

LSS Meeting: Tuesday March 31, 2015

In attendance:

- Outgoing 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 Reps)
 - Sandy (Social Coordinator)
 - Taylor and Dani (Clubs & Sports Reps)
 - Sam (2L Articling Rep)
 - Elle (2L Career Options Rep)
 - Scott (Co-op Rep)
 - Dan (Accessibility Rep)
- Incoming LSS Executive
 - Sandy (President)
 - Ibrahim (VP Student Affairs)
 - Justin (VP Communications)
 - Sumra (General Secretary)
 - Nojan (Director of Finance)
 - Sean and Bryn (Clubs & Sports Reps)
 - Sebastian and Janessa (Social Coordinators)
 - Jana (2L Articling Rep)
 - Niles (2L Career Options Rep)
 - Joelle (Co-op Rep)
 - Dan (3L Rep)

(1) Introduction

- Law Library closed on Good Friday and has reduced hours on Easter Monday
 - Extended exam hours for the rest of the weekend
 - Concern about lack of study space – note that the building and all classrooms should be open 24/7 during exam time; if doors are locked, call Campus Security
 - Concern about religious accommodation for students who observe religious holidays and then immediately have exams – speak to Dean Webber and/or Yvonne Lawson
- Elections – Thanks Mikey!
- Law clothing distribution – Rupi and Sarah need a volunteer to help sort clothing
 - Joelle will help out
- Outgoing LSS – Thank you!
 - Two things we did really well – continued services from last year despite having few returning LSS members and facilitated a positive environment
- Reimbursements for events happening this week – speak to Nojan

(2) Business

- Motion to accept the results of the election – Janessa
 - Seconded – Rupi
 - Discussion – congrats to everyone who won!
 - Call for a vote – Scott
 - All in favour – motion passes
- LSS Awards – incoming Executive to meet tonight at 5:00 to vote for awards
 - Awards to be given on Thursday
 - Motion to allocate \$150 to buy pizza and sushi for the meeting – Sandy
 - Seconded – Janessa
 - Discussion – none
 - Call for a vote – Justin
 - 12 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions – motion passes
- Motion to allocate up to \$2400 to hire interpreters for weekly LSS meetings next year – Sandy
 - Interpreters are \$50/hour and 2 are required; for up to 20 LSS meetings the cost would be a maximum of \$2400
 - Seconded – Sean
 - Discussion
 - This issue has been raised with Associate Dean Raven in the past – the LSS is strongly encouraged to seek funding from the Faculty before allocating LSS funds for this purpose
 - Are LSS meetings so long that 2 interpreters are required? Maybe we could get more information on this before determining a number
 - Financial Aid Committee provides Diversity Access Grants – maybe the LSS could apply? We should definitely look into this
 - We want to be in contact with the interpreters over the summer so we can book someone for the first meeting – motion is for **up to** \$2400, but less may be spent
 - Can we vote to budget for the first couple of meetings and then discuss it again in the fall when we have more information about alternative options?
 - Note that we're sitting on a \$19,000 surplus
 - What about screen-sharing? It's a good idea but may not be feasible
 - Motion amended to allocate up to \$2400 to be spent only if a Diversity Access Grant is not available – Sandy
 - Seconded – Jana
 - Call – Ibrahim
 - 11 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – motion passes
- Directors (Presidents, VPs, Directors of Finance and General Secretaries) to meet after this meeting to transfer society directorship

(3) Motion to adjourn – Justin

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