

LSS Meeting #19 Minutes
Tuesday February 27th 2018, 12:30pm

Attendance

LSS 18/20

Ian Gauthier	President	X	Will McClary	VPSA	X
Emily Compton	VPComm	X	Maleika Jeewanjee	General Secretary	X
Rachel Sproule	VP Finance	X	Dan Babcock	Sports Rep	X
Lisa Harder	Social Coordinator	X	Ben Hopkins	Sports Rep	X
Jordyn Bogetti	Social Coordinator	X	Caitlin Stockwell	Equity and Diversity Rep	
Julia Genovese	1L Rep	X	Bronwen Black	Access Rep	X
Kurt Welch	1L Rep	X	Laura Edwards	Health and Wellness Rep.	X
Makaela Peters	Articling Rep	X	Jayde Jessome	3L Rep	
Debbie Preston	Articling Rep	X	Chelsea Harris	3L Rep	x
Mbaka Wadham	Co-op Rep		Steven Faryna	ILSA Rep	X

I. Call to Order

II. Ratification of Last Week's Minutes

- Minutes passed by consent

II. CSC Subcommittee

- Results not as comprehensive as hoped (issues with VIU and researchers)
- Report to be presented at AGM.
- Researchers and committee will give rundown at meeting next week.
- Still have raw data--possibility of hiring new researchers next year to re-analyze it.
- Bylaws are ongoing project (will pass on in transfer memos)

IV. Bylaw Review and Amendments

Proposed Amendments re: Amicus:

- Committee decided not to pursue bylaw amendment to support Amicus; felt time and information were insufficient to do it justice.
- Potential for advocacy for greater support for tutoring instead.
- Couldn't guarantee that our additional money going to Amicus would result in net increase to tutoring.
- Faculty had differing opinions re: how Amicus was working (ie pushback on thought that Amicus was being rationed)

Proposed Amendments re: ILSA funding

- Will: move to approve Document 2 as a bylaw amendment to be put to members at AGM
- Ian seconds
- Discussion:
 - Brief rundown of proposed funding model for ILSA: \$4.50 of LSS fees to go straight to ILSA. No less than 10% of funds raised for Orientation week shall be directed to fund ILSA. ILSA will report on funds to the satisfaction of ILSA members. Open door for ILSA to receive additional funds upon approval by the board.
 - Suggestion to cross-reference to bylaw section regarding membership fee to avoid confusion for future boards.
 - ILSA guest: thank you for dialoguing
- Vote:
 - All in favour, motion passes
 - Steven abstains

Proposed Amendments Re: Executives

- Key changes:
 - Solidifying position of social coordinators as two people
 - Changing title from Director of Finance to VP of Finance
 - Clarifying language of Coop Reps reflective of the change in the coop model which now allows a coop rep to serve for a full year.
 - Split slates can now only be split fall/spring
 - Added a first-year rep from ILSA
 - To ensure having a voice between ILSA and LSS specifically to make orientation more inclusive
 - Corresponds to assignment of no less than 10% of funds to ILSA. ILSA can now contribute to events during orientation week.
 - Orientation is also a lot of work; would benefit from extra help. Concern: timing of bylaws coming into effect is after orientation.
- Bylaw 30 fully removed – no longer necessary
- Changes to specific duties of the directors based on feedback:
 - Goal was to reflect how we actually do business and avoid being too prescriptive (guidelines intended to be put in policy document)
 - New references to *Societies Act* under General Secretary and VP Finance to reflect those positions having certain prescriptions under the Act
 - Responsibilities for clubs and other student societies moved from VPSA to Clubs rep
 - Executive members should consider the different information they'll have to give to people taking over their role
- Question about conflicts of interest beyond pecuniary interest as executive members are often highly involved.
 - Situation-dependent. Possibly going to be more prescriptive guidance in policy document.

- More information about Directors' conflict of interest section in *Societies Act*
- Will: move to put the bylaw amendments contained in Document 4 to members at AGM
- Ian seconds
- Vote
 - All in favour, motion passes
 - No abstentions

Proposed Amendments Re: Elections

- Election stuff forthcoming next week or week after.
- Changed Bylaw 28 from permissive to binding (“the board **shall** maintain an external document containing election rules”). Reasoning that if there is no document Chief Electoral Officer has absolute discretion; creates potential for conflict.
- Shortening of nomination and election period from 7 to 5 days.
 - Question about rationale
 - Answer: Seven days felt too long. Hard to strategize communications to students about voting.
- Ian: move to put the amendments forward to members at AGM
- Will seconds
- Discussion:
 - Editorial concern: uses word ‘executive’ in 26.4 and in 27. Also terms ‘office’ and ‘position’ used interchangeably, for sake of clarity may be easier to be consistent.
 - Question about ‘chief electoral officer’ still being an officer. Will stay as such.
- Vote:
 - All in favour, motion passes
 - No abstentions

Proposed Amendments Re: General Update

- Will moves to put bylaw amendments in Document 1 to members at AGM
- Ian seconds
- Discussion
 - Necessary changes made to reference proper sections of new *Societies Act*
 - Proposed amendment to consider all executive members directors. More closely resembles actual operation of our society where all executives have equal roles. Old bylaws created possibility of everyone being considered director by operation of office without being one under the bylaws.
 - Cons:
 - 21 directors for General Secretary to keep track of
 - Quorum increases. Hasn't yet been a problem but could be in future

- Vote: all in favour, motion passes. No abstentions.

Coming into Force of New Bylaws

- Will moves that we make all the proposed amendments effective September 1st, and that the committee be empowered to make any necessary minor changes to bylaws this week subject to notifying LSS executive by Friday night.
- Ian seconds
- No discussion
- Vote: all in favour, motion passes
 - No abstentions

V. Amending Constitution to Include Wellness

- Ian: move to put to members at AGM changing “sports” to “wellness” in constitution. Would read “social academic, and wellness activities which will benefit members”
- Question about implications of this change
 - Answer: recognition that wellness should be one of LSS’s objectives.
 - Are bound by constitution but potentially problematic because no wellness rep under constitution.
- Constitution changes will be filed after AGM, new bylaws will have to be filed subsequently to comply with *Societies Act* filing requirements
- Friendly amendment: amend constitution to read “(b) promote, direct, sponsor, and co-ordinate social, academic, sports, and wellness activities which will benefit the Members”.
- Vote:
 - All in favour, motion passes
 - No abstentions

VI. Adjunct Professor Award

- Michelle Lawrence suggested having an informal award for LSS adjunct professors
- Will: move to add an award for adjunct professor
- Ian seconds
- Vote:
 - All in favour, motion passes
 - No abstentions

VII. Other Business

- Transfer memos due March 20th (day after AGM) in President’s inbox
- Need guaranteed way of accessing them (i.e. to ensure every new director receives one in the future)

VIII. Recap

- Went over bylaws in depth and made necessary motions to put forward for March 19th meeting

- Now have an adjunct professor award
- Transfer memos due March 20th
- Bonspiel next Saturday

IX. Adjournment