

LSS Meeting: Tuesday March 17, 2015

In attendance:

- LSS Executive
 - Micah (President)
 - Mikey (VP Student Affairs)
 - Nathan (VP Communications)
 - Kat (General Secretary)
 - Janessa and Niles (1L Reps)
 - Rupi and Sarah (3L Reps)
 - Sandy (Social Coordinator)
 - Dani (Clubs & Sports Rep)
 - Elle (2L Career Options Rep)
 - Sam (2L Articling Rep)
 - Scott (Co-op Rep)

(1) Introduction

- Two more LSS meetings!
- Skit Night – Thanks Sandy and Rachyl!
 - Dealing with equity concerns in future – Sandy and Rachyl to coordinate with next year's Social Coordinators
 - Need to have a better description of what the skits are being vetted for
 - LSS could also coordinate with the EDC to navigate this terrain
- Grad Planning – Thanks Rupi and Sarah!
 - We raised enough at skit night to fund two drink tickets per person
 - Still hoping we can use the UVSS surplus to fund a third
 - This would be in keeping with what was provided last year
- Election Time
 - Plan is to push elections for committee positions to the fall
 - Keep the focus on LSS positions, avoid situation where people take a position and later drop it, allow for election of 1L reps at the same time
 - AGM on Thursday – Micah to bring the food

(2) Business

- Motion to allocate \$1011.50 to grad to cover a third drink ticket per student – Sarah
 - Seconded – Mikey
 - Discussion
 - Does this benefit 3Ls only?
 - Yes, but 1Ls and 2Ls will eventually go to grad too
 - Lots of funding only benefits a certain number of students
 - Revenue from dance ticket sales could also be used to offset the cost
 - Motion amended to make \$1011.50 a cap
 - Seconded – Dani
 - Call for a vote – Nathan
 - 10 in favour, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions – motion passes
- Allocation of \$3000 into a diversity fund

- Concern that the creation of such a fund is outside Micah's mandate
- Micah to include this idea in his transfer memo – potential for the EDC to come up with a budget and the LSS to fund it
- Other ideas for spending the UVSS surplus (\$5000)
 - Funding for up to \$2000 for an Operations Director summer position for the new Access Pro Bono clinic (6 hours per week at \$20 per hour) – Sam
 - Seconded – Dani
 - Discussion
 - What is the clinic's relationship to the LSS? It's a new program, but will be similar to PBSC (but keep in mind that PBSC gets funding from the Law Society and the clinic will not)
 - Is anything happening regarding funding from Scotiabank? It's in the works, but funding may not go to the clinic (probably aimed at Community Conference)
 - Does this need to be a paid position? We want to compensate this person for their time so we will have someone who is invested in keeping up the clinic over the summer
 - What kind of oversight will there be for hours? Not much thought has been put into this but probably the same as a research assistant (i.e., submitting hours)
 - Is this an initiative that benefits a significant number of students? Perhaps not, though it will help keep the program going
 - What's the plan for next fall? There is a succession plan in place, there will be a co-op student; the summer position basically creates a bridge
 - What if the position was advertised to other students, so the LSS is not giving this money to a specific person? This might help, but Emma Grolla stepped up and volunteered and she is probably the most qualified
 - Is there any opportunity for firm sponsorship? Students are typically discouraged from soliciting sponsorship because the Faculty does this on an ongoing basis
 - What about reducing the wage to less than \$20/hour? We'll set it at \$20 for the vote and if it fails the motion can be amended; keep in mind that Emma will probably be working closer to 20 hours per week, but the compensation is only for 6
 - We're not going to vote on this today, as it's a substantial amount of money – we'll provide for proxy votes for our next meeting so everyone who wants to can vote
 - Potential for a financial planning event
 - Too late for this year, but Sam and Rupi can put in their transfer memos

(3) Motion to adjourn – Micah

- Seconded – Nathan
- Call for a vote – Niles
- All in favour, meeting adjourned