

**LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – Nov 13, 2025**  
**OCDH Room 16 Stephen Allan Scott Seminar Room**  
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**9AM - 10AM**

**Present:** Emily Payne, Micha Kasongo, Léonard Ouellette, Charlie Zhu, Jordan Ames-Sinclair, Chloé Desjardins, Christopher Aoun, Mia Kruger, Dylan Lamberti, Matthew Dodds, Sumayya Kheireddine, Luca Cianciaruso, Pénélope Labbé, Fadumo Hussen, Lydia Etherington, Spencer Lambert

**Regrets:** Andrew Chen, James Scott, Leah Climie, Steve Mansour, Heeva Nejad, Jessica Khoury, Carina Cutillo, Isabella Drzemczewska Hodson,

**Observer:** Tayssir Benchoubane

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

**1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.**

- a) Proposed by Matthew, Seconded by Emily. All in Favor. Motion passed.

**2. Agenda**

- a. No special agenda items, apart from usual reports.

**3. Motions**

- a) Motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting
  - i) Proposed by Emily. Seconded by Charlie. All in favor. Motion Passed.
- b) Motion to grant speaking rights to Tayssir
  - i) Proposed by Sumayya, seconded by Fadumo. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

**a) Emily Payne (President)**

- i) Contours Journal Fee Renewal: Happy to announce it passed. The journal can expect their new fees to kick in starting Winter 2026
- ii) In response to the STM strike, the EC discussed different ways to help students with getting to campus. One of the initiatives was creating a

Carpool Form. It was published to students, and we received a few students. Unfortunately due to a lack of people offering to be the driver, there was only one viable connection.

- iii) Meeting between the Faculty Councillors and Dean Piper
- iv) Dealt with a firm who dropped out of Coffeehouse at the last minute.
- v) Meeting with the 1L representatives
- vi) AGM has changed dates to November 24th. The winter Exam Care Packages will be distributed then
  - 1) Reason for date change: faculty has already booked the Moot Court on the original planned date, for an important event
- vii) Having discussions with the Faculty about library access for finals and opening up classrooms
  - 1) LSA has an agreement for booking exclusive access from 9AM-5PM in designated places in the Library.
  - 2) Emily asks Class Presidents to remind constituents to be strict with Key Cards, as our privileges depend on us being strict with using the key cards responsibly
  - 3) Classroom access: having ongoing discussions on the logistics on which classrooms are to be booked

**b) Charlie Zhu (VP Internal)**

- i) Worked on ongoing tasks since our last legislative meeting, such as keeping minutes at exec meetings.
- ii) Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee: sent out a survey to gauge interest in what activities would be good to implement, after speaking to Gabrielle of the Wellness Hub, and internally with those on the Committee
- iii) Obtained the LSA exec plaque
- iv) Locker distribution: some law grad students came to me to ask for a locker rental, which I distributed to them

**c) Steve Mansour (VP Finance)**

- i) Absent.
- ii) Emily spoke ad hoc on his behalf: Steve is having meetings with the bank to resolve our payments issues, which are significant.
- iii) Dylan asks about Journal funding
  - 1) Emily indicates that Steve has been trying to solve this issue by issuing cheques, but the bank (CIBC) is not responding.

**d) Micha Kasongo (VP Academic)**

- i) Completed SAO/CDO advisory board hiring
- ii) Helping 1Ls + 2Ls with review session plenary
- iii) Held first class president roundtable
- iv) Check-in meetings with SAO + AD Academic, mainly concerning;

- v) Accommodations during the strike
  - 1) STM strike suspension is temporary right now
- vi) Accommodations during recruitment
  - 1) Spoke to Dean Dedek about this
- vii) Clarifications concerning exchanges
  - 1) Is open to more discussions on this
- viii) General exam concerns
- e) James Scott (VP External)**
  - i) Absent
  - ii) The FEDQ is preparing to release a memo critiquing proposed changes to the Quebec constitution. The primary concerns that students have brought forward in the bill concern language rights, the rights of international students, and lack of public consultation.
  - iii) Day-to-day meetings continue with SSMU. They are also in the middle of constitutional review and considering what the future of the board structure looks like.
- f) Andrew Chen (VP Comms)**
  - i) Absent
  - ii) Has been working on the Briefs, which are going well
- g) Léonard Ouellette (VP Clubs)**
  - i) The latest ASEF funding round is over, decisions will be issued by next Friday
    - 1) Dylan has a question about funding (especially with Journals), and how it works, now especially given that the bank is having issues
      - (a) Leo: Is aware of this, and says he is speaking to Steve and Emily about this
      - (b) Emily: states that LSA Execs are desperately to find a solution, with various different attempted solutions. Says that Steve has attempted various different things, such as changing banks to one that will provide better service.
  - ii) Says that, with this many clubs, is looking to having a Club Consultation meeting to help streamline future club processes
    - 1) Matthew: is concerned about Leo making changes to the Club Registration process at this time. Proposes that he should discuss this with his successor, once elected.
    - 2) Leo: states that his goal is to improve/streamline the process and simplify it overall.
  - iii) Club funding requests: looking to make them more streamlined
  - iv) Notes that inactive clubs' funding will be cut at the beginning of the winter semester
- h) Léah Climie (VP Partnerships)**

- i) Absent.
- i) Chloé Desjardins (VP Special Events)**
  - i) Law Games
    - 1) Recruitment was extended until last Friday, but is now finished.
    - 2) The team has been selected and people will be contacted shortly.
    - 3) Pas de nouvelles sources de financement.
    - 4) Our delegation will be formed by 13 participants from University of Toronto and 19 McGill participants. We will be participating as one university for all activities — the talent show, the era, sports, and challenges.
    - 5) Les capitaines will be meeting with UofT.
  - ii) Nouvelles idées
    - 1) Igloofest discounts
    - 2) Match des Canadiens discounts
  - iii) Next up (after the holidays)
    - 1) Ski trip
    - 2) Grad gala first meeting
- j) Jordan Ames-Sinclair (VP Ongoing Events)**
  - i) Ongoing events, such as Moka Mercredis, are going well
  - ii) Skit Nite information will be released soon
- k) Questions**

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

- a) Law Senator**
  - i) Fadumo: Worked on the Student Code of Conduct
    - 1) Voted on a close vote of 38-36, in that the motion passed in their favor. The amendment was brought up by JBB (presumed minimum sanctions) - some of these minimum presumed sanctions were dropped.
    - 2) Tayssir: the amendment with regard to the mens rea element did not pass.
  - ii) Fadumo: Senate wanted to ask if LSA wanted to make a coordinated post on PASL
    - 1) Emily says that yes, LSA would be interested
    - 2) Matthew: is concerned that McGill personnel would use the mental health aspect of PASL to silent speech
    - 3) Fadumo: says that in future votes they will bring this issue back to the steering committee for future consideration
    - 4) Tayssir: Section 47 and 49 of PASL is a good reference point for

this discussion on mental health. Says that the law senators want to add more to the relevant provisions (and the related discussions) to cover the mental health aspects.

5) Micha: ask for clarification

(a) Fadumo: these will be “mythbusting” posts about what PASL is and is not. At the next student senator meeting, there will be more discussion on the details, and indicates that she can send advance notice of these items to Micha.

(b) Micha: concerned that if we do posts across all faculties, since Law is a bit particular in the way it works, it would have some issues

(c) Fadumo: wants to schedule a separate meeting with Micha

**b) Faculty Council Representatives**

i) Summaya: had some ongoing discussions with professors. Had some conversations with JBB about the PASL motion.

1) Micha: wants to add that JBB was pushing for Law senators to vote either for or against the PASL motion

2) Micha: 1Ls now have a scholarship attached to their legal memo assignments in Integration Week

3) Emily: indicates that professors were not too pleased with the cutting back of communications

**c) 1L Presidents**

i) Spencer: started to organize more events for this semester

ii) Spencer: organizing events with Micha, notably for exam prep sessions with GAs

iii) Spencer: wants to ask how to organize events at Thomson House

1) Summayya: wants to point out this event should be inclusive of those who do not consume alcohol

2) Summayya: can send Spencer the contact info for contacting Thomson House personnel.

3) Summayya: also suggest Gerts, due to price

**d) 2L Presidents**

i) Review session is planned for upcoming exam season.

**e) 3L President**

i) No updates.

**f) 4L President**

i) Booked Thomson House for an event.

**6. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement -**

- i) Proposed by: Matthew
- ii) Seconded by: Leo
- iii) Vote passed unanimously.

**Next meeting is Nov 27 at 9AM. If the STM strike is resolved, it will be in person.**