

LSS Meeting: Tuesday March 24, 2015

In attendance:

- LSS Executive
 - Micah (President)
 - Mikey (VP Student Affairs)
 - Nathan (VP Communications)
 - Kat (General Secretary)
 - James (Director of Finance)
 - Janessa and Niles (1L Reps)
 - Rupi and Sarah (3L Rep)
 - Sandy and Rachyl (Social Coordinators)
 - Taylor and Dani (Clubs & Sports Reps)
 - Sam (2L Articling Rep)
 - Elle (2L Career Options Rep)
 - Carolyn (ILSA Rep)
 - Scott (Co-op Rep)
- Visitors
 - Nikolai Sittmann
 - Suzanne Cassel – APBSC
 - John Bullock

(1) Introduction

- Last LSS Meeting!
- Grad – Thanks Sarah and Rupi!
- Elections – Thanks Mikey!
 - Bios are on the LSS website
 - There is a known issue with JD/MBA students not being able to vote – Mikey is on top of it
 - Election for Faculty Supervisory Council position has been pushed to the fall – request from Nikolai to have the election now
 - This would create issues of fairness, but perhaps you could take over the position for the summer – speak to the incoming LSS President
- AGM – Thanks everyone!
 - Great food! More plates next time
 - Note for future AGMs – have speeches for all contested positions

(2) Business

- Motion to allocate \$2000 to APBSC for Operations Director summer position – Dani
 - Seconded – Nathan
 - Discussion
 - This maybe should be a student-wide vote – a bit impractical given the time that's left this year
 - Concerns have been raised about the relationship between APBSC and LSS, especially since other clubs would also like additional funding

- This clinic benefits the entire Faculty and having this position in place is necessary for maintaining the clinic over the summer
 - This shows greater LSS involvement in and support of a foundational program to the law school; this has a broader benefit for the community and for UVic Law students than most other student groups
 - Questions of accountability/oversight – APB takes this role
 - Other people were interviewed for the position – the posting was open for three weeks
 - What is the position? Clinic supervisor; liaison between school, lawyers, and APB; it will be more than six hours a week for the first month, then will likely balance out
 - Does this request fall within the scope of the LSS?
 - Potential legal ramifications – would this student be an employee of the LSS? The money would go from the LSS to APB, so this is not a concern
 - What is the timeframe for this request? Is this something APBSC will be expecting every year? What kinds of precedent does this set?
 - Motion to amend to put this matter to a LSS member-wide referendum – Rachyl
 - Seconded – Dani
 - Discussion
 - This is exactly the kind of decision we were elected to make on behalf of students; it may be difficult to accurately summarize the lengthy discussion we just had
 - Students may not be comfortable with us spending this amount of money on their behalf without consulting them
 - Giving money to Community Conference is different than paying one person's salary for a pro bono position
 - The LSS has spent this kind of money on other things with a lot less discussion; we are also sitting on a surplus that we've been trying to figure out how to spend
 - Given how late we are in the year, we should be making the decision; otherwise we're looking at a referendum mid-exams
 - Call for a vote – Janessa
 - 2 in favour, 11 opposed, 3 abstentions – motion fails
 - Motion to amend to take out the reference to the Operations Director position
 - Seconded – Janessa
 - Discussion
 - Can we ensure that this is where the money is going? Yes
 - Call for a vote – Taylor
 - 13 in favour, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions – motion passes
 - Call for a vote on the motion to allocate \$2000 to APBSC – Scott
 - 11 in favour, 2 opposed, 4 abstentions – motion passes
- Motion to allocate \$500 for BLA/LSS Awards food – Janessa
 - Seconded – Scott
 - Discussion

- What will pizza actually cost? The pizza luncheon event at the beginning of the year cost \$250 for about 20 pizzas (Dominoes); the pizza event in January cost \$550 for about 30 pizzas (Panago)
 - There is \$300 in the budget for “Year-end Events” – this is something else
 - Event is April 2 at 12:30 in the Student Lounge
 - We still need to set aside a night to choose LSS Award winners – how about next Tuesday night (March 31) to get the new Executive involved?
 - We’ll also need to get non-LSS involved
 - Pizza budget will be passed by the new LSS next Tuesday
 - Motion to amend to \$400 – Micah
 - Seconded – Taylor
 - Call for a vote – Niles
 - 14 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – motion passes
 - Call for a vote – Sarah
 - 14 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – motion passes
- Motion to allocate \$250 for end of term snacks – withdrawn
- Motion to reimburse John for Skit Night Expenses (\$131.16) – Nathan
 - Seconded – Sandy
 - Discussion
 - Hosts had no budget for Skit Night, but there was a huge profit margin
 - Grad used all profits from Skit Night – it’s an “Unexpected Expense” in the LSS budget
 - Call for a vote – Carolyn
 - 13 in favour, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions – motion passes
- Request to allocate \$500 for ILSA and ILC to develop a set of Indigenous protocols (as many other Canadian law schools have) – Carolyn
 - Some costs involved, as members would have to travel to the communities (travel expenses, gifts, honorariums, tobacco)
 - Also hoping the new LSS will support implementation of protocols for next year
 - Suggestion that ISLA/ILC submit a written proposal to the new LSS

(3) Motion to adjourn – Nathan

- Seconded – Taylor
- Call for a vote – Scott
- All in favour, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions – meeting adjourned