

## LSS Funding Night: September 23, 2014

(1) General advice to clubs – be aware that it is rare for clubs to receive more than \$250

(2) Funding Pitches

- Canadian Lawyers Abroad (UVic Chapter)
  - Pitch
    - Last year received 250
    - Asking 350 (but realistically expecting 250)
    - Theme this year – refugee rights
      - Events related to this
      - External fundraisers
    - Internship only available to schools with a chapter
  - Motion to allocate 250 – Taylor
    - Second – Rupi
    - Discussion – 250 expected, no specific allocation of amounts
    - Call for a vote – Kat
    - Motion passes
  
- Labour Law Club
  - Pitch
    - Large membership
    - Already planning events
      - Biggest event will be Vancouver labour firm tours – already have one firm committed, looking for three more
      - Speaker events
      - Possible bake sale for fundraising
    - Funds to buy food and subsidize transportation costs for speakers and student (tours)
      - Not sure about other sources of funding for transportation costs
      - If funding is not available, students will have to pay out of pocket
  - Motion to allocate 250, with the understanding that they are welcome to apply for additional funding at a later date – Sam
    - Second – Sandy
    - Discussion
      - Perhaps should get more than 250 (specific budgeting)
      - Funding largely goes to large group events – not necessarily to benefit a smaller group
      - Unclear how large the membership will really be
    - Call for a vote – Taylor
    - Motion passes

- Student Animal Legal Defence Fund (UVic Chapter)
  - Pitch
    - Interest in exploring career opportunities in animal law
    - 33 confirmed members
    - Some events planned already
    - Looking for funding for transportation/parking costs for speakers, food for events
      - Planning to fundraise via bake sale
      - \$1200 in bank account – not sure how to deal with it, don't have access at this time
  - Motion to allocate 250, with the understanding that any funds will be repaid on the club getting access to the bank account – Kat
    - Second – Kyra
    - Discussion
      - Do they need the full amount (doesn't appear so from their budget)
      - Not fair to penalize them because they want to do extra fundraising
      - Amounts are reimbursed – 250 is just a cap (if they don't spend it, they don't get it)
    - Call for a vote – Sandy
    - Motion passes
  
- Canadian Association of Refugees Lawyers (UVic Chapter)
  - Pitch
    - 35 people signed up
    - Hoping to be more active than last year
      - Speakers, movie night
      - Ethnic food/bake sale fundraiser
      - Working with Outlaws re LGBT refugees
    - Funds for speaker transportation, honorarium, food costs
    - No outside funding from CARL at this point, except possibly for advertising
    - Understand LSS funding restraints – will fundraise the difference
  - Motion to allocate 250 – Kyra
    - Second – Taylor
    - Discussion – none
    - Call for a vote – Kat
    - Motion passes (2 abstentions)

- Business Law Association
  - Pitch
    - Multiple events that require extra funding (etiquette session, stock market challenge prizes, exam prep session)
      - Hoping to have more speaker events this year
      - Helping prepare students to interview at business law firms
    - External funding from the LCO, firm sponsorship; \$280 in external account (would like to leave some funds in the external account)
    - High level of interest from 1Ls
    - Asking 400 (expecting around 300) – less than what they expect to need
      - Last year the BLA went over without asking for additional funds first – important not to do this again this year
  - Motion to allocate 300 – Rachyl
    - Second – Nathan
    - Discussion
      - Last year’s focus on moving away from clubs having external accounts – difficult to deal with if the clubs are not properly continued; however, the BLA is a very active club with a structure in place for succession and they regularly deal with larger sums of money, so the account would be useful
      - Either faze out bank accounts or emphasize importance of having a transition plan in place
      - Should the overspending from last year be taken out of this year’s amount, given that they have money in the external account? Maybe not fair, especially given the popularity of the club
      - Give them the 300, but no additional funds to be requested
    - Call to vote – Sandy
    - Motion passes
  
- Outlaws
  - Pitch
    - Aim to have a positive and noticeable presence in the school; raising awareness of LGBT issues
    - Five events planned
      - Panel on status of TWU Law (not geared to be neutral)
      - Movie screening
      - Speaker event on LGBT refugees (coordinate with CARL)
      - Event for Transgender Day of Remembrance
      - Talk on diversity in the workplace in the small firm/small community environment (coordinate with LCO)
    - Asking 250 for food for events, thank-you gifts, ribbon-making supplies, speaker honorarium
    - Potential to revive firm-sponsored events? Can look into it, but it’s not a focus
  - Call for acclamation to allocate 250 – Micah
    - Motion passes

- Indigenous Law Club
  - Pitch
    - A few events planned, but will discuss after AbCamp
      - Panel/speaker on intersection of Indigenous and family law issues
      - Broaden focus beyond BC to national issues – panel to present comparison of treaty issue litigation vs. non-treaty lands litigation
    - Funding for speaker costs/gifts, food for events, contributing to the community conference
    - Did you use the \$250 from last year? Seems so
    - Have you considered seeking sponsorship? Have received sponsorship for AbCamp, so don't want to ask more; looking into it though
  - Call for acclamation to allocate 250 – Micah
    - Motion passes
  
- Health Law Club
  - Pitch
    - Speaker/panel events planned
      - Deckha – right to die
      - Mental health panel – legal and medical perspectives
      - Discussion re organ donor presumptions
      - Panel on medical malpractice
    - Asking for 250 to cover speaker costs/gifts, food for events
  - Call for acclamation to allocate 250 – Micah
    - Motion passes
  
- Intellectual Property/Information Technology Club
  - Pitch
    - Upcoming events
      - Last year – two panels and a FC judge presentation
      - Presentation on young IP/IT professionals (with BC Bar)
      - IP law in the international context (with Prof. Newcombe)
      - Patents panel
      - Howell presentation
      - Justice Phelan presentation
    - Asking 300 for speaker costs/gifts, food
      - Some external funding this year – hoping this will continue this year
      - Club has an external account – not sure of balance (may be around \$300)
  - Motion to allocate 250, with the understanding that they are welcome to apply for additional funding at a later date – Dani
    - Second – Sam
    - Discussion – add understanding that they can ask for more
    - Call for a vote – Taylor
    - Motion passes (2 abstentions)

- Christian Law Students Club
  - Pitch
    - Provide supportive environment for UVic Law students, faculty, and staff
    - Upcoming events
      - Monthly potlucks
      - Charitable endeavours
      - Guest speakers
      - Networking luncheon/potluck – invite local bar members
    - Should be ensuring that everyone is invited to events on which LSS funds are spent (but fine to have club-only events that are not LSS-funded)
    - Asking 250 for speaker events
  - Motion to allocate 250 – Carolyn
    - Second – Nathan
    - Discussion – none
    - Call for a vote – Sandy
    - Motion passes
  
- Environmental Law Club
  - Pitch
    - Strong membership (40 people attended orientation hike)
    - Upcoming events
      - Wide-reaching events (bike week, recycling week) – expensive
      - Film screening (possible to coordinate with SALDF)
      - Hoping to bring in some extra funds through fundraising; additional funding comes through ELC (\$1000), other sources
    - Asking 250 (or more if available)
    - Question of accessibility issues for outdoorsy events – not all events will be accessible, but this is discussed by the club as an issue
  - Motion to allocate 300, with the understanding that they are welcome to apply for additional funding at a later date – Rachyl
    - Second – Sandy
    - Discussion – make additional funds available, add \$50
    - Call for a vote – Sam
    - Motion passes (1 opposed)
  
- Tax Law Club
  - Pitch
    - 3-4 events
      - Repeat TCC judge talk
    - Possibility of working with PBSC
    - Direction of club will depend on membership
  - Motion to allocate 250 – Dani
    - Second – Nathan
    - Discussion – none
    - Call for a vote – James
    - Motion passes

- Sport and Entertainment Law Club
  - Pitch
    - Promote SEL for students to respond to lack of courses in this area
    - Trying to shift focus more equally to entertainment
    - Upcoming events
      - SE lawyer talks
      - SEL moot participation for next year – asking for ability to request additional funds, but hoping to get firm sponsorship/help from Faculty
      - Charity fundraisers
      - Lawyer talk during Victoria Royals game
    - Club has an external bank account – existing funds largely owed to past members, so no balance
      - There is a transition plan in place
  - Motion to allocate 250, with the understanding that they are welcome to apply for additional funding at a later date – Taylor
    - Second – James
    - Discussion – none
    - Call for a vote – Mikey
    - Motion passes
  
- Pro Bono Students Canada
  - Pitch
    - No funding from LSS since 2010, but Law Foundation funding is likely to be reduced in future – responsibility to secure alternative source of funding
    - Program has grown by 35 students over the last few years – higher expenses, but same amount of grant money
    - PBSC as an integral part of the law school culture
    - Asking 500 – would be for student events for all students
      - Difficult to offer events for non-PBSC students because of restricted funding
      - LSS funds would allow for more events
      - However, all events are open to all students
    - LSS as a possible source of funding, but there is not much room in the club budget – potentially approach the LSS at a meeting
      - PBSC is just larger in scope than a club
      - They are trying to promote themselves as a club
  - Motion to allocate 250 – Nathan
    - Second – Rachyl
    - Discussion
      - Desire to treat PBSC like a club vs. more appropriate to request funding during an Executive meeting
    - Call for a vote – Nimrit
    - Motion passes (4 against, 1 abstention)

- Legal Information Clinic
    - Pitch
      - Clinical programs are a huge part of the Canadian law school experience
      - All years can participate – 56 applications
      - Offers professional training
      - Working on access to justice issues – drop-in service for clients seeking legal help
      - Asking for 1000 for training sessions, speaker costs, office supplies, marketing, etc.; increase from last year to expand LIC program to allow provision of legal advice
        - Looking into liability issues, looking for lawyer supervisors
        - Requires more robust training, education, marketing
      - Existing funding
        - Received 500 from LSS last year
        - Block grant funding in previous years
        - Office space shared with PBSC, had to cut having a phone this year
        - Law Foundation funding not really available
        - Looking to contact firms re sponsorship – should coordinate with Erin Hallett
      - External account, but no remaining balance
    - Motion to allocate 500, with the understanding that they are welcome to apply for additional funding at a later date – James
      - Second – Taylor
      - Discussion – none
      - Call for a vote – Dora
      - Motion passes
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- Criminal Law Club
  - Pitch
    - Given 300 last year – none left over
    - Upcoming events
      - Guest speakers
      - Police ride-alongs
      - Prison tours
    - Asking 400 for speaker events, food at some events, gas for prison tours
    - No external funding, unsure about external account (probably not)
    - Clarifying membership – 200 people (based on mailing list)
      - Membership has increased
      - Executive is a full complement – can plan more events
  - Motion to allocate 300 – James
    - Second – Mikey
    - Discussion – should seek external funding (firm sponsorship)
      - 250 vs. 300
    - Call for a vote – Micah
    - Motion passes

- ADR Club
  - Pitch
    - Providing access to information regarding ADR techniques
    - Upcoming events
      - Guest speakers (coordinating with Prof. Pirie and others)
    - Goal to ensure succession for future years
      - Hoping to start some workshop events in future
    - Possibility for ADR Club to take on the negotiation challenge – would provide some revenues and attract new members
    - Asking 250 for speaker events
      - Possibility for fundraising, but not planned at the moment
      - Could approach Mediate BC for funding
  - Motion to allocate 200 – Sam
    - Second – Dani
    - Discussion – new club, some financial pressure on the LSS
    - Amend to 150 – motion fails
    - Call for a vote – Rupi
    - Motion passes
  
- Feminist Law Club
  - Pitch
    - 70 people on the listserve, 10-15 regularly attend meetings
    - Discussion and promotion of gender equality and feminist issues
    - Upcoming events
      - Speaker/panel events
      - Movie screening
      - Other events that will not be funded by the LSS
    - Asking 250 for speaker honorariums and travel costs
      - No external funding
  - Call for acclamation to allocate 250 – Micah
    - Motion passes
  
- Poverty Law Club
  - Pitch
    - About 15 members, plus a lot of 1L interest at club day
    - Opportunities for students to become involved with the community and effect social change
    - Upcoming events
      - Speaker/panel events
    - Asking 250 for speaker honorariums and travel costs, food for events
      - No external funding
      - External bank account but no funds
  - Call for acclamation to allocate 250 – Micah
    - Motion passes



- Public Speakers Anonymous
  - Pitch
    - 40 people signed up
    - Forum for students to practice public speaking and get feedback
    - Looking for money to bring in food to get a larger audience – promoting as events
      - Potential to do potluck-style
      - Concern about ensuring events are law-related – should ensure that discussion is law-related for food events
    - Looking for external funding for a public speaking competition
    - Potential to revive mandate of the debate club
    - Asking 700 (hoping for 250)
  - Motion to allocate 200 – Sam
    - Second – Rupi
    - Discussion – new club, already a Toastmasters group,
    - Call for a vote – Kyra
    - Motion passes (1 abstention)

(3) Motion to adjourn – Micah

- Second – Nathan
- Call for a vote – Dani
- Meeting adjourned