

**SS Meeting #21 Minutes**  
**Tuesday March 13th 2018, 12:30pm**

**Attendance**

**LSS 19/20**

|                |                    |   |                   |                          |   |
|----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |   | Ben Hopkins       | Sports Rep               | X |
| Jordyn Bogetti | Social Coordinator | X | Caitlin Stockwell | Equity and Diversity Rep | X |
| 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                   | X |
| Debbie Preston | Articling Rep      | X | Chelsea Harris    | 3L Rep                   | X |
| Mbaka Wadham   | Co-op Rep          | X | Steven Faryna     | ILSA Rep                 | X |

**Guests:**

Leyla Salmi from the BLA

Karls from FemLaw

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Ratification of Last Week's Minutes**

- Passed by consent

**II. BLA Funding Request**

- Request from president of the BLA for \$139.75
- A firm was expected to fund food at a lunchtime session, but has not responded to requests for reimbursement
- BLA reimbursed students and is now in deficit
- A plan was created to prevent reoccurrence of this scenario
- Ian: move to fund BLA \$139.75
  - Kurt seconds
  - Discussion:
    - If the firm reimburses, the BLA will return the money to LSS
    - Concern with subsidizing of law firm events.
      - Event was a networking opportunity and a first opportunity for some to meet practicing lawyers
      - 35 students attended
  - Vote:
    - All in favour, none against, motion passes

- Debbie and Mbaka abstain

#### **IV. OUTlaws/FemLaw Funding Request**

- Outlaws and FemLaw joining forces to through year-end party on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Duke to fundraise for Rainbow Railroad
- Rhinestone Cowpoke theme
- Request for LSS to fund a photobooth for the event
  - \$700 quote. Four Frames offered a discount to support the fundraiser
  - Photos will have LSS logo
- Focus on consent: will print ‘Safer Spaces’ guidelines, remind attendees that appropriation is not a costume, volunteers dressed as ‘consent fairies’
- 240 tickets will be sold for \$15 for students; anticipate some to be set aside as free access ones for people who otherwise wouldn’t be able to go. 10 tickets will be set aside for performers and their +1s.
- Advertising planned to start March 19<sup>th</sup> and tickets to be sold at lunch the last week of classes. Ideally no tickets will be sold at the door.
- Question about free access tickets:
  - Will be kept confidential
  - Team is hoping 10-20 would be enough. Don’t anticipate many people taking advantage of the offer but want to make sure to be inclusive nonetheless.
- Will: move to fund \$700 for photobooth for the party
  - Debbie seconds
  - Discussion:
    - Last year’s LSS party at Duke wasn’t funded
    - Advantages of the Duke: security, insurance, etc.
    - Sponsoring this event meets LSS priorities of increasing accessibility and profile in the school
    - Focus on making event accessible: declined VEC as a venue, currently looking to get ramps
    - Curiosity about determination of accessibility:
      - Trusting students to self-report
      - Potential to crowdfund tickets for people who were not able to pay
  - Vote
    - All in favour, none against, motion passes
    - Laura abstains.

#### **V. Grad Funding Request**

- Grad ticket sales were very successful, particularly dinner tickets
- Anticipated selling 130 based on previous numbers and number of RSVPs to Facebook event, but sold 160 max capacity). 7 people on waitlist.
- Issue: dinner tickets come at overall loss to the event that is subsidized by other events (i.e. skit night, LSS contribution).
- Cost breakdown:

- Actual cost of ticket is about \$59.60 per meal on average and \$17 for 2 drink tickets (tax plus tip included). Ticket cost was \$60; difference of \$16.60 was covered by other revenue funds.
- Every dinner ticket sold meant one fewer dance only ticket that could be sold; dance tickets provide profit of \$6.60
- Extra thirty tickets sold required the addition of three new tables, which creates additional costs (centrepieces etc.)
- Request for an additional \$800 to cover increased cost of event
- Will: move to fund additional 800
  - Ian seconds
  - Discussion:
    - Seems in line with past spending
    - More people does cost more money
  - Vote
    - All in favour, none against, motion passes
    - Chelsea and Jayde abstain

## **VI. AGM**

- Bylaw changes require quorum of 96 students, which is historically hard to achieve
- Chelsea and Laura will get food at noon on Monday
- Debbie will purchase prizes with allocated funds (\$400)
- Volunteers needed to help out on day of AGM (set up food, encourage attendance, get people to sit down, hand out raffle tickets, keep track of attendance, and do the raffle)
  - E-mail will be sent out with plan to everybody
- General secretary to advertise
  - Send e-mail reminders the day before. Include requirements for proxy votes (i.e. in writing). Whoever is collecting raffle tickets should take note of who is who's proxy.
- Advertise on whiteboard

## **VII. Elections Rules Policy**

- Will be reviewing policy compiled following RPMRRC and CSC survey results
- Key changes: candidates will have to provide bios to LSS and will have access to resources to print posters subject to limits on where they can be posted
- Provides much-needed clarification to discipline process. If a candidate disputes application of rules by CEO, it will be up to board of directors to determine what the proper interpretation of rules is. CEO will then assign sanction for breach of rules.
- Clarifies provision of opportunities for candidates to speak.
- No election spending cap because it didn't seem necessary and document can be amended easily by future boards
- Question: about utility of #18, given that not many people are signing up.

- Will: move to adopt policy as official rules of election policy. Note that it is still within Will's purview to apply it anyways unless there is substantive opposition. However, if bylaw amendments pass at AGM this document will be mandated by bylaws.
  - Debbie seconds
  - Discussion
    - Point 18 was meant to specifically address criticism about LSS not being transparent enough about election process.
      - Potentially odd to have this be mandatory but speeches be optional
      - Intention to give candidates lots of notice
      - Rule likely won't be enforced in this election.
      - Policy is easily amended in any meeting
      - Concern about necessity of the risk of disqualification
        - Risk is worth it based on balance between ease of compliance and benefit to general student body
  - Vote based on rules as they are now:
    - All in favour, none against, motion passes
    - Bronwen abstains

### **VIII. Bonspiel Recap**

- Feedback overwhelmingly positive
- Ran smoothly
- Last-minute suggestion about obtaining raffle license did not pan out due to a requirement that it has to be for charitable purposes.
  - Potential to use raffles in future events for fundraising (i.e. LSAT practice books etc.)

### **IX. Award Selection Meeting**

- Meeting proposed for March 23
- Nominations were miscued and opened too early. Adjustments to web page should be done ASAP.
  - Jury can decide what to do with nominations received under old form
- Nominations will officially be open between March 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Information will run in Deer Fraser again this week
- Issue: easter throws the weekend everyone usually does it on. Only feasible weekend: proposed date is March 23.
- Suggestion to invite nominees for LSS positions

### **X. Transfer Memos**

- Transfer memos due next Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **XI. Other Business**

- Student concerns that the walkout was mandatory. Executive members should let people know that they should feel free to approach you, Dean Webber, or ILSA co-chairs if they have any questions
  - This is not ILSA's intended message. Want to clarify they are open to people joining to show solidarity but respect peoples' decisions
- Tomorrow will continue business as usual, no changes from administration.
- Faculty has choice as to timing; instructed to continue teaching as though it was any other day.

## **XII. Recap**

- Approved BLA funding to \$139.75 to cover deficit
- Approved funding \$700 for photobooth for OutLaws/FemLaw end of year party
- Approved funding \$800 to Grad based on increased cost from higher than projected ticket sales
- Organized AGM volunteers
- Passed election rules policy
- Bonspiel was a success
- Award Selection Meeting scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-5:00pm with next years candidates
- Transfer memos due next Tuesday.

## **XIII. Adjournment**