



LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – February 15th, 2023 **13:05 - in CDH 200 & Zoom (Hybrid Model)**

Present: Soraia Afshar, Justine Blanchette-Sirois, Matthew Boulden, Henri Cant, Flora Charpentier, Stefan Davies, Liam Dodge, Laura Fernz, Philippe Haddad, Khaled Hassoun, Garima Karia, Stephanie Kay, Jessie Khalil, Luther Mourinet, Azure Dumas Pilon, Laurent Ruffo-Caracchini, Sara Sanabria, Jacob Shannon, Marissa Simoes, Léah Suissa-Rocheleau, Charlotte Sullivan, Emily Thom, Josh Werber

Regrets: Dante Trunzo, Minh-Tan Tran, Sara Sanabria, Justine Blanchette-Sirois, Josh Werber, Philippe Haddad

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

1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.

- Moved by Jacob
- Seconded by Soraia

2. Land Acknowledgement / Reconnaissance des territoires.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by Jacob
- Approved unanimously after addition of referendum questions

4. Motion 1: Do you agree to put to referendum an amendment to the LSA Constitution and Bylaws as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto?

- Moved by Charlotte
- Seconded by Stephanie
- Passed Unanimously

See the Referendum question for details. Charlotte spoke to the various changes that you can see detailed in the question themselves. Some discussion about raising the voting limit for a student strike to $\frac{2}{3}$ of members as opposed to simple majority : logic being that most of the LSA's major decisions are voted on by $\frac{2}{3}$ of our members. Ensures the consent of students is well enshrined.

5. Motion 2: Do you agree to put to referendum: In light of the foregoing, do you agree that unused restricted fees amassed in the LSA accounts as of September 1, 2022 should be reallocated for LSA use under the terms outlined herein?

- Moved by Charlotte
- Seconded by Stephanie
- Passed Unanimously

See the Referendum question for details. Luther gave an explanation in meeting, this was a joint effort with Leah and Charlotte. \$77K was found in LSA bank account from previous years which is from certain student services not using their restricted fee budgets. This money needs to be voted to be transferred back into an LSA so that it can be reallocated to our general account and some frozen for future years to be used by those clubs that are entitled to them.

6. Motion 3: Do you agree to put to referendum: Do you agree with raising LSA fees from \$51.21 per semester to \$56.50 per semester for full-time students and to \$28.25 per semester for part-time students?

- Moved by Charlotte
- Seconded by Leah
- Passed Unanimously

See the Referendum question for details. Leah have details in meeting. Related to what Luther discussed. LSA currently in a deficit which is impacting clubs and the LSA itself. Some of this deficit will be palliated with the motion previously discussed but more funding will be needed. LSA has many clubs and lately request more funding than we can provide. This increase is based on inflation but less than it (7% whereas consumer price index states 17%). LSA is hiring an accountant this year and the fee is higher than usual due to prior years of mismanagement. This is to ensure complete transparency. Question from flora if we can find funding with SSMU or other sources however we are independent. We do look to sponsorship as well for non student funding. Henri also asks whether Leah is certain this is the only possible option for raising the funds. Leah does believe we could fundraise more, but doubtful this could raise the necessary funds given the amount of effort involved. Certainly some can be recouped, but it will not be a long term solution. Luther also mentions now clubs often fundraise directly from firms which is great as they can meet their needs, but this is now a source of competition for the LSA to fundraise from those same sources into our general budget.

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

a) President - Charlotte

Some work being done on the SSMU beer contract that impacts the LSA.

LSA elections ongoing!

b) VP Internal - Soraia

Events must be approved one by one now. Insurance for next year also already taken care of so that alcohol permits for next year can be done in advance. Insurance through June 17.

c) VP Communications - Stephanie

The Google form for the Robert Winternute event is going out and there was discussion on how to promote the survey on Instagram without allowing strangers to access the link.

d) VP Academic - Khaled

Regrets

e) VP External - Emily

Pubcrawl ongoing, three venues secured. March 23rd is the date! SSMU gave some funding for an LSA related arbitration event. Some SSMU controversies are ongoing about raising fees. Recently students lost access to some educational services via SSMU

f) VP Finance - Leah & Director of Finance - Laurent

Working on analyzing fees to consider the referendum and our funding needs. See Leah's comments further up in minutes. Accountant is working!

g) VP Special Events - Matthew

Regrets / unable to give update at this moment in meeting

h) VP Ongoing Events - Justine

Regrets

i) VP Partnerships - Tessa

15% off training code for the Ontario bar training session available, considering how to use. Course aux stages blackout period ongoing thus there is not much for partnerships in this period.

j) VP Clubs & Student Services - Luther

Managing clubs and their requests for funding as well as considering the referendum questions for funding. Last week of ASEF applications, 12-13K already given from a budget of 15K. Will likely use the budget by the end of next week to ensure all possible student initiatives can be funded

k) Law Senator - Joshua

Regrets.

l) Class presidents

4L Class Presidents - Laura & Garima

Grad date available so working ahead on grad ball. May 31 is graduation!

3L Class Presidents - Stephan & Sara

No updates!

2L Class Presidents - Azure & Philippe

No updates at this time. Thinking of the next event and choosing between options.

1L Class Presidents - Liam & Marissa

1L photoshoot photos are available and will be sent out soon. Chocolates handed out for valentines day, well received event. Thompson House 1L Social event in the works. This will take about half the budget as a nice capstone event.

m) Faculty Council - Reps: Henri, Jesse, Dante, & Flora

Dean addressed the LGB alliance event however not much new information was given. Working on the consultation being done through google forms to present to faculty council. Mostly anonymous opinions being collected, which shows students feel responsive when they can be private, but this leads to limited information. Some groups may answer more than others due to the anonymity.

New scholarships created at the last FC meeting. Prof. Poirier made an update for the Equity Committee. There is a food bank available at the faculty for students in need, and that program was renewed with updates. This is a somewhat private food bank and word spreads by mouth: it is on the 4th floor.

Academic freedom policy discussion ongoing. FC is encouraging students to read the proposed policy and give their feedback.

8. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement - 14:02

- Moved by Jacob
- Passed Unanimously