

LSS Club Funding Night Minutes – October 3, 2018

Attendance

Laura Edwards	President		Julia Genovese	2L Career Options Rep	X
Leyla Salmi	VP Student Affairs	X	Jeeti Bhupal	2L Articling Rep	
N/A	VP Communications		Maeve O'Neill Sanger	Co-Op Rep	
Kurtas Welch	VP Finance	X	Emily Beggs	Social Coordinator	X
Afsana Allidina	General Secretary	X	Craig McCue	Social Coordinator	X
Marissa Di Lorenzo	Sports and Clubs Rep	X	Mark Finnbogason	Health & Wellness Rep	X
Suzy Flader	Equity and Diversity Rep	X	Julia Genovese	1L Rep	X
Maleika Jeewanjee	3L Rep	X	Kurtas Welch	1L Rep	X
Lola Churchman	3L Rep	X	Emily Beggs	1L ILSA Rep	X
Steve Faryna	ILSA Rep		Laura Floyd	Accessibility Rep	X

Absent:

- Jeeti Bhupal (proxy – Afsana Allidina)
- Maleika Jeewanjee (proxy – Lola Churchman)
- Maeve O'Neill Sanger (proxy – Emily Beggs)
- Laura Edwards (proxy – Kurtas Welch)
- Steve Faryna (proxy – ?)

I. First Generation Network (6:30-6:45 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$1, 350*
- Giving them \$500
 - o In favour: 13
 - o Abstentions: Maleika Jeewanjee, Afsana Allidina
 - o None opposed
- Thoughts:
 - o LSS mandate is support current law students
 - o Support for people in pre-law program isn't part of our mandate
- Ideas:
 - o Get in touch with LCO for March event for resources
- UVSS might have budget for undergrad students

II. Environmental Law Club (6:45-7:00 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$900*
- Membership number is 55
- ELC runs a lot of programs
 - o Lots of students actively involved in it and reaches wide diverse group of people
- Outline of some projects they hope to run: money for Bike Week (already spent \$300), UBC negotiations, speaker panels (parking/transportation, gifts), recycling event, clothing swap
- A lot of events tie in to legal education (i.e. researchathon)
 - o Hoping to continue similar events
- Good turnout so far – over 50 1Ls signed up
- Club has had steady turnout over time generally
- Want to take on more events than they have in the past
- Questions:
 - o \$1000 from last year ended up falling through?
 - A: trip ended up costing more because more students went on the trip
 - o How many speakers for speaker series?
 - A: last year was one with 4, one with 1, another with 3 – so it's variable and this is a similar estimate of what they want this year
 - Money for speaker's gifts, food, parking
- Thoughts:
 - o He clearly demonstrated that club affects a big portion of law student body
 - o Has highest membership of all clubs
 - o Last year, ELC ended up using everything except for \$30
 - o Last year's conference, invitations were extended to entire student body
 - Could we recommend that if we give this money, they extend invitation to entire student body?
 - o What are thoughts on giving \$500 and have them come back to ask for more?
 - Last year they spent all the money they asked for
 - o The year before last year they got \$1000
 - o Maybe be cautious, and reassess our budget after Clubs Funding Night
 - o \$1000 from the foundation is allocated for
 - o All in favour?
 - Lola, Maeve and Maleika abstained
- Decision: grant \$700
 - o Hope this is enough to support initiatives
 - o More than what was granted last year
 - o If anything comes up down the road, they can come back and pitch to us further

III. UVic FemLaw (7:00-7:15 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$700*
- Want to incorporate events with legal education
- Combination with other clubs, like Criminal Law Club, Business Law Club, etc.

- Some money to support speakers, food, etc.
- Some events planned for this year:
 - o Women in Law Panel (successful last year) – paired with LCO last year
 - o New speaker event (paired with Elizabeth Rye society - about women and trans who have been previously incarcerated):
 - Panel about this
 - Last year at University of Alberta (?) it was a big success
 - Paired with Criminal Law club
 - Might be more costly
 - Want a speaker come over from Vancouver
 - o Law Needs Feminism project (past 2 years): Canada-wide photo thing
 - Money for snacks and photographer
 - o Big photoshoot, where “What does being empowered mean to you?”
 - Have everyone dress in what makes them feel most confident
 - Tie in with self-care, confidence
 - People in different versions of “power suits”
 - Encourage more positivity and less stress
 - o Toiletries drive: doesn’t require funding
- Questions:
 - o Women in Law Panel – do they get funding from LCO?
 - A: Last year they did, LCO paid for dinner and FemLaw paid for gift
 - A: money requested is assuming LCO supports them again
 - o Funding breakdown if there is collaboration with another club?
 - A: Depends on what the budgets of all the clubs are, so they can break down how many resources can be devoted to each event
 - A: Incarceration panel will be more on FemLaw because they are the ones with the major connection to it
 - o Would photoshoot be similar to Law Needs Feminism?
 - Treating in all good ways of going to photoshoot, like being a model and spending \$\$ on that
- Thoughts:
 - o Last year LSS granted \$300, then they came back and asked for \$200
 - o Club membership is 40, not as big as ELC
 - o \$500 seems adequate, especially since they used that much last year
 - They can come back for more if they want
 - o All in favour, suzy abstains
- Decision: grant \$500

IV. Business Law Association (7:15-7:30 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$600*
- Don is wearing a suit...very serious about this
- Budget is \$1800
 - o Half of it expecting from other firms for things like lunches

- Purpose of BLA: introduce students to diversity of business legal practice, introduce students to firms and have them understand what practice of law in business setting will be like
- Traditionally, hold event to introduce students to business law (Business Law Panel)
 - o Expenditures usually \$200, expect this again
 - o Have budgeted \$200 for gifts for speakers – historical amount
- With upcoming legalization of marijuana, organizing panel discussion of some impacts of that on legal profession
- Questions:
 - o Gifts for speakers encompasses new cannabis talk too?
 - A: Yes
 - o Budget for events goes to what, if not speakers?
 - A: food. This is historical amount that has been spent on food
 - o Firms invited to cannabis talk?
 - Yes. Right now trying to organize for 2 firms.
 - o How many people attend business law panel?
 - Usually pretty large group, 30-50 people
- Thoughts:
 - o They went over last year, but it was cause a firm didn't pay
 - o \$500 is their goal for the year, so it seems more reasonable to have that
 - o LCO contribution though?
 - o A lot of money to spend on just business events, rather than other clubs
- Decision: \$500
 - o Everyone else in favour
 - o Julia opposed
 - o Leyla abstained

V. Criminal Law Club (7:30-7:45 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$600*
- Last year asked for \$500, had some difficulties because president went to Law Centre
- Enthusiastic group of 1Ls
- Major ask: money for speaker panels
 - o Want to do collaboration with femlaw, on experience of women in justice system
 - o Major costs with travel and food
 - o If there is money left over with this, want to do speaker panel in spring (haven't decided on topic yet)
- Other modest costs:
 - o Gifts
 - o Police ride along tours – usually have more people requesting than spots available, so they are hoping to be able to do twice (once each semester)
 - o Prison tours (gifts for organizers) – previously been very well-received
 - o Criminal law firm tours
 - o Trial watching day potentially. Find an interesting criminal law trial and engage criminal law professional to come with them and then debrief after, so a gift for them.

- Questions:
 - o Speaker panel takes place here at the law school? Why is it \$400?
 - Costs are food
 - Partially contributed to FemLaw panel and partially spring panel
 - Therefore, essentially for 2 events?
 - o Splitting panel with FemLaw 50/50?
 - Not sure yet. Seems more like FemLaw “brain child” (what’s a brain child?)
 - Crim Law is more sub-organizer on that
 - o Spoken to LCO about firm tours?
 - She doesn’t know personally, last year they did not. Maybe good idea to ask for that.
- Thoughts:
 - o \$100 is maybe a lot for gifts?
 - o Only have membership of 15
 - o Is it standard to give gifts to firms when touring them? LCO doesn’t do that
 - o 15 people only for ride-alongs isn’t very accessible to a big group of the student body
 - o If first panel is very successful, they can come back and ask for more
- Decision: \$400
 - o All in favour (almost)
 - o Kurt abstained
 - o None opposed

VI. Sports & Entertainment Law Club (7:45-8:00 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$600*
- Expose students to sports and entertainment law, especially because there are no courses in this field
- Reason for asking for \$600 is to reach out to people in field, not just Van and Victoria, but areas throughout Canada/U.S. that might be interested in coming here
 - o Initial feelers: trying to see where scheduling can work
 - o Understand that some of the costs might be greater than \$600
- Met with Jerry Ferguson, chair of (??) who is interested in funding some of it
- \$600 to have 2-3 events
 - o Want to have an event 1 in sports and 1 in entertainment
- Looking into doing some fundraisers too
- Really interesting field with a lot of diverse careers
- Up to 2 career panels, 1 event with athletes, or local copyright clinic
 - o Costs: travel (bringing speakers in) and food
- Last event: sports dispute resolution centre is piloting program to train 1Ls on mediating and arbitrating, based out of Montreal and doing project in BC
 - o Training is free, but not sure if it will be Vancouver or Victoria, so might be small cost to get club members there
 - o Maybe 5-6 people going there
- Questions:

- Is this just for club members?
 - A: enough members right now to go from the club, but maybe in the future further partnership and grow the number that can go in the future
- Process for choosing which members to go to this arbitration training?
 - Right now it's been informal, where there is enough space for everyone who wants to do it
- Travel costs for speakers?
 - Likely just Vancouver so probably ferry costs
 - If flight might be involved, aware that they may have to go to other sources or partner with other group to host it
- How many panels? And how many people on the panels?
 - 2 panels, and 2-3 people for each
- Thoughts:
 - Should we be paying for the arbitration training? Its like them getting training for a job
 - They could reach out to LCO for funding of panels
 - But people who do this kind of work are in big firms
- Decision: \$400
 - All in favour
 - No abstentions
 - Mandate of LSS is to offer events to everyone, and arbitration is only available to small number of people
 - For career panels and stuff this should be enough

VII. Wellness Club (8:00-8:15 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$600*
- Money requirements for food, makes people happy
- Successful event on sept. 19
- Target to do exam kits for 1Ls – was well received in the past
 - Cost based on last year,
- Fundraiser planned
 - Sell gourmet lollipops every few weeks “Law School Sucks”
- Yoga event:
 - CARSA instructor is fairly reasonable
 - Breakfast food costs
- Boardgame night
- Mindfulness event (?)
- Coffee buddies:
 - Launch event to promote it once volunteers are trained
 - Providing tea and snacks for that
- Questions:
 - Last year granted \$300, did all these same events run last year? Or were new things last year?

- A: \$300 wasn't enough last year, curtailed some events from second semester
 - Club membership has doubled almost and people want to be involved
- Thoughts:
 - Wellness club provides services that many students use
 - Could reach out to people in the law school to teach yoga for free
 - Mark could allocate some of his budget to their events
 - Membership is a lot bigger this year
 - They have a really amended bylaws have health and wellness as part of goals
- Decision: \$500 for club budget, \$100 coming from Wellness Rep budget
 - All in favour, no abstentions

VIII. Asia-Pacific Law Club (8:15-8:30 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$600*
- Hoping to implement important changes, starting with the name
- Want to change it to Pan-Asian Law Society to appeal more broadly to wider range of students @ UVic Law
- Want to reach out to South Asian Lawyers Association
 - Without representation of South Asians, wasn't able to actually host events, but this is a hope for this year
- FACL Gala
 - Last year received \$200
 - In Vancouver
 - Important networking opportunity, especially for law students of Asian decent to find those of different backgrounds
 - LSS has previously helped fund travelling, so they are requesting the same amount again to cover some travel costs
- Fundraiser:
 - Selling bubble tea
 - Reached out to firms for potential sponsorships
- November event on career opportunities:
 - Annual event done in conjunction with CAPI (Centre for Asian Initiatives)
 - Food, lawyers from Victoria and Vancouver, talk about exchange programs in Asia, career opportunities
 - Funding for food
- Panel with Asian criminal lawyers
 - Want to reach out to criminal law club to have co-event
 - Haven't asked them yet, but hoping for them to split it
 - Money for food and ensuring the lawyers can attend
 - Want to try to get funding from LCO
- Diversity inclusion talk being planned right now:
 - Food costs
- Last year, both presidents did co-op in the spring so they weren't able to spend money allotted to the club

- This year, there are a lot more Asian students in the 1L body so the club is comprised of mostly 1L students
 - o All have shown interest in hosting a career panel
- Thoughts:
 - o Got \$500 last year, but still same number
 - o When they have more details on events and definite numbers they can come back to ask for more – there seem to be some variables
 - o Seems like there's potential funding sources, so they should sort that out before giving more to them
- Decision: \$500
 - o All in favour, no abstentions

IX. IP/IT Law Club (8:30-8:45 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$550*
- Undergoing important change
- 45 members, largest ever
 - o Mostly 1Ls
- Last year had Justice Phelan event, very successful
- Last year hosted career panel with 4 lawyers
- Speaker event last year with innovation leader from McCarthy Tetrault
 - o This has been confirmed again for this year
 - o Last year had 20 students but it was poorly timed, so this year hoping to get 30 students
 - o Budget for food \$150
- Privacy discussion event potentially
- Want to host IP career panel again
 - o 1 from Victoria, 3 from Vancouver – all have expressed interest in coming back
- Justice Phelan event
 - o Very successful last year
 - o Spent \$130 on food last year and didn't have enough, so hoping for \$150 this year for food
 - o Also want \$ for gifts
- Fundraisers:
 - o Talked about hosting wine and cheese in Victoria to network with local lawyers, so thinking of making this happen
- Questions
 - o Is access to justice event new this year?
 - Yes
- Thoughts:
 - o Seems a little invariable again on what they are going to do with the money
 - o Where would upfront costs come from for Wine and Cheese event?
- Decision:
 - o All in favour
 - o No abstentions

X. Animal Justice – UVic Chapter (8:45-9:00 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$500*
- New club to UVic this year
- Other chapters in other law schools
- Animal rights is a growing area in law
- Admits it might be more than what they need
- Not sure how much interest they will have since it is new
- Want to run Animal Law Week in second semester
 - o Panel event so costs for speakers
 - o Documentary screening
 - o Research-athon potentially – maybe not as huge as ELC one, but to some extent have one
- Meeting with Maneesha Deckha who works with Animal Justice to solidify plans more
- Questions:
 - o Estimated time frame for research-athon?
- Thoughts:
 - o Hard to gauge right now since they are new
 - o Do have a lot of membership, but haven't actually had a meeting yet
 - o They would likely have a lot of success getting funding
- Decision: \$400
 - o All in favour, no abstentions
 - o New club this year, but obviously have a lot of interest

XI. OUTLaws (9:00-9:15 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$450*
- Last year speaker series:
 - o 2 speakers
 - o Both events were pretty well-attended
- Last year held 2 movie nights and queer workshop thing?
- Last year end-of-year party
- Raised \$3500 money last year that was donated
- Asking for \$450 with goal of holding more events than last year
 - o \$200 for speakers – want to do 1 speaker per semester
 - Maybe joint with FemLaw
 - o \$100 for social event budget
 - Want to expand this and have safe space for people to enjoy social events
 - o \$50 for Transgender Day of Remembrance
 - Make buttons and sell them for charity
 - o \$100 for year-end social event
 - Not necessarily huge event like last year, but still want to do some sort of end of year event
- Thoughts:
 - o Can we fund alcohol-related party?
 - Not technically, but last year LSS funded the photo booth

- Decision: \$500
 - o All in favour
 - o No abstentions

XII. Indigenous Law Club (9:15-9:30 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$300*
- Like last year, thinking of doing fundraiser for advocacy part of club
- Speakers panel in second term
 - o Want money for food, gifts for speakers
 - o Spent money last year on the food for the event and speaker gifts
 - o \$50 for perogies and \$125 for each of the speakers
- Decision: \$300
 - o All in favour, no abstentions

XIII. Rugby Club (9:30-9:45 pm)

- *Funding Requested: \$2000*
- Two buckets for costs:
 - o Practice costs (field rentals) –
 - Book fields throughout the year
 - o Slaughter Cup costs
 - Costs associated with hosting tournament – they're larger than what they are asking for, but they intend on doing some fundraising themselves
 - Want LSS to cover costs for parts that affect all LSS members, where everyone is invited to the party
- We are hosting Slaughter Cup
 - o UBC is coming here to play
- Last year, weren't able to play because of issues with UBC, but still managed to do tournament within rugby club
- Value bringing to law school: students to come to inclusive club and expand networks amongst all years and greater community
 - o Alumni come to watch games
 - o Firms sponsor games and come to watch
- Good numbers this year, lots of 1Ls were interested
- Questions:
 - o What aspects of after-party are they seeking funding for?
 - A: In previous years, there were game costs, and then there is reception @ the lounge
 - Reception is first of after-party festivities, where there is lunch for players, awards, gifts for sponsors
 - Then there is after-party @ official venue (maybe armoury)
 - Rent a space, speakers, DJ, pay for food for reception
 - o What is the breakdown of the field costs and such? i.e. rental of fields, insurance
 - \$165-175 (?) for insurance costs maybe?

- But could be more this year because likely will have to go to private insurer
 - But they don't know how much more
 - Rough estimate: \$250
 - Weekly practices: \$800
 - Reception here: \$500
 - Is there a possibility of getting a contribution from UBC?
 - Last time, they contributed \$200 so they'll be asking for something like this as well
 - Are there ticket sales for the after party?
 - Yes
 - Ideally want to cut costs for players
 - Is there a certified rugby coach to teach safe contact practices?
 - No
 - Last year weekly practice costs was \$500, so where does the extra \$300 come from?
 - Last year it was less rainy so they could use elementary school fields, costing less, but this year budgeting for 20 practices on the turf here so that's why it is a greater costs
- Thoughts:
- Kurt pointed out that \$1000 is allotted from sports budget for practices
 - Can we ask UBC to pitch in to some extent?
 - We need a better breakdown of what they want the money for specifically (i.e. insurance, speakers, DJ)
- Motion by Leyla to ask them to come back to Oct. 23 meeting with better breakdown and give them time to find out costs more
- Seconded by Julia
 - All in favour, no abstentions