

LSS Meeting: Tuesday October 7, 2014

In attendance:

- LSS Executive
 - Micah (President)
 - Mikey (VP Student Affairs)
 - Nathan (VP Communications)
 - Kat (General Secretary)
 - James (Director of Finance)
 - Sandy & Rachyl (Social Coordinator)
 - Kristina (Co-op Rep)
 - Carolyn (ILSA Rep)
 - Dora (Health & Wellness Rep)
 - Rupi & Sarah (3L Reps)
- Visitor
 - Erin Gray

(1) Opening Remarks

- Thank Yous:
 - Elections: Mikey
 - Tofino: Mikey
 - Health and Wellness Week: Dora
 - Babysitting Program: Rachyl and Sandy
- Updates
 - Library Selection Committee Rep: Nic McDonald
 - Schedule for Elections
 - Each person running is to submit a bio to Micah to be sent out tomorrow
 - Speeches are scheduled for Thursday, to be held in the Lounge (?)
 - Will improve attendance
 - However, lounge is for relaxation and people shouldn't be forced to listen to speeches if they don't want to
 - Also, people will talk over the speeches
 - To be held in the lounge (split off)
 - For spring elections – consider have a “meet and greet” for candidates to reach out to the students
 - Students can run for an unlimited number of committee positions
 - Webvote is being run by Mikey
 - If the referendum question goes forward, it will also be run in the webvote

(2) Business

- CBA/Chevron Referendum – Erin
 - Last meeting, we passed a motion asking for a sample letter and referendum question for this meeting
 - Motion to pose the referendum question to the student body at large – Mikey
 - Seconded – Rupi
 - Discussion

- Would need to be put to the students, as it is foreseeable that at least one person would be opposed
- Question of appropriateness of taking political stands – however, this is not necessarily a political question at all (and other law school gov'ts are taking action on this issue)
- If we agree to go to a referendum, the letter may need to be edited (i.e. we are agreeing to a referendum in principle, not necessarily to the exact wording of the letter)
 - Possible edits – grammatical issues, “Indigenous” to be spelled with a capital “I”; addition of extrajurisdictional component
- Representative from the BCCBA is supposed to get back to Nathan – Erin has communicated with the president of the BCCBA
- Webvote will open Oct. 15 – people could go to the ELC panel next week prior to the vote
 - Call for a vote – Sandy
 - 8 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions – motion passes
- Motion to require a 67% majority for the referendum to pass – Sandy
 - Seconded – Carolyn
 - Clarification – would mean 67% of students that voted (not of the entire student population) and would need at least 25% of the student body
 - Call for a vote – Kat
 - 10 in favour, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions – motion passes
- LSS to promote the panel and referendum – send info to Kat for weekly e-mail

(3) Discussion

- Library Issues
 - Law student posted on Facebook expressing frustration with use of library resources (i.e. study rooms)
 - Micah was e-mailed by the librarians – all study rooms except the three main floor ones and the study carrels will be taken off the online registration system (book in person at the main desk) and some will be restricted to law students only
 - Two new rooms are also being added for law students only
 - During exams, all study rooms are restricted to law students only
 - Library is open to all students
 - Issues with the use of the term “SNAIL” – however, perhaps the LSS should not be getting involved with things posted on Facebook
 - Would be worthwhile to send out a letter to law students describing the changes and asking everyone to respect the fact that the library is a shared space – Micah
 - Other issues:
 - Wifi in the study rooms – Micah to look into it
 - Temperature – has been an issue in the past, unlikely to be addressed

(4) Motions from Members

- Motion to use items in LSS office as gifts for participation in Health and Wellness week – Dora
 - Seconded – James

- Discussion
 - What items? Four thermoses, three water bottles (leftover from last year)
 - These were going to be sold this year
 - Clubs sometimes buy these items to use as speaker gifts
 - This would take money out of the grad budget
 - Students can be given leftover orientation gifts, but these would not be appropriate for non-students
- Amendment – one thermos, three water bottles
- Call for a vote – Sandy
- 5 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions – motion passes

(5) Motion to adjourn – Micah

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