

**LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – October 29, 2024  
NCDH 101 & Zoom**

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**7PM - 8PM**

**Present:** Tala Al Rabea, Julien Bérubé, Matthew Dodds, Julius Grippo, Marie Jolicoeur-Becotte, Jessica Khoury, Pénélope Labbé, Dylan Lamberti, Jessica Li, Steve Mansour, Emily Payne, Christopher Aoun, Daniella Akat, Connor MacDonald, Andrew Blackwell, Ian Marcoux, Matthew Boulden, Fadumo Hussen, Sajneet Mangat, Sophia El Bakir, Omar Qaqish.

**Regrets:** Jean-Sébastien Léger, Una Sverko.

**Observer:**

**Note:** Faculty council members can refer to LSA Executive reports for updates.

**1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre at 7:10PM.**

**2. Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Agenda
- 3. Motions
  - Amendment to the Agenda to add Motion d)
    - Proposed by: Andrew
    - Seconded by: Ian
    - Vote: Passed unanimously
- 4. Other Reports and Questions / Autres rapports et questions du Conseil législatif
- 5. Executive Reports and Questions
- 6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement
- Adoption of the agenda:
  - Moved by Emily, seconded by Pénélope.

**3. Motions**

- a) Adoption of last meeting's minutes (October 8;  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mucTiKNLCmSmlqI7bbcFPsVDTq>)

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- i) Proposed by: Dylan
  - ii) Seconded by: Marie
  - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously
- b) Motion: that the LSA commit to supporting and promoting via our social media channels the SSMU “*MOTION CONCERNANT LA CRÉATION D’UNE COTISATION DE SOUTIEN AUX AFFAIRES FRANCOPHONES*” (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nOKRzaDUIf5oJBVGKk9S7U1w9Mohxvqj/view?usp=sharing>) during the upcoming referendum period.
- i) Matthew explains that the motion is to promote French languages. They developed the policy in collaboration with us.
  - ii) Proposed by: Matthew
  - iii) Seconded by: Julius
  - iv) Vote: Passed unanimously.
- c) Motion: that LSA calls the Fall 2024 General Assembly on November 20th, 2024 at 1PM during the upcoming referendum period.
- i) Proposed by: Emily
  - ii) Seconded by: Tala
  - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously
- d) Motion: regarding tuition compensation ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gbqD5EuT67\\_p5lZW4SO2CgMLAbNEmPCL/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gbqD5EuT67_p5lZW4SO2CgMLAbNEmPCL/view?usp=share_link))
- i) Andrew explains the motion. He hopes that if the exec continues to talk about the issue, then the motion would be a good back up the claim.
  - ii) Pénélope speaks on behalf of the Executive Council (EC) and updates that she has been in touch with Prof. Lexgill for class actions at McGill. Said prof cannot take on the case due to the workload. Everyone she is being referred to is unable to take on the case. McGill’s website clarifies that students in Quebec’s tuition is per credit; therefore, if students wish to obtain compensation, they would have to revoke the credits. The administration, who has been made aware of students’ concern, has refused to reimburse student tuition.
  - iii) Julius mentions that EC has gotten an answer from McGill (in regards to point 4). He believes that by publishing this, knowing very well the answer is in the negative, students would get false hope.
  - iv) Jessica K. clarifies that if this motion passes, it will create precedence that even those not at the Faculty could access this.
  - v) Matthew reiterates that EC has been on this, and the answer from McGill is a clear “no”. Funding in Quebec for education is very different from any of the other provinces cited in the proposed motion. He does

not think it is feasible. This motion would be asking something that cannot be approved, and is simply not doable.

- vi) Andrew says that regarding point 4, he did not know the extrinsic repercussions of it, as he is new to the role. He is asking that the LSA put out the statement on what it has been working on. He reiterates that students have this concern. He is open to an amendment that removes point 4. He understands that the University has not been responsive so far. He clarifies that Annex I does not require EC to continue advocating for it. He is open to removing paragraph 5 and part of paragraph 6.
- vii) Tala says, as a compromise, that we suggest students be redirected to Legislative Council minutes through the Brief.
- viii) Motion to amend point 4 on publication to only be posted in the Brief.
  - 1) Proposed by: Julius
  - 2) Seconded by: Tala
  - 3) Vote: Passed, majority.
- ix) Connor is supporting the motion and wants the LSA to be more clear on what can be achieved in the next few months.
- x) Pénélope reiterates her appreciation that Council members are bringing forward motions. The things that she and Matthew have been working on are not reflected in the motion. She is hesitant that approving this motion would give further power to McGill, and that the McGill administration does not care what students say.
- xi) Matthew says that we need to wait on opinions on whether it will work.
- xii) Sajneet says that the motion addresses an important issue that there is academic and financial dissatisfaction amongst students, but that the motion will not move the discussion forward. She suggests that LSA issue a post-strike update. She moves to have the LSA to issue statements on FAQ.
- xiii) Jessica K. suggests to table the motion to a later date.
- xiv) Andrew says that the motion could be tabled, but that it has been one month since the strike, so tabling it would create greater delays.
- xv) Emily says that LSA has a mandate to be transparent, and voting on a motion to force the EC to do something it has already been doing is sending the wrong message to students. In responding to Connor's request that EC publicize "what it hopes to accomplish", she reiterates the point that this would give false hope to students, and that EC reports serve already to that very purpose. She says that EC should not need to be mandated to do certain things, or publish certain posts, as it has the due diligence to do so already; by starting to mandate EC members to act on certain matters, it will defeat the purpose of electing them in the first place. EC members know to listen to students.

- xvi) Omar agrees with Emily and says that this type of motion would create a precedent, and that motions do not need to be passed in order to have EC publish what they have been working on.
- xvii) Steve asks if the union has been asked on this matter.
- xviii) Pénélope answers yes, and that it is not in writing for them to compensate students.
- xix) Motion: to table this motion to a following meeting.
- xx) Proposed by: Matthew
- xxi) Seconded by: Ian
- xxii) Vote: Passed majority.
- e) Motion to extend the meeting to 8:30PM.
  - i) Proposed by Connor.
  - ii) Seconded by: Pénélope
  - iii) Vote: passed majority.

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

- a) **Law Senator**
  - i) Two meetings have occurred this year. He was not at the last legislative council. The meeting discussed: campus security, French. He is now on the Standing Senate Committee. He is considering recruiting an Associate Senator.
- b) **Faculty Council Representatives**
  - i) FCRs met with the Dean for training. First FC meeting tomorrow. Updates to follow.
- c) **1L Presidents**
  - i) Students had questions regarding the exam period.
- d) **2L Presidents**
  - i) Will be taking concerns from the cohort in an upcoming informal Town Hall.
- e) **3L President**
  - i) No report.
- f) **4L President**
  - i) Tomorrow he will be doing a hangout with 4Ls during Universal break at Thomson House.
  - ii) He will contact EC for the grad gala.

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

- a) **Pénélope Labbé (President)**

- i) Was on vacation for the past two weeks.
- ii) Communication with Trudel Johnston & Lespérance on tuition refunds.
- iii) Starting the work with her committees (Plate Club, SVEPC)
- iv) Discussions with admin on student services (basement & 2nd floor renovations, cafeteria, library)

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

- i) Organized the referendum votes with CRO and DRO in regards to the two motions passed at the last Legislative Council.
- ii) Finishing LSA Bulk Merch order prep – will go live on Thursday (if all goes well). Mugs will be shipped to the faculty.
  - 1) Sale will last 2 weeks, with aims that it will be ready before the end of the semester.
- iii) Met with the Mental Health & Wellbeing Committee during Focus Week. Our first event should be happening soon.
- iv) Sat on Skit Nite Animateurs Auditions panel.

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

- i) Preliminary budget has been adopted by the LSA BOD/Executive Council in accordance with the Constitution. The official budget must be adopted at the AGM in November.
  - 1) If you have questions, send me an email.

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

- i) Issues with Dedek, Gupta (who might be leaving – replacement prof to come) and Sloan are being addressed.
- ii) He is in talks with SAO regarding profs that have year-long course exams who have been asked by the SAO to take care of it by themselves.
- iii) Exam viewing period has started but exams are missing because profs have not submitted their exam corrections.
- iv) *Lundi en français* is starting next week.
- v) Working on promoting bilingualism with the VP Clubs.
- vi) There will be a town hall with Associate Dean Piper on Friday on the B curve.

**e) Julien Bérubé (VP External)**

- i) Met with the SSMU legislative council. There will be a francophone affairs policy coming up with a referendum (which was approved earlier in the meeting).
- ii) Met with the FEDQ with other execs (Emily, Matthew, Tala) and will be an observer. If we negotiation for eventual

**f) Julius Grippo (VP Communications)**

- i) Brief and made visuals and updates website.

**g) Tala Al Rabea (VP Clubs)**

- i) Meeting with Associate Dean of Admissions and Recruitment to

promote recruitment style for ethnicity-based or faith-based organizations.

**h) Jessica Khoury (VP Partnerships)**

- i) Dunton Rainville Moka Monday in February - They are interested in 1Ls specifically, this should be something 1L class presidents promote in their year.
- ii) Jolicoeur-Lapierre raffle for graduating students. 2x500\$ Air Canada vouchers.
- iii) List of local shops and cafes with student promo codes - I will send them in the leg council group chat and they can be shared.
- iv) Jurisource merch for 1Ls in French sections.

**f) Marie Jolicoeur-Becotte (VP Special Events)**

- i) We need to sell more med law tickets and habs tickets, please promote in your year group chats
- ii) Other than that skit nite planning is underway and auditions are this week!

**g) Dylan Lamberti (VP Ongoing Events)**

- i) Come to the HLSA Coffeehouse this Thursday and KPMG's Moka Mercredi on Wednesday! Social events are wonderful.
- ii) Huge thank you to Ian and Andrew in taking over some of the Moka Mercredi dates to help with the workload!
- iii) Starting Skit Nite auditions.

**6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement - 8:24PM**

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

**Next meeting is November 12th at 7PM.**