

LSS Meeting: Tuesday January 27, 2015

In attendance:

- LSS Executive
 - Micah (President)
 - Mikey (VP Student Affairs)
 - Nathan (VP Communication)
 - James (Director of Finance)
 - Kat (General Secretary)
 - Niles and Janessa (1L Reps)
 - Sandy and Rachyl (Social Coordinators)
 - Dani (Clubs & Sports Reps)
 - Elle (2L Career Options Rep)
 - Sam (2L Articling Rep)

(1) Introduction

- Thank Yous: Mikey – Lockers!
 - Where is the lock cutter? We don't know
- Club Funding Surplus Pool
 - E-mail to clubs has not been sent – Micah to post on LSS Facebook page/website
- Composite Update
 - Ivelina to present our case to the UVic Senate
 - Sarah to liaise with the Faculty of Law
- Town Hall
 - Micah to plan for next month
 - What will the role of the town hall be?
 - It's not supposed to replace the equity forum, but that does not preclude people from raising these types of issues
 - We hope to focus more on discussion of classes, teaching methods, etc.
 - More details to come next week

(2) Business

- Access to Justice Letter – Micah
 - Each year the LSS Executive takes on a public writing project
 - Micah wants to propose that we write a letter from the LSS Executive to Premier Clark regarding additional funding for legal aid lawyers – looking for Executive support, as this is not really a question that needs to go to a referendum
 - Motion to discuss at our next meeting – Micah
 - Seconded – Nathan
 - Discussion
 - Niles – What will the format be? Letter to Premier Clark
 - Micah – I just want to ensure the LSS is using our position to try to make a difference in the legal community
 - Call for a vote – Janessa
 - 10 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – motion passes
- Motion for an additional \$67.49 to pay the rental fee for the bonspiel contract – Sandy

- Seconded – Elle
- Discussion
 - James – We have more than enough
- Call for a vote – Niles
- 10 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – motion passes
- Conversation with the cleaning staff – Rachyl
 - Staff cleans the lounge once per week, but there have been janitorial cutbacks
 - Rachyl to extend our thanks, let them know we are discussing general concerns that have been raised by students
- Sponsorship for UVic Law – Sam
 - Several options, but they may be controversial
 - Physical ad space on campus
 - Ad space on LSS website
 - Sponsorship of events off-campus
 - Sponsorship of various programs
 - These highly desirable in the community – some organizations (banks, etc.) want to start working now to market to next year’s students
 - Sam has liaised with other Canadian law schools regarding what types of programs can be funded this way
 - We should find out how the students feel about advertising in the law school
 - Micah – This project should ramp up over time
 - We already allow brochures in the Orientation gift bags
 - Perhaps next year’s LSS could take it further
 - Sam – Yes, the idea is to scale up over time (i.e. start with the website)
 - Nathan – It seems like Scotiabank just wants to throw money at us, and students get so much advertising that a little more probably won’t have an impact
 - James – I feel confident with Scotiabank because they offer good plans for students (so it’s not like we’re promoting something terrible)
 - Niles – Physical advertising in the school would probably be the most objectionable, but advertising at events might be ok
 - Sam – There are three concerns with physical ads
 - Coordinating with the university
 - Figuring out exactly where we could put ads
 - Specifying what the ads should or should not say
 - Micah – Physical ad space is not up for discussion this year
 - Elle – Agree with Niles
 - Kat – It seems like the most good could be done by hooking Scotiabank up with the LCO directly
 - Micah – Sam could start looking into the process for online ads (to be discussed next year) and should coordinate with Heather in the LCO

(3) Motion to adjourn – Micah

- Seconded – Janessa
- Call for a vote – Sam
- All in favour, meeting adjourned