

LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – Jan 19, 2026
OCDH Room 16 Stephen Allan Scott Seminar Room
[Teams Link](#)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Present: Emily Payne, Micha Kasongo, Andrew Chen, Léonard Ouellette, James Scott, Steve Mansour, Charlie Zhu, Jordan Ames-Sinclair, Léah Climie, Chloé Desjardins, Heeva Nejad, Mia Kruger, Jessica Khoury, Matthew Dodds, Sumayya Kheireddine, Pénélope Labbé, Carina Cutillo, Isabella Drzemczewska Hodson, Lydia Etherington, Spencer Lambert

Regrets: Christopher Aoun, Luca Cianciaruso, Dylan Lamberti, Fadumo Hussen,

Observer:

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

1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.

a)

2. Agenda

a. Approve meeting minutes from Nov 27.

i. Proposed: Jessica

ii. Seconded: Leah Climie

iii. Passed: all in favor

b. What time works best for Leg Council for everyone? Friday or Monday?
Or something else?

i. Emily Payne: From the When2Meet, the top option is Friday during universal break, the second option is Monday during universal break, and the last option is Saturday

ii. Jessica Khoury: Friday during universal break does not work

iii. Charlie Zhu: Chris A. has told him that maybe he could make the Friday time work for him.

- iv. Emily Payne: asks if everyone has a preference between Monday and Friday. If not, the Executive Council will make a decision.
 - v. Lydia E.: is it possible to do alternate Mondays and Fridays so that some people can make one meeting, and other people can make the others
 - vi. Jessica K.: asks if this is possible, from a administrative POV.
 - vii. Sumayya K.: Would prefer that this be sent out as a calendar item either way
 - viii. Chloe D.: Would want to know in advance which persons are missing each option
 - ix. Emily P.: Read out from the When2Meet to respond to Chloe D. - re: which persons are missing from each of Monday and Friday. Decided that Mondays are preferable.
- c. Executive Reports
 - d. Legislative Reports

3. Motions

- a) Motion to have Nicholas Bailey as our Speaker for this meeting.
 - i) Proposed: Emily Payne
 - ii) Seconded: Dylan Lamberti
 - iii) Passed: all in favor

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

a) Emily Payne (President)

- i) Worked on the Bulk Merch order before the break
 - 1) Did distribution as fast possible
 - 2) The supplier has made some mistakes, and the Execs are speaking with the supplier to find an expedient solution. Hoping to get a solution by End of January.
 - 3) Jessica K.: asks if there can be collaboration with Le James for future merch sales.
 - 4) Emily P.: She is looking into this item. However, is also looking into student preferences on this item.
- ii) Quiet Room Renovations and Planning
 - 1) Working with the Space Committee to get approval.

- 2) Planned completion: by Reading Break
- iii) E-Calendar
 - 1) Working with McGill to get the installation approved.
- iv) Moot Credits Increase
 - 1) Working with the SAO to get moot credit increase.
 - 2) Planning to get this addressed to Curriculum Committee
- v) Constitutional Amendments
 - 1) Legislative Council and Executive Council members to raise points if they need to make any modifications to their roles in the constitution.

b) Charlie Zhu (VP Internal)

- i) Merch
- ii) Scheduling Leg Council meeting times

c) Steve Mansour (VP Finance)

- i) Business as usual
- ii) Reimbursement backlog is fully cleared
- iii) Reviewing at Fall 2025 entries
- iv) Will be meeting with President and VP Clubs to determine how club fees can be re-allocated

d) Micha Kasongo (VP Academic)

- i) Dealt with exams related concerns during finals main issues included were mainly extension request + accommodations
- ii) Presidents updates:
 - 1) 2Ls → Met w/ SAO + Dedek about property in general + property
 - (a) was told to push bringing complaints to Dean Piper teaching methods concerns
 - (b) On advocacy:
 - (i) Met w/ Jukier to discuss how integration works and what can be done with the advocacy course in general → To be brought up at curriculums
 - (ii) Got clarification on how advocacy impacts moot applications
 - (iii) Matthew D.: wants clarification on the exact issue w.r.t Property.
 - (iv) Micha K.: there is a miscommunication between profs and students on expectations. There is also an issue w.r.t exam scheduling for Property.
 - 2) 3L → Met w/ curriculums for journal credits (MHJL said no to proposal)
 - (a) One thing to note is that journals are responsible for

making the proposals.

- 3) 4L → Met w/ SAO about last semester exchanges + degree audit
 - (a) As of now the info should be clear for everyone exchange wise (about which uni can participate)
 - (b) Anyone that is concerned about not graduating should have been flagged by now
 - (c) Matthew D.: did the SAO give updates on when finalized transcripts will be available
 - (d) Micha K.: notes she can follow up with the SAO. Asks if there are names of specific students who are still missing transcript items.

iii) Official languages committee

- 1) Had first meeting of the sem and starting work on report on state of bilingualism at the fac + planning mois de la franco event

iv) Collab w/ BLSAM for BHM

e) James Scott (VP External)

i) SSMU Constitutional Review - first draft by the end of the month

- 1) Moving many of the powers of the Board of Directors to Legislative Council
- 2) Changes to referendum procedure, mostly related to student count and thresholds for passing

ii) FEDQ

- 1) Droit Devant this Saturday the 24th, sending 6 participants to debates and workshops
- 2) Meeting at the Assemblée Nationale February 14th, regarding concerns students have brought forward about the recently proposed provincial constitution.

a) Please refer to the following document [here](#)

f) Andrew Chen (VP Comms)

i) Website → will be getting to it before next Legislative Council meeting (probably sometime this weekend)

- 1) Jessica K.: asks if the Leg Council minutes from this year will be uploaded
- 2) Andrew C.: Yes.
- 3) Jessica K.: asks if Exec office hours will be updated as well
- 4) Andrew C.: Yes.

ii) Coffeehouse photos/bigger club events → Google Drive folder upload

iii) Translation committee reaching out next week to start. Will ask the Committee if they are open to helping with other related tasks.

iv) Otherwise, routine Instagram & Briefs work.

g) Léonard Ouellette (VP Clubs)

- i) Will send updates to all clubs this week regarding: a) instructions for club coffeehouse promotion b) club consultation to receive feedback about club registration process c) update on clubs' budget for the winter semester after making the "bilan" for the fall semester with Steve and Emily d) guidelines for club coffeehouses being posted on Evelyne
- ii) Third round of ASEF applications closed: 5 applications received, representing \$7,803.01 in funding requests, although \$5,374 remaining for rounds 3 and 4; will be meeting with ASEF committee this week to review demands

h) Léah Climie (VP Partnerships)

- i) Skit Nite sponsorships + Skit Nite support
 - 1) Working on these two items.
- ii) Last moka mercredi will be this week
- iii) Going over the last semester, what worked well, what did not, particularly with the new sponsorship guidelines/SP2
 - 1) Will also meet with Recruiters to see if they have any input on SP2.

i) Chloé Desjardins (VP Special Events)

- i) Law Games went smoothly.
 - 1) McGill Students teamed up with U of Toronto Students. Collaboration might continue next year.
- ii) Ski Trip
 - 1) Working on this item
- iii) Valentines Day Party
 - 1) Still looking for the venue
 - 2) Open to suggestions about venue choice
 - 3) This event will be done by McGill Law students themselves
- iv) Need to speak to 3L and 4L presidents re: Grad Gala
 - 1) Student consultation to follow as well

j) Jordan Ames-Sinclair (VP Ongoing Events)

- i) Skit Nite is scheduled for March 31st, 2026
 - 1) Is open to suggestions on potential sponsors
- ii) Good work for the Club-led Coffeehouses.
- iii) Moka Mercredi
 - 1) The last sponsored Moka Mercredi will be this week.
 - 2) Working with Leah to find non-law sponsors, potentially

k) Questions

- i)

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

a) Law Senator

- i) Absent

b) Faculty Council Representatives

- i) Isabella D-H: Got issue reported about which classes are to assist and which are not
- ii) Isabella D-H: Got issue about lack of transparency about grade distribution (i.e. how did professors reach their decision)
- iii) Isabella D-H: Got issue about some professors not speaking with a microphone in class (equity issue)
- iv) Isabella D-H: anonymity issue with ILT: professors asked for Track Changes, which defeated the purpose of Exam Codes
- v) Sumayya K.: Asks if there can be a Faculty Council meeting soon.
- vi) Emily P.: There was no meeting this month.
- vii) Micha K.: Notes that the upcoming meeting will be to establish discussion items and priority items.

c) 1L Presidents

- i) Spencer L.: Organizing photo session for professional headshots
- ii) Spencer L.: Hockey game went well.

d) 2L Presidents

- i) Mia K.: Will speak to 1L presidents to coordinate the photo session
- ii) Mia K.: Property exam has also been a concern.

e) 3L President

- i) Organizing our 3L social/townhall. Feb 5th on 3PM at Thomson House. All are welcome.

f) 4L President

- i) No report.

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement -

- i) Proposed by: Leah Climie
- ii) Seconded by: James Scott
- iii) Vote passed unanimously.

Next meeting is __ at __.