

LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – Oct 2, 2025
OCDH Room 16 Stephen Allan Scott Seminar Room
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/84250258472>

9AM - 10AM (Hybrid)

Present: Emily Payne, Micha Kasongo, Léonard Ouellette, James Scott, Charlie Zhu, Chloé Desjardins, Christopher Aoun, Mia Kruger, Dylan Lamberti, Sumayya Kheireddine, Pénélope Labbé, Carina Cutillo, Fadumo Hussen, Matthew Dodds, Luca Cianciaruso (late), Steve Mansour (late), Jordan Ames-Sinclair,

Regrets: Léah Climie, Heeva Nejad (had Mia Kruger speak on her behalf), Jessica Khoury
Observer:

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

1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.

- a) Proposed by Penelope Labbe, Seconded by Emily Payne

2. Agenda

a. LSA response to Strike Motion

- i. LSA's response is that LSA has to wait for official result to pass through. This includes: SSMU's official statement, and the Law Faculty's official directive from the Dean's office
 1. This is because there will be more information so that students can make informed choices
- ii. LSA also intends to remind all students' rights to strike
- iii. Proposed by Carina that law students should be made aware that they fall under SSMU
- iv. Sumayya points out that vote comes out officially on Monday, and the strike is on Tuesday. So proposes we need an early notification for students. Proposes that LSA needs to have statement that is more definite on the strike.
- v. Penelope points out that last year, for the strike, the information given to students by some profs were mixed. So LSA needs to have a more direct answer.

- vi. Matthew points out that last year, LSA had some disagreements with profs on the topic of the strike. So to avoid the confusion this year, we should leave the official speaking to the SSMU.
- vii. Emily points out that she heard from official channels that:
 - 1. There will not be extra security personnel this year during the strike, however, there will be the additional requirement that key cards to enter buildings
- viii. Chloe points out that there might be police surrounding campus during the strike.
- ix. Micha points out that LSA can be proactive about the situation without necessarily taking a partial view.
- x. Carina points out that security on campus is indeed an issue. Students have to be informed of their rights, accordingly.
 - 1. James responds that informing students of their rights is important. However, LSA can be apolitical about this.
- xi. Chloe points out that a court injunction to ban the strike has not passed.
- xii. Emily agrees that students have to know their rights w.r.t security. However, wording matters - so students have clear information.
 - 1. She further says that McGill has said that the minute that physical violence is used, the strike ends.
 - 2. Sumayya says that she questions if the faculty can stop something that a clear student voice has voted on.
 - 3. Micha similarly points out her confusion. Emily points out she can ask for more information.
- xiii. Fadumo says that it is important that students know their rights. Fadumo and Matthew have a conversation about whether profs should have a clear message about whether their classes are going on.
- xiv. Emily points out that this weekend, LSA Execs will come up with a suitable statement.
 - 1. Carina says she can help with the wording.
 - 2. Emily says she will be happy with having Legislative Council to help, but due to the timing, it might not be suitable.
- b. Executive Reports
 - i. See below

3. Motions

- a) None.

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

a) Emily Payne (President)

- i) Was *Out of Office* for a few weeks due to health issues. Thank you to the executives for their help.
- ii) Been attending Faculty Council meetings, Committees and meetings with other Presidents under SSMU.
- iii) The LSA VP Communications has resigned. Emily is interim VP Comms in the meantime.
- iv) Elections have started for the 1L positions as well as VP Communications.
- v) Next week we will be giving out the Exam Care Packages.

b) Charlie Zhu (VP Internal)

- i) Updated the LSA's registration with the Registraire des entreprises du Quebec
- ii) Conducted recruitment for LSA and Faculty Committees
- iii) Coordinated locker distribution for all incoming 1Ls, and some upper years too who did not previously have lockers
- iv) Took the minutes of the 13 Executive Council Meetings since the beginning of Exec's mandates in May
- v) Took over as Chair of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Committee and began work.
- vi) Merch is in progress

c) Steve Mansour (VP Finance)

- i) Ongoing work: processing payments and making reimbursements, etc
- ii) Worked with Leo on clubs
 - 1) This year, allocating \$20K to clubs, but open to increases when more info is obtained
- iii) Worked with Leah in getting \$30K in sponsorships so far (jump from \$21K last year)
- iv) Will present budget at the AGM
- v) Completed the updated audit info from 2020-2024

d) Micha Kasongo (VP Academic)

- i) Relaunched Pubdocs
- ii) Launched the Law-Buddy program
- iii) Chairs the Official Language committee
- iv) Meets with the SAO on a regular basis.

- v) Currently working on:
 - 1) Credit Counts
 - 2) Helping the 1Ls
- vi) Focus Week registration went well.
- e) James Scott (VP External)**
 - i) We are now full members of FEDQ for the first year.
 - ii) Passe-Droit will happen in Oct in Sherbrooke, and tickets will be on sale soon.
 - 1) Julien has helped with that.
 - iii) SSMU strike will likely be discussed soon with SSMU, but hasn't yet.
- f) TBD (VP Comms)**
 - i) Not elected yet.
- g) Léonard Ouellette (VP Clubs)**

Club Registration

- § Ran from Friday, June 27, at 5:00 PM, to Monday, July 28, at 9:00 AM
 - No official extension was granted, except for the specific situations of certain clubs
 - A club registration handbook was issued to help clubs navigate the process
 - All constitutions, budget sheets, endorsement forms of all clubs were reviewed
 - Confirmation emails to all clubs were sent out in early August (except for clubs who registered late)
- § Statistics: 52 active clubs this year
 - 15 identity-based clubs
 - 16 field-focused clubs
 - 8 journals
 - 7 sports & arts initiatives
 - 6 social justice initiatives
- § Funding: \$500 as a base amount for all clubs
 - If possible, budget could be revised upwards in the winter (VP Clubs and VP Finance will meet about that)

Club-Led Sponsorships Package

- § Clubs had until Friday, August 15, at 5:00 PM to submit their sponsorship packages (Course aux Stages firms wanted everything all in one place)
- § Club-Led Sponsorships Package was sent out by VP Partnerships and VP Clubs on Tuesday, August 19

Clubs' Day & Clubs' Coffeehouse

- § Clubs' Day: Wednesday, September 10, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM

- § Clubs' Coffeehouse: Thursday, September 11, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- § Annual Mandatory Clubs' Meeting: Monday, September 15, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM
 - PowerPoint presentation was shared with all clubs after the meeting. Key details about room bookings, club-led coffeehouses, budget sheets, funding and reimbursement requests, communications guidelines were shared during the meeting.
- § Prints & Pretzels: Friday, September 19, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM

ASEF Funding

- § The first round of ASEF applications is closing this Friday, October 3, at 5:00 PM
- § Details to submit an application
 - A demand can be submitted through the following [form](#)
 - The detailed instructions and criteria to evaluate the demands can be found [here](#)
 - Reinforcement/addition of two criteria this year: diversity, equity, and inclusion + sustainability and environmental responsibility
 - The budget template for an ASEF funding request can be found [here](#)
- § ASEF funding requests will be treated in 4 different waves this year. Here are the established deadlines for this year:
 1. Le vendredi 3 octobre 2025 à 17h
 2. Le vendredi 7 novembre 2025 à 17h
 3. Le vendredi 16 janvier 2026 à 17h
 4. Le vendredi 6 mars 2026 à 17h
- § Requests will then be treated by the ASEF committee, and decisions will be issued within 14 days following each deadline

h) Léah Climie (VP Partnerships)

- i) Absent

i) Chloé Desjardins (VP Special Events)

- i) Grad gala (30 mai 2025)
 - 1) Très bel événement, étudiants ont eu beaucoup de plaisir
 - 2) Bel emplacement (Le Windsor)
 - 3) 85 billets vendus
- ii) Frosh 2025 (27 au 30 août 2025)
 - 1) 4 jours cette année (bon nombre qui a permis de limiter les

- dépenses)
- 2) 136 froshies
- 3) 60 candidatures de frosh leaders, 35 retenues (7 équipes de 5)
- 4) Changements
 - (a) Pas de débats, pas de scavenger hunt, Coffehouse par Stikeman plutôt que Fasken
- 5) Continuités
 - (a) Karaoke, pub crawl, bal de clôture
- iii) Halloween
 - 1) Aura lieu jeudi le 30 ou vendredi le 31
 - 2) Billets devraient sortir la semaine prochaine
 - (a) Retard dû à des difficultés avec médecine
- iv) Law games
 - 1) Premier courriel d'infos reçu mardi
 - 2) 2 au 6 janvier à Québec
 - 3) Thème = lawcked in time
 - 4) 23/30 participants
 - 5) 550 et 600\$
 - 6) Finalise les chefs d'équipe
 - 7) Recrutement devrait commencer la semaine prochaine

j) Jordan Ames-Sinclair (VP Ongoing Events)

- i) CH (Coffee House) and the MM (Moka Mercredi) are going quite well. Working with firms on MM to continuously improve.
 - 1) There will only be three non-firm CHs this year. The last one is today.
 - 2) MMs have been going well, and are quite enjoyable both for students and the lawyers. Firms are being notified in advance of the logistics, and are being told to bring two baristas.
 - 3) CHs are going well. Silvana (from the faculty) has come up with rules and procedures on how to use the kitchen - groups running CHs need to be responsible about this.

k) Questions

- i) Matthew
 - 1) Asks VP Academic on issues of feedback.
 - 2) Micha mentions that the Feedback Committee has not been scheduled yet.
- ii) Penelope
 - 1) Asks about renewal fees for journals.
 - 2) Leo says that info on this will come out soon.

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

a) Law Senator

- i) Senate meeting happened.
 - 1) Student code of conduct has been discussed. It can now be accessed online. Changes to the code of conduct were made, so all law students should take a look to see how it affects them.

b) Faculty Council Representatives

- i) Carina
 - 1) There were logistical discussions around class sizes. Continuing to increase class sizes is a concern to many profs.
 - 2) PASL was also discussed. Profs were reminded to follow PASL, and to be accountable w.r.t that.
 - 3) Profs did have concerns around changes to the Student code of conduct, and the lack of transparency.
- ii) Penelope
 - 1) Dean Piper announced that the OMR sent a directive to the Law Faculty to increase dialogue in a peaceful way.
 - (a) Chloe asks for clarification on this.
 - (b) Penelope says that this has to do with on-campus behavior.

c) 1L Presidents

- i) They are not elected yet.

d) 2L Presidents

- i) Mia
 - 1) The first set of community events for community-building in the cohort will be this weekend.
 - 2) Points out that the 2L presidents need clear guidance on the budget before proceeding.

e) 3L President

- i) Dylan
 - 1) No updates.

f) 4L President

- i) Matthew
 - 1) No updates.
 - 2) Was planning on community-building events, but also needs guidance on budget.

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement -

- i) Proposed by: Fadumo
- ii) Seconded by: Chloe
- iii) Vote passed unanimously.

Next meeting is at the week after Reading/Focus Week.