

**LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – October 25, 2021**

**Zoom**

**19h36-20h40**

**Present:** Osayma Saad, Asiyah Siddique, Stefan Davies, Vinnie Zhang, Alexia Armstrong, Charlotte Sullivan, Diana Stepner, Joshua Werber, Mey Chiali, Matthew Boulden, Meg Heesaker, Rose Paquet, Xin Hao Yang, Arnaud Desrochers, Sara Sanabria, Sara Wright (MJDR), Mehlka Mustansir (MLJ), Arthur Scalabrini, Emma Lodge, Emma Walsh, Audrey Poulin, Bianka Braganza, Ben Delaney, Samar-Balkiss Benaskeur, Mariya Teodosieva.

**Regrets:** Brandon Montour, Bianca Susana, Jemark Le Jean, Rayan Tibiche-Dahmoune.

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

**1) Motion to start meeting**

- a) Meeting called to order by Mariya at 20h40
  - i) Seconded by Osayma
  - ii) All in favour

**2) Land Acknowledgement**

**3) Adoption of the Agenda**

- i) Seconded by Diana
- ii) All in favour

**4) Zoom Etiquette, Quorum, Voting Instructions**

- a) **Quorum** It takes at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  members for the LSA quorum to approve referendum questions
- b) **Polls** for voting created by Osayma

## **5) Presentations of Referendum Questions by Student Groups and motion for approval**

*(A motion to pass to allow clubs to pass their questions on a referendum to the student body at large)*

- a) Innocence McGill
    - i) Motion approved by 100%
  - b) McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution - Sara Wright
    - ii) Motion approved by 100%
  - c) McGill Law Journal
    - iii) Motion approved by 95%
- **All questions can be submitted to students!**

## **6) LSA Council Member Reports and Questions**

### **a) VP president - Asiyah Siddique**

- Q&A with Justice Jamal140 + 60 people online, big event!
- Issues with recruiting pudocs administrators, she is trying to recruit at least one person to help.
  - Faculty council meeting this week - topic to be addressed
- Meeting with the dean about mental health

### **b) VP Internal - Osamaya Saad**

- Merch is beginning to arrive!
  - Planning to start a new order
- Still working on the graduate class sweaters, but a little bit of problems with distributors

### **a) VP Communications - Stefan Davies**

- Last weeks' problems - contacted Mailchimp to see what happened.
- Updating the website execs as soon as he gets their pictures

### **b) VP Academic - Charlotte Sullivan**

- Last 2 weeks - Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
- Consultations, form via Microsoft, to be closed after the weekend (2 weeks)
- Professor Megret and her's first draft of the Committee's final guidelines to the Faculty is almost done.
- Discussions about the SAO - meeting with Prof. Jukier (open letter about recording classes → submitted to SAO a couple weeks of go - important matter so faculty councils it will be read, publication in the Quid Novi,
- Faculty council this wednesday oral report on the Ad Hoc committee.
- Official languages committee - room booking with Justice Patrice Abrioux, looking for other rooms than moot court - to be advertised.

**c) VP External - Arnaud Desrochers**

- Rencontre avec le conseil législatif sur questions référendaires au niveau de l'université.
- Meeting du Comité des affaires francophones (4 oct)
  - Restructuration, accomoder plus d'étudiants francophones, mieux publiciser remise des travaux en français.
- Assemblée générale de l'AÉUM (18 oct)
  - réforme projet de loi #2- nouveau sur les prochaines semaines

**d) VP Special Events - Mey Chiali**

- Med law - annulé pour raisons de covid - remise à l'hiver?
- Club de poésie et botanique concours de pumkin carving dans le sous-sol - 10 à 4 jeudi.
- 1er novembre rencontre sur le grad ball

**e) VP Ongoing Events - Sara Sanabria**

- First coffeehouse successful!

- The decision not to host in person at the faculty. Technically possible, but low-attendance requirements (COVID-19), no food, drinks, in the basement... not ideal
- Thomson House not hosting events neither
- Upcoming events - ILADA - coffeehouse - film screening
- Mardi moka running every Tuesday
- Approached by a law firm about sponsorship - but next semester!
- Next Monday (1 nov) - last chance for people to go to the lost and found coffeehouse.

**f) VP Partnerships - Vinnie Wei Zhang**

- Nothing has changed much - November- many events almost every- two days!
- Trying to see if more in-person events can be organized outside of the firm, will law sponsors host events at their offices?

**g) VP Clubs & Student Services - Rose Paquet**

- Answering a lot of emails, questions, etc.

**h) Class presidents**

- a) 1L - (Alexia and Matthew)
  - First event last Friday (La Ronde)
  - Trick or threat coming
  - Free headshots photoshoot next Friday (29 oct.)
  - Idea - gift exchange around December.
- b) 2L (Samar)
  - 2L welcome lunch - apprécié
  - idée d'organiser evenement de fin de session
  - Parlé à Jukier de faire une cérémonie pour les codes civils car il n'y en a pas eu l'année passée
- c) 3L - Emma
  - Welcome back at Jeanne-Mance - past event

- Winter gift exchange (15\$ max)
- Biggest goal is to organize a graduation dance/party for the 3L class ... budget assistance or student contributions required

d) 4L

**i) Law Senator**

- Last Senate meeting - not a lot of resolutions but reports from committees.
- Projects
  - working to get syllabi on MyCourses before the beginning of classes.
  - working with charlotte for “feedback form” for students complaints about the faculty
  - working with Weeam, coalition against bill 21 - advocacy at senate - email statement - statement from McGill - Educational resources

**j) Faculty Council**

- Discussions with students for Covid-19 safety and accommodations concerns
- Faculty Council with Dean Leckey last October 8 (explanation of Faculty Council process and procedures, list of committees on MyCourses)
- Discussion concerning proposed changes to admissions - expanding it, how McGill is testing requirements of passive bilingualism
- Diana: the issue is postponed to November, because changes are about putting more specificity on what is sufficient, what does Appendix B&F (?) exactly means

**1) Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40**

- i) Moved by Mariya, seconded by Rose.
- ii) All in favour