

LSS Meeting: Tuesday September 30, 2014

In attendance:

- LSS Executive
 - Micah (President)
 - Mikey (VP Student Affairs)
 - Nathan (VP Communications)
 - Kat (General Secretary)
 - James (Director of Finance)
 - Sandy (Social Coordinators)
 - Dani (Sports & Clubs Rep)
 - Kristina (Co-op Rep)
 - Carolyn (ILSA Rep)
 - Nimrit (Accessibility Rep)
 - Dora (Health & Wellness Rep)
 - Elle (2L Alternative Rep)
 - Sam (2L Articling Rep)
 - Kyra (EDC Rep)
 - Rupi (3L Rep)
- Visitor
 - Tim Richards
 - Matt Hulse
 - Erin Gray

(1) Opening Remarks

- Thank Yous:
 - Elections: Mikey
 - Club Funding Night: Mikey, Dani, Taylor, Kat and everyone for coming
 - Fridge Cleaning: Dani, Kristina, Micah
- Amicus Program – Tim Richards
 - Academic support services (headed by Tim) – peer tutors, end-of-year review sessions
 - Cultural support services (headed by Carla)
 - Personal support services (headed by Janet)
 - Academic services are largely for 1Ls, other services are open to everyone
 - Also looking for good attendance at the Equity Forum on Oct. 8, 12:00-1:20 (158)
 - Please attend and encourage others to do so
 - To be included in LSS Calendar, Weekly E-mail (plus poster attachment)
- Tasks
 - November 5 Focus Group on Articling Numbers
 - The more that can attend, the better
 - More info to be sent out
 - Appointment for library selection
 - No volunteers from the LSS
 - Micah to circulate position among other students
 - If you know of anyone who'd like to do this, let Micah know

- Budget – Micah
 - Will need to complete by November 1
 - Micah and James to review and present for next week
- Health and Wellness Week – Dora
 - Monday – yoga/massage
 - Dora to help set up the lounge
 - Needs someone to put furniture back – Kyra and Dani
 - Tuesday – healthy breakfast
 - Looking to book a room to avoid catering issue
 - Needs someone to clean up after – Mikey and Nimrit
 - Wednesday – yoga/massage
 - Other events – notes of gratitude, creative activities in the lounge
 - Issues with notes of gratitude making people feel left out – maybe we should ask people to post public notes expressing general gratitude (not toward a specific person)
 - Encourage people to tell their friends they love them, but we don't want to upset anyone – request that no names be used

(2) Business

- Art in Public Spaces Committee – Micah
 - Unsolicited \$600 donation last year
 - So far, only used to purchase a clock for the lounge
 - A committee was put together last year, but nothing has happened
 - Removal of statue of Begbie; plan to replace it with a plaque, but there was controversy over wording, cost
 - Separate art committee was appointed as well, but nothing happened yet
 - Mikey to talk to Rob Dul, Lavender Martin
 - One of Carolyn's mandates as ILSA Rep is to see this project through from last year
- Website club directory to be updated this weekend – Mikey
- Concerned student CBA members – Matt and Erin
 - CBA intervening in enforcement of Ecuadorian judgment against Chevron in Canada – in support of Chevron
 - Issue whether intervention meets criteria; no consultation of Environmental and Indigenous Law sections of the CBA, minimal consultation with Business Law section
 - No full board meeting to discuss
 - Law firm hired to represent intervenor already represents Chevron
 - CBA membership fees pay for this intervention
 - Asking the LSS to take a position on this issue – referendum and letter
 - What are the interests/concerns on the other side? Protecting Canadian economy against foreign judgments, protecting subsidiary from liability for parent company's action
 - Possible to speak to CBA reps?
 - Nathan to communicate with the CBA
 - Other cases in which the CBA has intervened – available on their website

- Issues of time frame – we would need to put this issue to the student body at large
- Motion to have Erin and Matt draft a letter and referendum question stating that the LSS disapproves of the CBA's decision to intervene – Micah
 - Second – Nimrit
 - Discussion
 - Is the objection to the actual intervention, or is it the deviation from consultation processes?
 - Wording would revolve around deviation from CBA intervention policy and advisability of intervention
 - Perhaps both
 - Call for a vote – Dani
 - 11 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions – motion passes
- Vote to approve wording of letter and start a referendum next week

(3) Motion to adjourn – Micah

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