

LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – April 3, 2024
NCDH 102 & [Zoom](#)

4:30pm - 6:00pm

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Present: Justine Blanchette-Siroirs, Jean-Sébastien Léger, Weeam Ben Rejeb, Xin Hao Yang, Stephanie Kay, Julius Grippo, Lucia Quintero, Sajneet Mangat, Pénélope Labbé, Jessica Khoury, Liam Dodge, Emily Payne, Jessica Li, Ian Anderson, David Brady, Jacob Shannon, Khaled Hassoun, Shania Dalila, Matthew Boulden

Permanent regrets: Emma Bussièrès, Yasmine Liani, Stefan Davies

Regrets:

Absent: Alexia Armstrong, Sara Sanabria, Chris (GLSA), Leanna Katz, Nada Farag,

Required: ,

Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre 4:36pm at quorum

- 1. Land acknowledgement / Reconnaissance territoriale**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
 - a. Sajneet proposes the adoption of the agenda
 - b. Justine seconds
 - c. Adopted unanimously
- 3. Adoption of last meeting's minutes**
 - a. Emily proposes
 - b. Julius seconds
 - c. Adopted unanimously
- 4. GLSA Members / Membres du GLSA**
 - a. Absent
- 5. Motion - Modification of By-law 9 : Creation of a sexual violence prevention and education committee**
 - a. A bilingual motion was shared with all LSA council members last week
 - b. Pénélope presents the draft motion
 - i. Weeam has question about committee organizational structure
 - ii. Justine clarifies, highlights sexual violence prevention training
 - c. Julius proposes the adoption of the motion

- d. Penelope seconds
 - e. Vote: 0 opposition. Motion adopted unanimously
- 6. Motion to amend By-Law 7 of the LSA Constitution**
- a. Modifies selection process for committees. LSA VP Internal to host meetings with at least one other executive member & to consider the perspectives of past committee members.
 - b. Justine presents the draft motion
 - i. Emily asks for clarification regarding who must sit on the interviews
 - c. Justine proposes, Xin seconds
 - d. Vote: 0 oppose. Motion adopted unanimously
- 7. Other reports / Autres rapports**
- a. **Law Senator**
 - i. Tuition hike/budget: deficit expected because tuition fees (80% of McGill's revenues)
 - 1. Maximize undergrad enrolment, cut low enrolment courses
 - 2. No intention to lay off people. Will just slow down hiring.
 - ii. New chancellor of McGill is Pierre Boivin
 - iii. New policy on student safety abroad - will affect folks going on exchange next year (students accept risk when going abroad, commit to remain safe. Essentially removing liability from McGill)
 - 1. Emily asks for clarification
 - 2. Lucia asks who would cover the expenses of students having to come back to Canada
 - iv. Julius/Lucia: Nathan Schipper Internship Award is still on SAO website although they said that it would be removed
 - b. **Faculty Council Representatives**
 - i. Emily: re SAO not telling PUB3 116 Foundations professors that the deadline for final papers is pushed back. Spoke to professors herself. Issue resolved.
 - ii. Sophia (member-at-large) is granted speaking rights by Xin: asks for clarification as to which paper deadline is pushed back
 - c. **1L Presidents**
 - i. 1L Help Session on March 25th went very well. Thanks for help!
 - ii. Last event yesterday. 1L social at Winnies, trivia + TH gift cards
 - d. **2L Presidents**
 - i. Petition to make LAWG 220D1 Property final assist-only
 - ii. Planning 2L end-of-year social
 - iii. Redistributed the letters that folks had written at the beginning of the year
 - e. **3L Presidents**

- i. Hi, we really want to know that we have a budget to throw our 3L event on Thursday! Pretty please. VP Clubs has not been answering our emails/messages.

- 1. Julius: since they haven't organized anything this year, they have their full budget of 400\$. Invites 3L presidents to read their messenger messages

f. 4L Presidents

- i. Absent

8. Executive Reports / Rapports de l'exécutif

a. Justine - President

- i. Elections happened
- ii. Cheerios to so many future execs being in the meeting today!
- iii. CDO & student-led clubs collabs/delegation!
- iv. Faculty-wide calendar
- v. UQAM not signing statement re tuition hikes
- vi. Library floors reserved for law students
- vii. Quiet space revamp ongoing
- viii. Basement washrooms
- ix. Meeting planned with the Barreau
- x. **LSA Awards Committee report**
 - 1. No applicants this year so just Justine on the committee
 - 2. John Dunford award. April 7th deadline to nominate
- xi. Sajneet questions re gender-neutral washrooms, faculty-wide calendar. Justine answers.
- xii. Julien (member-at-large) is granted speaking rights by Julius: re UQAM on not signing the solidarity letter on tuition hikes
- xiii. Sophia (member-at-large) is granted speaking rights by Sajneet: re quiet space, to consult religious group
- xiv. Matthew: endorses faculty-wide calendar.

b. Ian - VP Finance

- i. **Final executive report**
 - 1. Switched banks (CIBC now)
 - 2. Fixed last year's budget and started this year's 🙌
 - 3. Met with TONS of accounting firms last summer
 - 4. Paying for events, issuing refunds, not letting people buy things, many meetings with bookkeeper Sawyer, dealing with restricted fees re journals
 - 5. Switched from Airtables to Google Sheets
 - 6. Presented budget at GA
 - 7. Budget template for next year that will be available for all LSA students #transparency

- 8. Work with accountant for last couple tax filings
- 9. Work with Liam re invoicing firms
- ii. Matthew: are we liquid enough for grad gala? Ian: yes
- c. **Jacob - VP External**
 - i. Injunction case - no result yet
 - ii. McGill's case against tuition hikes - LSA's motion can be used to support McGill
 - iii. SSMU fee increase failed, LICM fee increase passed
- d. **Khaled - VP Academic**
 - i. **Official Languages Committee Report**
 - 1. Fini le rapport (entamé l'année passée) qui étudie l'utilisation de la langue française à la faculty
 - 2. Lundi en français is a huge success
 - 3. Working on Juripedia (bilingual dictionary)
 - ii. Teaching excellence report. Asking class presidents to promote
 - iii. Working with SAO on variety of issues
 - 1. Integration workshop
 - 2. No civil law basket this summer
 - 3. Property final exam. Email was sent
 - 4. Ad hoc AI committee
 - iv. Jessica 2L: clarifications re email for property final exam
- e. **Liam - VP Partnerships**
 - i. Working with Ian for invoices
 - ii. Organizing contacts and whatnot
 - iii. Collecting partnership ideas for next year
 - iv. **CDO Advisory Committee Report**
 - 1. Exists. But was not necessary for this year
 - v. Shania: create guide for clubs to use to connect with firms? Liam: already exists. Justine: CDO wants to help clubs with outreach too
- f. **Matthew - VP Ongoing Events**
 - i. Last coffeehouse tmr! LSA & GLSA. it's sponsored 🙏🙏
 - 1. LSA Awards!
 - 2. Class presidents please promote
 - ii. Moka Monday next week
 - iii. Working on Skit Nite transition note. Videos will be posted on youtube soon
- g. **Penelope - VP Special Events**
 - i. Working on grad gala
 - ii. **Law Games Committee Report**
 - 1. Didn't go to Saskatoon #expensive
 - 2. More likely to go next year

iii. **Grad Gala Committee Report**

1. Ongoing! Justine, Steph, Xin, two other students helping

h. **Julius - VP Clubs**

- i. Approving funding requests
- ii. Club creation test

iii. **Yearbook Committee Report**

1. **Non-existent**

i. **Xin - VP Internal**

- i. Brought the plaques to the plaques store!

ii. **LSA Judicial Board Final Report**

1. Committee exists, no issues were brought up to committee

j. **Stephanie - VP Communications**

i. **Translation Committee Report**

1. Main project was translating the LSA website and correcting any errors.
 2. In the fall term, they reviewed, corrected and translated most of the LSA's website (except for committees, executive council and new clubs repertoire pages).
 3. All these edits and comments were incorporated during the winter term.
 4. Full report has already been submitted to VP Internal.
- ii. Updated all LSA Council meeting minutes on the LSA website to reflect when quorum was met.
 - iii. Working on creating Grad Gala promotional material
 - iv. Final regular LSA Brief is scheduled for April 9, 2024
 - v. Final executive report has been submitted to VP Internal. Will summarize next week.

9. Questions du public

- a. None

10. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement - 5:59pm