

LSS Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2018

Attendance

Laura Edwards	President	X	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	X
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		Mark Finnbogason	Health & Wellness Rep	
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	X	Laura Floyd	Accessibility Rep	

Absent:

- Marissa Di Lorenzo (proxy – Leyla Salmi)
- Laura Floyd (proxy – Suzy Flader)
- Jeeti Bhupal (proxy – Craig McCue)
- Mark Finnbogason (proxy – ?)

I. Call to Order

II. Ratification of minutes

- Laura: motion to approve minutes from September 18, 2018
 - o Seconded by Leyla
 - o All in favour, no abstentions

III. Elections Update

- Elections went live today and will be open until next Tuesday
- We will receive the results next Tuesday
- New LSS members will join us at the meeting the following Tuesday after results

IV. Budget Presentation and Ratification

- Budget has planned amounts for clubs based on last year – we will approve actual amounts at Clubs Night
 - o Total clubs amount can't go over \$8, 000
 - o Clubs might not get everything they are asking for
 - o Last year's budget records all funding clubs received, even if it came as a special request at a regular LSS meeting
- Expected deficit of about \$ 5000
 - o If we don't give full requested amounts to clubs, and if everyone on LSS doesn't use their budget, the deficit will likely be less
 - o We anticipate deficits every year because of multiple years of backpay
 - o Trying to keep deficit small
- Budget will be posted publicly on LSS website
- *Sidenote: we have lots of extra plates and cutlery, so don't buy more (tell clubs this at Clubs Funding Night)
- Kurt: motion to approve budget
 - o Seconded by Lola
 - o All in favour, no abstentions

V. Law Suits update

- Jeeti isn't here, so we will move this to next week

VI. Coop Committee

- Some students approached Laura about co-op placements in other countries not being safe for queer people and wanted LSS to investigate this
- Laura and Leyla met with the Deans yesterday, and they were on board for addressing it
- Maeve has done a quick check, and it seems like the only placement that may be of concern for this issue is the one in Malaysia
 - o Maeve talked to the student who was in that placement last semester, and this student is willing to share their experiences if needed
- Leyla will email to Maeve some information on human rights laws that will be helpful
- This could be broader and extend to exchange destinations as well
- Next step is for Maeve to meet with Francine and Laura
 - o The deadline for applying to the position in Malaysia is later this month, so Maeve would like to schedule a meeting with Francine and Laura for next week, so that this issue is on the radar before applications keep coming in
 - o After Maeve's meeting with the Francine and Laura, we can discuss further
- We don't require a committee for this
- Goals: have more educational material for students in that placement, and eventually maybe work towards reforming how locations are approved for placements

VII. Other Business

- Discussion brought up at Laura and Leyla's meeting with the deans:
 - New practice where border services will ask people when crossing from the US to Canada, whether they have ever smoked marijuana
 - They will also ask if you've ever been employed by a dispensary
 - If you answer yes to these questions, they will put you on the banned list for entering the US
 - Students should be aware of this question and the consequence of saying yes
- No one ran for the Financial Aid Committee, so Laura has the ability to appoint someone
 - If anyone is interested, or if we know someone who may be interested in it let Laura know
 - Potentially advertise it in Deer Fraser?
- Funding for parents update (Suzy):
 - Financial aid office also wants to take part
 - Our funding goes towards parents attending LSS events, but the financial aid office wants to provide separate funding for other events (i.e. career events)
 - They will base their funding on financial aid, but LSS funding will not be based on financial aid and we don't need students to disclose this
 - Right now, no one has applied for parent's funding
 - We will remind parents about this resource on the parent's Facebook group
 - As of right now, we can provide funding for LSS events, and it's in the works for other non-LSS events

VIII. Recap

IX. Adjournment

- Laura: motion to adjourn
 - Seconded by Maeve
 - All in favour, no abstentions