

LSS Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2018

Attendance

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

Absent:

- Fabio McLeod (proxy – Leyla Salmi)
- Afsana Allidina (proxy – Jeeti Bhupal)
- Maeve O'Neill Sanger (proxy – Emily Beggs)
- Suzy Flader (proxy – Laura Floyd)
- Lola Churchman (proxy – ?)
- Julia Genovese (proxy – ?)
- Craig McCue (proxy – ?)

I. Call to Order & Acknowledgement

- Introductions

II. Welcome new LSS Executive members!

- VP Communications – Fabio McLeod
- 1L Reps – Brendan Noyes and Maddie Lusk
- Health and Wellness Rep (Spring) – Preet Dhaliwal

III. Ratification of LSS Meeting Minutes

- Laura E (motion), Kurt (seconded)

IV. APPEAL funding pitch

- Appeal is a course
- Club component:
 - o Review session for publishing this year's issue of Appeal
 - o Some events for the year
- Celebration of the publication of the journal
- Broader community involvement:
 - o Submissions from students across the country
 - o Seeking external reviewers across the country
- Increasing digital footprint (CanLII, Westlaw, etc)
- Podcast
 - o Taking place in different forums across Canada
- Sponsorship:
 - o Journal operating at a deficit
 - o Concern re long-term sustainability
 - o Lost ~\$200 last year
 - Graphic design and distribution are constant costs
 - Same graphic designer
- Revenues
 - o Firm sponsorship, royalties, fundraising
 - o Received \$1000 from LSS last year and still lost money
- Currently not able to raise as much as spending
- Fall party:
 - o Tickets by sale
- Launch party:
 - o Free event
- Last year revenues:
 - o \$2,750 from law firms
 - o \$4,600 from fundraising (but cost \$2,800 for event)
 - o \$400 royalties
 - o \$200 subscriptions
 - o \$250 miscellaneous
- Questions from the Board:
 - o JID focus to the journal this coming year?
 - Need to discuss as a board the direction of the journal
 - Balance of acceptance of entries and having enough content to be published
 - o Fundraiser event:
 - Halloween event last year
 - Mid-November this year
 - o What will you have to cut if not enough funding?

- \$6,000 currently in bank accounts
 - Need to raise money for \$9,000 total
 - LSS has not traditionally sponsored Appeal – only last year. Could you speak to why the School doesn't fund Appeal?
 - Confusion around Appeal not being an LSS Club rather than a course
 - Appeal to meet with Dean to possibly get funding for the podcast, next week
 - Although not a club, far-reaching audience, large part of student life
 - This is a large financial ask. Could you speak to the other fundraising sources?
 - Alumni relations office to send letters out to law firms
 - Increasing amount asking for from firms
 - Speaking to the dean next week – but unsure of whether that will be fruitful
 - If we can get more firms to give a bit of funding – would be helpful
 - Have you spoken to JID financial officer for revenue re Aboriginal firms?
 - We have not, but we are willing to look into it.
 - Is it possible to do more fundraisers?
 - Yes but concern re board workload
 - Could you get reviewers involved with planning?
 - It's a possibility
 - You cut 11 papers, is that reflected in printing and publication expenses?
 - That would have no impact on the finances
 - Long term – has Appeal been profitable in the past? What has changed? What can be done to make it so that you are not dependent on LSS in the future?
 - What changed:
 - Limited historical data
 - As firms have become more national, tend to fund less
 - E.g. consolidation in Ontario = less funding for B.C.
 - Firms going national – less inclined to fund
 - Re Regular sponsorship from LSS:
 - Have to consider this as a board in terms of cutting costs
 - E.g. last year sent a “final version” to editor multiple times → higher fees
- Vote:
 - Motion to approve Appeal funding request (Kurt). Jeeti (Second).
 - No approvals
 - All but 1 deny
 - 1 abstention
- LSS decision rationale:
 - Appeal is a fantastic course – it is valuable and the members do great work
 - LSS is not in a position to fund a non-LSS club
 - Not in the interest of the student body
 - We could lobby to the school administration to potentially provide funding for Appeal

V. Elections results re public postings

- 1L students expressed concerns re percentages and amount of votes that are posted in public
- Re transparency
 - o Ideas:
 - Making sure that information is available and easily accessible but not publicly posted
- LSS executive feedback:
 - o Re transparency – there may be people who want to access result statistics
 - Accessible but not publicly posted could be accessed could be a compromise
 - o How about doing first second third – percent difference but not requirement?
 - o We need more time to look into this
 - Laura Floyd will look into bylaws and Societies Act
 - o Maybe include in our email whether/why it is a requirement to post results

VI. Starving 1L Potluck

- After Tofino the LSS hosts a potluck
- Theme this year:
 - o Will be around November 1?
 - o Taco theme
- New consideration: Half of 1Ls have memo on the 4th
- Spreadsheet for upper years to sign up for what they will bring a good idea

VII. Other Business

- Anything else?
 - o Intramurals:
 - Quoted us a price, charged us a higher price
 - Kurt followed up, they said they missed some extra charges
 - We will have to pay in the Spring again
 - We have to come up with how to deal with this
 - o Health and wellness club:
 - To book the lounge, we can email Afsana
 - Who has jurisdiction over walls of Fraser?
 - Apart from the Bulletin board and white board, probably have to get permission from the Uvic Administration

VIII. Recap

- N/A

IX. Adjournment

- Laura (motion), Kurt (Second)