

LSA Department Report

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President

- The Law Faculty Council passed an important motion regarding the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. This motion tasks Senators with the mandate to remove or change articles that heighten the burden of proof for students, or articles that can be used in a vexatious way (a case brought against a student without any conclusive evidence).
- Regular Faculty meetings, mostly to address Student and STM strike accommodations, class scheduling problems, and other day to day issues
- Stepped into VP Communications role for ~3 weeks during the nomination of our new VP
- Finished filling first year Class President and Faculty Councillor roles
- Helping plan for renovations scheduled in the faculty

VP Finance

- Has been dealing with banking issues, but budgets are set and funds are being rolled out slowly. Journals were paid first and have their operating budgets now.
- Looking at a potential partnership with the GLSA to secure personal banking deals, especially for international students
- Hired a Director of Finance to help with day-to-day operations

VP Ongoing Events

- Weekly firm-sponsored Coffeehouses have been going well, with recruiting season firms are eager to get on campus
- Many of them are sponsoring our french-focused networking events as well, Moka Mercredi, as a result
- Planning our annual Skit Night talent show, currently in the hiring process for writers and crew

VP Special Events

- Our largest frosh ever went well, the Brass Door especially was really excellent for us as a venue
- We had our fall executive retreat; it mostly involved planning for the student strike and finalizing budgets
- MedLaw Halloween happened; there were some difficulties with the planning but in the end tickets sold out and the event ran smoothly
- Recruiting for LawGames is ongoing, happening January 2nd-6th in Quebec City. This will be the first year back for McGill in several years

VP Internal

- Finalizing merchandise, both for the executive committee and broadly for the Law Faculty as a whole
- Finished hiring for all committee roles, and committees have started working on their mandates

VP External

- The LSA joined the Fédération d'étudiants de Droits en Quebec as full voting members this year, representing 7 schools from across Quebec (and uOttawa) to help promote networking events and learning opportunities for students who want to practice in Quebec
- Through the FEDQ the LSA is preparing a memorandum for submission to the provincial government concerning the recently tabled changes to the Quebec Constitution. The main concerns we've heard from law students concern changes to funding for public institutions, allowing for provincial government overreach, and lack of public consultation.
- The Equity Committee is looking to create formalized equity guidelines for use in future faculty publications and communications

VP Communications

- Our first VP Comms had to step away from the role, and our new VP has just recently finished onboarding; the President stepped in for the interim and we didn't see significant interruptions
- Handling promotion for events such as Frosh, Coffeehouses, LawGames, etc., all of which have been growing in popularity
- Managing social media and filming for promotional material

VP Academic

- Finished updating our student notes program, PubDocs, as well as adding a library of sample exams to the system
- In discussions with faculty concerning changes to the curriculum. The changes focus on allowing students to distribute credits however they like when taking multiterm courses, as well as improving the focus on bilingual and transsystemic education.
- There were scheduling issues with some mandatory classes at the start of the year. These have been resolved now and no students were affected long-term

VP Partnerships

- In charge of sponsor recruitment for all events, Special and Ongoing. Set a new fundraising record for this point of the year.
- Finished preparing exam care packages for students in coordination with local businesses
- Providing support for sponsors at events