously.

**Next meeting will be in Winter 2025.**