

LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – Oct 30
OCDH Room 16 Stephen Allan Scott Seminar Room
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9AM - 10AM

Present: Emily Payne, Micha Kasongo, James Scott, Charlie Zhu, Léah Climie, Chloé Desjardins, Christopher Aoun, Mia Kruger, Dylan Lamberti, Matthew Dodds, Pénélope Labbé, Carina Cutillo, Isabella Drzemczewska Hodson, Lydia Etherington, Spencer Lambert, Léonard Ouellette, Jordan Ames-Sinclair, Steve Mansour,

Regrets: Andrew Chen, Sumayya Kheireddine, Luca Cianciaruso, Fadumo Hussen, Heeva Nejad (though proxy'ed), Jessica Khoury (though proxy'ed),

Observer:

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

1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.

- a) Motioned by Chloe, Seconded by Matthew, unanimously adopted.

2. Agenda

- a. Adopt the minutes from the two previous meetings
 - i. Motioned by Matthew, Seconded by Chloe, unanimously adopted.
- b. Motion to hold the AGM on November 10th
 - i. With our Constitution we need to hold an AGM. We will require quorum at that meeting.
 - ii. LSA Execs have already approved this.
- c. Inclusion of SSMU member who is not necessarily a Senator
 - i. Emily: Previously had a seat for Music. However, University Affairs thought that it would be fitting to have someone from the Law Faculty. This will be a one-time situation given the state of things right now.
 - ii. Emily: To do this, one solution is to have all of our Legislative Council meetings public, which would procedurally allow someone (such as the Speaker) to take this seat.
 - iii. Pénélope: ...

- iv. Matthew: Does believe that the ongoing discussions at Senate are important this year. Wonders if the appointed person will properly represent students.
- v. Emily: The SSMU rules govern here; the exact specifics of this role will be determined on a meeting-per-meeting basis.
- vi. Emily: This seat was appointed by SSMU.
- d. Introduction of new members
 - i. Isabella: Introduced herself, 1L.
 - ii. Spencer: Introduced himself, also 1L.
 - iii. Lydia: Introduced herself, also 1L.

3. Motions

- a) None.

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

a) Emily Payne (President)

- i) Election for VP Communications, 1L class co-presidents and 1L Faculty Councillor
 - 1) The council is now full
 - 2) Brings up a minor point that VP Comms was acclaimed, but still appeared on the ballot
- ii) Fee renewal referendum for Contours
 - 1) Thank you to everyone who attended the emergency meeting last Sunday
 - 2) The motions will be up for vote soon, to reduce fee renewal from \$5 to \$4
 - 3) No other journals have fee renewal this year
- iii) Been attending Synergy Circle Meetings with DPSLL Campbell
 - 1) On Oct 29, met with McGill's communications officer
 - (a) Brought up issue of bilingualism
 - (b) Brought up issue of excess emails to students
 - (c) Brought up policy on how students can give feedback
 - 2) As concerns sponsored events with overlapping exclusivity clauses in contracts, there will be more discussions about how those will be conducted, as this is still an ongoing sensitive topic

- iv) Been attending Presidents Roundtable
 - 1) Brought up the motion that was passed at Faculty Council
 - (a) Other presidents have been notified of what Law does, as an example of what can be done
- v) Our General Assembly will be on Nov 10

b) Charlie Zhu (VP Internal)

- i) Mental Health committee events are going to start soon
- ii) Student Merch is still in the works, but hopefully will be out soon
- iii) Working on internal LSA issues, such as the Execs plaque

c) Steve Mansour (VP Finance)

- i) Budget Finalization
 - 1) Remains on track for presentation and approval at the upcoming AGM.
- ii) Director of Finance Recruitment
 - 1) The hiring committee has selected the new Director of Finance; onboarding is underway. I look forward to working closely with them.
- iii) Journal Fee Distributions
 - 1) Banking issues continue to delay journal fee transfers; e-Transfers are being used as an interim method, though not ideal.
- iv) Other Payments and Reimbursements
 - 1) All other payments remain on hold until the banking issue is resolved.

d) Micha Kasongo (VP Academic)

- i) Reviewed exam schedule with SAO ahead of its release tomorrow
- ii) Met with various committees (curriculum, exams and evaluations, and official languages)
- iii) Ongoing hiring for SAO/CDO advisory board
- iv) Discussing the implications of the STM strike with Dedek

e) James Scott (VP External)

- i) Continued SSMU meetings
 - Currently in Fall Referendum Period, mostly budget renewals and increases totalling \$11.61
 - All executive positions are now filled (notably VP Finance), meaning various SSMU committees are receiving budgets and starting their mandates
 - We've heard concerns from students about changes to the administration of certain groups such as the Midnight Kitchen and Community Solidarity Fund, to be raised with the SSMU Legislative Council for discussion at the next meeting

- ii) FEDQ Event Passe-Droit is happening in mid-November, we didn't sell any tickets (last year we had a small participation, too). Partially an issue of awareness, but we've had trouble recruiting for FEDQ events since joining as an observing member. This is something we'd like to improve for future events, such as Droit-Devant in the spring

f) Andrew Chen (VP Comms)

- i) Has access to the VP Communications email and Instagram
- ii) Has been creating posts

g) Léonard Ouellette (VP Clubs)

- i) ASEF Round 1
 - 1) Applications closed on Friday, October 3, and all decisions were issued within the 2-week deadline, on Thursday, October 16
 - 2) 12 applications were received, representing \$13,470.57 in funding requests:
 - 8 projects approved (2 fully funded and 6 partially funded) and 4 projects rejected.
 - Total amount granted was \$6,400, representing 42.6% of ASEF's annual budget
 - Significant portion of the yearly budget was allocated in this first round due to the high volume of large-scale events and the Committee's assessment that the remaining funds will be sufficient for the rest of the year. The Committee also anticipates fewer applications in upcoming rounds.
 - All funding is awarded retrospectively, and final disbursements are subject to confirmation that expenses have been incurred as outlined in each application.
- ii) Many club events happening in November; check Evelyn
- iii) Enforcing the policy for clubs to post all events on Evelyn and use their ticketing platform (instead of a Google forms, for example)
- iv) Treating funding requests; enforcing the compliance of budget sheets with guidelines
- v) Brainstorm about end-of-year club awards

h) Léah Climie (VP Partnerships)

- i) Moka Mercredi formats have changed, but are working well
- ii) Coffeehouses are going well for partnerships
- iii) Exam Care Packages went well; looking to continuing that
- iv) Looking at one-off partnerships too

i) Chloé Desjardins (VP Special Events)

- i) MedLaw
 - 1) Happening Friday, doors open at 10:30 PM.

- 2) Tickets are sold out, but there is a waitlist.
- 3) Bracelet pickup is today and Friday, everyone who bought a ticket has received the email for pickup. No bracelet, no entry.
- 4) I am very displeased with the attitude of the Medical Student Society (MSS). I will talk about it at the GA and suggest this partnership should not be happening anymore (ex. Valentines Day)
- ii) Law Games
 - 1) Payment has been made, we are officially a team.
 - 2) Recruitment is not going as expected, we have 5 submissions and they are all male presenting. We will extend the deadline if needed (probably will be needed).
 - 3) Price seemed the second biggest issue (after the dates).
 - 4) We've received two sponsorships (250\$ each) thanks to Félix Dupuis and are still working on having more. If you have any suggestions I welcome them.
- iii) LSA x GLSA
 - 1) The GLSA has approached me to collaborate on a potential joint event. They want to feel more part of the faculty and think we could help them with it.
 - 2) I am open to organizing events with them and inviting them to our events. I don't have much information yet, but we will meet to touch base (to get them more involved).
- j) **Jordan Ames-Sinclair (VP Ongoing Events)**
 - i) Skit Nite Animateur auditions will be soon
- k) **Questions**
 - i) None

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

- a) **Law Senator**
 - i) Big focus on the Code
 - 1) It was supposed to be due last month but the senate asked for an extension
 - 2) We have been meeting with Angela Campbell as well as professors and Board members
 - 3) Changes are happening to the document everyday.

b) Faculty Council Representatives

- i) Penelope: Previous council session was Oct 22nd
 - 1) The Faculty received a \$2M donation, that was not attached to anything. Hopefully, that money will be used for good purposes; dean did not specify any purposes right now.
 - 2) Changes to Student Draft Code of Conduct. Professor Boulanger-Bonnely provided some opinions. University wants the Board of Governors to elect someone to sit on the Disciplinary Committee; they also wanted to remove points about knowledge, e.g. when it comes to trespassing; they also wanted certain minimum sanctions. Professor B-B indicated they wanted these motions to be passed, or to encourage other senators to vote against. In the end, the motion was passed as-is.
 - 3) Professors are still consulting with students about this, so students can reach out to professors B-B and Weisbord.
- ii) Matthew (4L Class President): In addition, for CSDs, the University wanted to remove the legal/procedural helper. Believes the LSA should bring up ways in which this policy can be abused.

c) 1L Presidents

- i) Spencer: indicated that some students are complaining that the microwaves are unclean, that there are no paper towels, and with respect to the hand dryers.
 - 1) Emily (President): microwave cleaning has been an issue last year. This year, will be implementing microwave covers soon. As for the paper towels, the university says that those are no longer offered.
 - 2) Isabella: says that the hand dryers are not functional.
 - 3) Emily: will bring up the hand dryer issue with Building Manager.

d) 2L Presidents

- i) Mia: wants to get knowledge about how much money they can receive before proceeding with some plans they had in mind.

e) 3L President

- i) Absent.

f) 4L President

- i) Matthew: Booked Thomson House for Dec 3, to celebrate the departing 3.5Ls.

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement -

i) Lost quorum - motion to adjourn not able to be passed.

Next meeting is Nov 13 at 9AM. Next two meetings will be online.