
LSS AGM Minutes

Monday, March 19, 2018
12:00 pm, Room FRA 159

Attendance: 143 with 23 proxies.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of AGM 2018 Agenda *(Action)*

- Ian Gauthier moves to approve agenda as shown
- Megan Chambers seconds
- All in favour, no abstentions
- Motion passes

III. Review and Adoption of AGM 2017 Minutes *(Action)*

- Ian moves to adopt AGM 2017 minutes
- Tanner Conway seconds
- No discussion
- Vote: all in favour, no abstentions
- Motion passes

IV. President's Report *(Information)*

- Bylaws were overhauled thanks to the RPMRRC
- Comprehensive Student Consultation Subcommittee
 - Report 1 available now, will be presented at this meeting
 - Report 2 will be published by incoming LSS next year
- Healthcare Audit and Advocacy Committee
 - Lobbied UVSS regarding healthcare plan that was changed without consultation
 - Disproportionately affects law students because of age
 - Resulted in a referendum
 - More work to be done

- Gender Inclusivity Committee: student groups worked to change to gender-neutral washroom signage
- Thank you to Bronwen Black
 - Advocated for accessibility
 - Spearheaded accessibility committee
 - Added new notes program to supplement outline program
 - Cleaned lounge furniture
- Health concerns in building
 - Cleaned lockers
 - Cleaned lounge furniture
- Admin housekeeping
 - Bylaws
 - Improved business operations to be more cost effective and efficient
 - New website and started Deer Fraser
- ILSA
 - Updated smudging policy
 - Organized student Day of Action
 - Amended bylaws to incorporate truth & reconciliation calls to action and set an example for others
- Funding
 - Clubs
 - Sports
 - LawSuits
 - Appeal
 - Panel discussions
 - Law school clothing and grad
 - Coffee locker
 - Menstruation station
 - Skit night and bonspiel
- 1L reps
 - Fundraised to make all programs happen and organized orientation
 - Organized winter welcome, will secure funding and put on orientation in September

V. Financial Report

(Information)

Director of Finance Presentation

- Performing as predicted
- Some expenditures over, but revenues matched
- Budget still on track
- Still waiting on revenues from student fees, Legal Who, grad tickets
- Should meet 9500 for planned revenue
- Expenses on track. Majority planned to be under budget.
- Orientation fundraised beyond expectations so LSS approved over expenditure
- Working to deplete FASS account

a. Motion to Approve Budget

(Action)

- Ian Gauthier: motion to ratify budget as presented at AGM
- Chelsea Harris seconds
- No discussion
- Vote: all in favour, no abstentions
- Motion passes

VI. Special Resolutions:

a. Constitution Amendment

(Action)

- Chelsea Harris moves that LSS move to make changes contained in Appendix 1 effective April 30th
- Megan Chambers seconds
- Discussion:
 - First amendment is to change constitution
 - Updates purpose statement, includes promoting wellness initiatives
- Vote: all in favour, no abstentions
- Motion passes

b. Bylaw Amendments

(Action)

- Chelsea Harris: move that LSS change bylaws contained in Appendix 2 of the constitution and bylaw amendments documents
 - Megan Chambers seconds
 - Discussion:
 - Changes made to reflect new *Societies Act*, and how LSS has operated in terms of structure for the past two years

- One downside: increased number of directors that need to be reported to registrars. Justified by reported structure more accurately reflecting structure of LSS.
 - Vote: all in favour, no abstentions, motion passes
 - Chelsea Harris: move that the LSS move to update the bylaws to reflect changes in Appendix 3 of the constitution and bylaw amendment documents
 - Clay Gray seconds
 - Discussion:
 - Intention was to reflect ILSA's nature as a parallel student organization to the LSS
 - Developed in consultation with ILSA members over multiple years and establishes predictable funding for ILSA while encouraging cooperation between the two organizations
 - Reflects commitment to work with ILSA to develop responses to TRC calls to action
 - Around \$6800 of additional funds will be directed to ILSA, an increase of about \$4500
 - LSS is confident budget is sustainable with this change. LSS has had a surplus greater than the proposed additional funding for each of the preceding 5 years
 - Will be supplemented by additional student fees from JD/JID program
 - Vote:
 - All in favour, none against
 - Two abstentions
 - Motion passes
 - Chelsea Harris: move to update the bylaws to reflect changes in Appendix 4 of the constitution and bylaw amendment documents
 - Ian Gauthier seconds
 - Discussion:
 - Reflects real operations of LSS
 - Adds an ILSA 1L representative
 - Puts changes in external policy documents that can be updated by future boards; adds flexibility
 - 1L coordinators want more help; opportunity to promote inclusivity through increased involvement in planning by ILSA 1L rep, who will work with other 1L reps to plan orientation and re-orientation reps.
 - Vote
 - All in favour, no abstentions
 - Motion passes

- Chelsea moves that the LSS move to update bylaws to reflect changes contained in Appendix 5 of the constitution and bylaw amendment documents
 - Megan Chambers seconds
 - Discussion:
 - Will streamline election process and reduce future potential for controversy
 - Timeline of elections process reduced to 2-3 weeks
 - Proposed amendments require future LSS boards to maintain election rules document that can be changed by board at meetings.
 - Previous bylaws required this document but there never was one. Election fell totally under CEO (typically VPSA).
 - Vote:
 - All in favour, no abstentions
 - Motion passes

VII. 2018-19 Candidate Speeches

(Information)

Taken out due to time restrictions; will occur in lounge following AGM adjournment.

VIII. Announcements

(Information)

Comprehensive Student Consultation Subcommittee

- External from LSS.
- Two surveys
 - 1: Around LSS programs
 - 2: Around basic student life
- Data collected through surveys, town hall, and consultations with student club and committee representatives
- Results:
 - Good turnout
 - Anonymity was used to solicit participation; some issues with anonymity of data now
 - Next year's LSS can use data
- No questions

IX. Adjournment

