LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – January 18th, 2023 13:05 - in CDH 200 & Zoom (Hybrid Model)

Present: Matthew Boulden, Flora Charpentier, Stefan Davies, Khaled Hassoun, Stephanie Kay, Emily Thom, Dante Trunzo, Liam Dodge, Henri Cant, Azure Dumas Pilon, Philippe Haddad, Garima Karia, Laura Fernz, Laurent Ruffo-Caracchini, Marissa Simoes, Charlotte Sullivan, Sara Sanabria, Minh-Tan Tran

Regrets: Justine Blanchette-Sirois, Soraia Afshar, Luther Mourinet, Jessie Khalil, Léah Suissa-Rocheleau, Josh Werber,

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

1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.

- Moved by Jacob
- Seconded by Charlotte

2. Land Acknowledgement / Reconnaissance des territoires.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by Jacob
- Seconded by Khaled

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

a) President - Charlotte

Reflection on the Robert Wintermute event and the subsequent protest organized by several groups involving Queer McGill. President spoke about how students did speak to her about some material harm that occurred to them over the last two weeks due to the event. States some transgender 1Ls did talk about fears of doxxing online or other forms of non-physical violence.

Executive board spoke about not putting out another public statement, largely because the first statement is still the position of the LSA. President interested in doing a debrief of the event with the Dean. Brief council discussion on what the meeting should or could look like.

b) VP Internal - Soraia

Regrets

c) VP Communications - Stephanie

The Brief started going out again with some tech difficulties now resolved. Graphics for skit night and formals coming soon.

d) VP Academic - Khaled

Scholarship discussion with SAO: two best essays from two classes will be used to grant the scholarships.

Medlaw valentine's event has been launched, likely to sell out as last time. Kiosk from the Barreau about the new program was run, but no changes made based on our critiques.

e) VP External - Emily

Motion within next month to SSMU from VP External for logistical/administrative reasons. Captain recruitment for FacO happening now.

f) VP Finance - Leah & Director of Finance - Laurent

Regrets - Information given by Dir of Finance Laurent: No pressures on LSA finances for now, nothing to report.

g) VP Special Events - Matthew

Shout out to Stephanie for all her hard work on comms related help to all other departments! Ski trip coming up with 87/100 tickets sold. Must sell the last 13 tickets within next 10 days to maximize finances of event. Valentines event >300 tickets already sold: get your tickets soon!

Skit night still ongoing for March. Working with creative director to help the animateurs and set the night up.

Law Ball coming up at the end of the year on March 31. Some work underway already.

Trophies won at the law games! Two of them! Good job to teams, large success, and looking forward to doing the event next year as well.

Looking for one more captain for FacO, must be a female-identifying person to keep numbers balanced.

h) VP Ongoing Events - Justine

Regrets

i) VP Partnerships - Tessa

i) VP Clubs & Student Services - Luther

Regrets

k) Law Senator - Joshua

1) Class presidents

4L Class Presidents - Laura & Garima

Grad committee meeting between 4Ls and 3Ls, some coordination ongoing.

3L Class Presidents - Stephan & Sara

3L Welcome back event on Friday. Had two volunteers to check people at the door, thank you to those two council members.

2L Class Presidents - Azure & Philippe

Looking to use up the budget for prizes for events, such as a bar event.

1L Class Presidents - Liam & Marissa

1L Linkedin Photo event coming up in OCDH. Valentines candy event in the works as well.

m) Faculty Council - Reps: Henri, Jesse, Dante, & Flora

Report made for next FC to discuss the Wintermute event because FC is planning to discuss the matter and LSA wants to be prepared. The university is working on an academic freedom policy that may involve the aftermath of this event, but was started long before.

Student rights & voices should be brought to this discussion about academic freedom. Transgender student voices should be heard so that their interests can be considered as well. Starting to speak with student stakeholders to better understand their desires from FC.

Changing the traffic lights at Peel & Penfield. Student reps met with a city council member who was very receptive to LSA's concerns about the light having been changed without notice or consultation. Will likely take time to see progress, but the meeting was a first step.

New Business

Nomination of a Deputy Speaker for the LSA Council Meeting of February 1st, 2023.

Stephanie Kay, VP Communications, nominated by Jacob and elected unanimously as Deputy Speaker for the next meeting.

5. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement - 13:36

- Moved by Jacob
- Passed Unanimously