

**LSA Council Agenda & Minutes – October 8, 2024
NCDH 101 & Zoom**

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7pm - 8pm

Present: Tala Al Rabea, Julien Bérubé, Matthew Dodds, Julius Grippo, Marie Jolicoeur-Becotte, Jessica Khoury, Pénélope Labbé, , Emily Payne, Christopher Aoun, Daniella Akat, Connor MacDonald, Andrew Blackwell, Ian Marcoux, Matthew Boulden, Fadumo Hussen, Sajneet Mangat, Una Sverko, Sophia El Bakir, Omar Qaqish.

Regrets: Dylan Lamberti, Jean-Sébastien Léger, Jessica Li, Steve Mansour.

Observer: Eric Laurin.

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

1. Call to Order / Appel à l'ordre.

- a) Motion to call to order.
 - i) Proposed by Julius.
 - ii) Seconded by Pénélope.
 - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously.
- b) Motion to appoint Christopher Aoun as Speaker for the academic year 2024-2025.
 - i) Proposed by Emily.
 - ii) Seconded by Matthew D.
 - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously.
- c) Motion to appoint Emily Payne as Secretary for the academic year 2024-2025.
 - i) Proposed by Tala.
 - ii) Seconded by Jessica K.
 - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously.

2. Agenda

- 2. Call to Order
- 3. Motions
- 4. Executive Reports and Questions

- 5. Other Reports and Questions / Autres rapports et questions du Conseil législatif
- 6. Discussion on the strike
- 7. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement
- Moved by Julius, seconded by Pénélope. Adopted unanimously.

3. Motions

- a) Motion to adopt LSA Council's Rules of Procedures (per s51 of LSA Constitution)
 - i) Robert's Rules of Order
 - ii) Standing rule – at least 24 hours notice to send a motion to the speaker prior to the Council meeting
 - 1) Amendment suggested by Connor: In cases of emergencies, the 24 hours notice will not apply. Discretion will be reserved to the Speaker.
 - (a) Vote on the amendment: Passed unanimously
 - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously
- b) Adoption of last meeting's minutes (April 10; https://docs.google.com/document/d/1035WMHMTtepxkzn55alzmrwR0XWlqd_UiohyqRk9DEA/edit)
 - i) Proposed by: Emily
 - ii) Seconded by: Tala
 - iii) Vote: Passed unanimously
- c) Innocence McGill Restricted Fees Renewal (per MOA and by-law 12 of the LSA Constitution).
 - i) Motion: Do you agree to renew the non-opt-outable \$5.00 fee per term (LSA Innocence Fee at a rate of \$5.00 per semester for all students who are members of the LSA and enrolled in the Faculty of Law), starting Winter 2025 to Winter 2027 (inclusive), to support the operation of the legal clinic Innocence McGill which advocates for individuals convicted of crimes that they did not commit.
 - ii) Proposed by: Tala
 - iii) Seconded by: Connor
 - iv) Vote: Passed unanimously
- d) McGill Law Journal of Dispute Resolution Fees Renewal (per MOA and by-law 12 of the LSA Constitution):
 - i) Motion: Do you agree to renew the compulsory McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution fee of \$6.00 per semester (excluding summer), payable by all student members of the Law Students Association? If approved, the fee will be implemented for the winter 2025 term, and

- continue for three years, up to and including fall 2027.
 - ii) Proposed by: Julius
 - iii) Seconded by: Tala
 - iv) Vote: Passed unanimously
- e) Motion to delay the next Legislative Council Meeting to October 29th instead of October 22nd (per s41 (2) of LSA Constitution)
 - i) Explanation: Deferral of usual course of bi-weekly meetings
 - ii) Proposed by: Emily
 - iii) Seconded by: Jessica K
 - iv) Vote: Passed unanimously

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


a) Pénélope Labbé (President)

- i) Advocating for the best interests of the student community throughout the strike and back-to-work protocol
- ii) Establishing relationships with AMPL, the administration at the Faculty of Law and McGill Central, the GLSA and SSMU
- iii) Negotiating the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement and insurance policy
- iv) Starting the Sexual Violence Education and Prevention Committee

b) Emily Payne (VP Internal)

- i) Conducted recruitment for LSA and Faculty Committees; record amount of applicants and interviewed over 40 candidates.
- ii) Coordinated locker distribution for all incoming 1Ls.
- iii) Took the minutes of the 15 Executive Council Meetings since the beginning of Exec's mandates in May.
- iv) Oversaw the LSA Fall 2024 elections for Class Presidents and 1L Faculty Councillor.
- v) Organized a sale (still ongoing) for graduating students with Les Rabat-Joies.
- vi) Took over as Chair of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Committee and began work.
- vii) Currently coordinating a bulk McGill Law merchandise order. Waiting on some confirmations before beginning the sale.
- viii) Looking for sponsorship to fund microwaves around the building.

c) Jean-Sébastien Léger (VP Finance)

- i) Please see my full report :
 LSA Legislative Council_VPFinance_Report_Oct8.pdf
- ii) If you have questions, please contact me.

d) Matthew Dodds (VP Academic)

- i) Began work on Official Languages Committee
 - 1) Restarting Lundi en français shortly
- ii) Had frequent meetings with union representatives on the shifting of the strike.
 - 1) Discussed issues pertaining to first strike: term papers, canceled classes, and graduation.
 - 2) Worked with them to develop modified add/drop period
 - 3) Worked on getting communication to students around delayed reception of grades
 - 4) Sent out form at the beginning of the year requesting questions from students.
 - 5) Worked on form requesting student feedback on back-to-work protocol
- iii) Chaired town halls with Dean Leckey & Associate Dean Piper and AMPL leadership.

e) Julien Bérubé (VP External)

- i) Advocated for student interests during the strike
 - 1) Established and maintained media relations to gather public interest
- ii) Set up LSA Equity Commission
- iii) Attended SSMU Legislative Council
- iv) Established relationships with the SSMU, to further collaboration between the two student bodies

f) Julius Grippo (VP Communications)

- i) Created the collective disagreement corner
- ii) Frosh Logo and Visuals
- iii) Pictures at LSA events
- iv) Helped draft LSA communications
- v) LSA Instagram & social media present + 'The Brief'

g) Tala Al Rabea (VP Clubs)

- i) Organized Club Day
- ii) Organized club coffeehouse
- iii) Met with ASEF
- iv) will work with Execs regarding *francisation*
- v) Ensured Clubs' registered and accepted some new clubs proposals over the summer
- vi) Had a meeting with the clubs' execs with VP of Finances
- vii) Created Clubs' booklet

h) Jessica Khoury (VP Partnerships)

- i) Sponsorship Package // Monetary Sponsorships
 - 1) Secured over 21,000\$ of monetary sponsorships and +3,000\$ in non-monetary sponsorships.

- ii) Clubs guide for sponsorship - sent out with club registration
- iii) Strike Update - Rescheduling Moka Mondays and other canceled events.
- iv) Looking for sponsorships for remaining events: Skit Nite, Grad Gala, and Ski Trip.

f) Marie Jolicoeur-Becotte (VP Special Events)

- i) Frosh
 - 1) Hiring
 - 2) Committee
 - 3) Sold out for first time ever - big slay
 - 4) Feedback + cold debrief
- ii) Palomosa
- iii) Habs games - 4 games this year (tickets are 60\$)
- iv) Alouettes game - CFL East Conference Final (tickets are 20\$) Nov. 9
- v) MedLaw Halloween Party (tentative date Nov. 7) - looking for venues
- vi) Skit nite - venue booked

g) Dylan Lamberti (VP Ongoing Events)

- i) N/A

h) Questions

- i) Sophia asks for clarifications.

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

a) Law Senator

- i) N/A.

b) Faculty Council Representatives

- i) Mandate in By-law 3 of the LSA Constitution
- ii) Requirement is a report in the Brief at the end of the semester (By-Law 3 1.(7)).
- iii) Previous meeting in September canceled (Only 2 meetings this semester)
- iv) Next meeting is October 30, Wednesday

c) 1L Presidents

- i) Daniella introduces herself.
- ii) Connor introduces himself.

d) 2L Presidents

- i) Andrew and Ian introduce themselves.
- ii) Gained access to cohort class president Instagram account and will be reactivating it shortly
- iii) Tentatively planning a 'town hall' for the first week after reading break - want to clarify what are / where to find the requirements for town halls
- iv) Events will follow the town hall once we know what our classmates

- expect from the semester
- v) Open letter about tuition reduction - Andrew asks Matthew D to explain what it means to kick rocks?
 - 1) Matthew D answers. Tuition is controlled by the Quebec government and McGill did not receive money for profs being on strike.
 - e) **3L President**
 - i) N/A
 - f) **4L President**
 - i) Had a welcome back event at Thomson House.
 - ii) Has been working with Matthew Dodds.

6. Discussion on the strike

- Andrew and Ian: Clarify the open letter about tuition reduction.
 - Matthew D: Funding structure for Quebec education is from the government, not McGill.
- Sajneet: asks if there has been a desire by profs to know what students what regarded material (graded vs. ungraded)
 - Matthew D: Content from profs are meant to ask questions from students. Profs will not all follow the same regulations regarding this issue; reasoning: academic freedom and courses being built differently. LSA has been putting students' concerns on a form and sharing it with the professors, and will continue to advocate for students.
- Omar: Who is our legal council, have we consulted with them on this (regarding reimbursement)?
 - Pénélope: Yes, we have legal council. Our lawyers are the same as AMPL. Idea of a class action has been circulated; however, nobody has taken on the project. It is also difficult to establish a class action, since the suffered prejudice must be shared by all students. Issue right now: students are back in class and the strike is lifted. Legal advice is very expensive; to bring this to legal councils, it would need to be a motion passed by the Legislative Council.
- Omar: Has AMPL considered donating money to the faculty for students (ex: in forms of bursaries)?
 - Pénélope: Thinks they said yes, but it is not in writing. To be mindful that AMPL has promised things in the past and changed their minds.
- Connor: voices 1L courses. In the last 6 weeks, students have been lied to and are entitled to more than that (to not be lied to by the people offering the services).
 - Pénélope: All students have been impacted in different ways. We all

wanted our classes. Depending on the profs, many are accommodating. When meeting with AMPL leadership, some seemed understanding. Reiterates that students should fill out the Google Form to voice their opinions.

- Ian: Supports Omar's comment that we should look into legal advice prior to further actions.
 - Pénélope: it is possible to run a formal Referendum, but Exec Council has decided not to use that option, since we are able to receive student feedback from forms, and parties have responded to what we advocate for.
- Andrew: there is a feeling that students and LSA has been very understanding of the union, and that we can use it as a *quid pro quo* to have AMPL answer better student demands. As an out-of-province student, the tuition is trivial. Do we have a reason we have the same interests as AMPL?
 - Pénélope: No, we do not have the same interests. Pen has gained the trust of the Dean. Students are distinct. In some ways, it relates both to AMPL and the Administration.
 - Matthew D: Has been firm with AMPL in private conversations on what students want and their discontinuation. Cites the example of strike at ULaval (5 week strike) where students did not receive reimbursement.

7. Motion to adjourn the meeting/ Ajournement - 8:31pm

- i) Proposed by: Connor
- ii) Seconded by: Marie
- iii) Vote passed unanimously.

Next meeting is October 29th at 7pm.