

LSS Weekly Meeting November 3, 2015

In Attendance

- LSS Executive:
 - Sandy (President)
 - Sumra (General Secretary)
 - Ibrahim (VP Student Affairs)
 - Nojan (Director of Finance)
 - Jim (VP Communications)
 - Dan and Ivelina (3L Reps)
 - Sebastian and Janessa (Social Coordinators)
 - Bryn and Sean (Clubs & Sports Reps)
 - Thomas and Michaela (1L Rep)
- Visitors:
 - Nicole (Interpreter)
 - Shameus (UVSS Staff and Grad Student)
 - Kenya (UVSS – Director of External Relations)
 - Jennifer (Labour Law)
 - Dora (Labour Law)

Acknowledgement

Information

- Board of Governor's intention to lobby for removal of tuition cap
 - This has been a pretty consistent refrain to the government for the past 5 years.
 - They are seeking a limited exception for professional programs
 - This has been happening since moratorium was instituted
 - If the moratorium is lifted, then the university would have to decide what to do with the ability to increase tuition
 - They would likely consult the law school at that time
 - Student input would be sought at this time
 - Balance equality vs program equality
 - At this point seems like a request that is made every year and not granted.
 - UVSS:
 - Currently 2% cap on tuition
 - Concern raised from a Presentation given to the Standing Committee on Finance
 - University would like to lobby the government to remove cap
 - This effort is happening across the province
 - E.g., UBC would like to remove a cap for all tuition
 - Motion passed at the AGM to begin opposing lobbying on this and against other organizations and institutions who would like to implement this
 - They say that the voices are getting louder this year
 - This issue is being brought into the media, province wide papers

- This may be to test the waters/drum up support
 - Sandy will be sending an e-mail to the President to obtain more information about the lobbying efforts and why he thinks the law school tuition should be raised.
- Special Funding Request Form & Policies
 - How is this event related to legal education or professional development?
 - Or we could say: How is the event relation to the law, legal education or professional development?
 - If not, why?
 - How will this event benefit law students?
 - How will this event be publicized?
 - If participation is limited, how will participants be selected?
 - We could ask them directly after this is filled out in how the money they received money at funding night was spent
 - Also why was this event not in their club funding night request
 - Sandy will circulate the form again this week to potentially be adopted at next week's meeting
- United Way Campaign Update
 - We raised \$209 Canadian and \$6 USD
- Position emails
 - Jim will make a position specific e-mail account
 - E.g., PresidentUVicLSS@gmail.com
 - Jim will send Sandy the e-mail address and password

Business

- Labour Law Additional Funding Request (1:00)
 - Discussion
 - Requesting additional costs for law students travelling to Vancouver on November 13th
 - Have 12 people registered
 - \$405.60 would be the total cost to cover walk on tickets (there and back) - \$33.80 per person
 - They would like to request \$100 so that they have money remaining for guest speakers
 - They received \$350 at club funding night
 - Will this be a hurdle to prevent employees to having walk-on fare covered?
 - Have they made any efforts to fundraise?
 - Motion to grant \$100 to the Labour and Employment Law Club for firm tours - Sandy
 - Seconded Ibrahim
 - 0 in favour, 9 opposed, 2 abstentions – motion failed

Adjournment