

LSS Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2018

Attendance

Laura Edwards	President	X	Julia Genovese	2L Career Options Rep	X
Leyla Salmi	VP Student Affairs	X	Jeeti Bhupal	2L Articling Rep	
Fabio McLeod	VP Communications	X	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	X	Mark Finnbogason	Health & Wellness Rep	X
Suzy Flader	Equity and Diversity Rep	X	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:

- Lola Churchman (proxy – ?)
- Jeeti Bhupal (proxy – Leyla Salmi)

I. Call to Order & Acknowledgment

- Introduction of Fabio

II. Ratification of LSS Meeting Minutes from last week and club funding night

- Both ratified

III. APPEAL Update

- Appeal is concerned about their standing in the school
 - o They get pushback from both school and us about funding
- Laura and Leyla's meeting with Dean Calder and Dean Breau:
 - o Gillian's position is that they are separate
 - o Susan's position was a bit more open that they are not totally on their own
- Appeal will meet with Deans on Thursday to see if they can secure funding
- Appeal found records that LSS had provided funding in the past (i.e. last year \$1000)

- But it is ultimately our decision whether or not to fund certain initiatives
- Laura provided fundraising ideas and thoughts, so we can support them in that way

IV. **Budget**

- \$4000 expense from Orientation was not accounted for when we approved the budget
- We need to overhaul the budget again and approve it as quickly as possible
 - We have more funding obligations than we've had in past years
- Laura, Leyla and Kurt are working on the budget and will cut where needed
- LCO budget update: Jeeti and Julia met with LCO on Monday, and they will give us an answer about funding available from them by end of the week
- If things are in the works already, just proceed the way you already have been (i.e. 1L potluck) but be aware that things may change
- Draft budget will be presented to the Board and everyone can give input
 - We will later vote on final version
- Idea about having a committee to work on this?
 - Difficulty is that with too many people, it will be hard to coordinate with all committee members for everyone to meet
- If anyone wants more information or questions about the budget, they can talk to Kurt
Decision: people who want to be involved/have a voice can come to the budget meetings once those meetings are set, if they wish
 - Email will be sent when these meetings are set, and you can drop in if you'd like
 - People can send notes to Laura, Leyla and Kurt about where they would prefer their money to be cut from their positions

V. **Yearbooks**

- In the past, we've had a publisher on campus who put together yearbooks for graduating year
- Also had funding from the Legal Who, which was put together by VP Comm
 - Unsure about how Legal Who worked
 - Legal Who isn't happening anymore
- Fallen through because the business who published our yearbooks no longer exists
- Should we do a yearbook anymore? Or do some sort of online version? Should we find some sort of fundraising method to create a yearbook again?
- People could have the option to print their own hard copies if we have it online
- Maybe link it to our website?
 - But could be a privacy aspect to it
 - What if we do password-protected?
 - We will need to figure out privacy issues around it
- Past years had Yearbook Committee that was separate from LSS
- Julia worked closely with Metropol Designs last year, which could be an option
 - You submit to them all the content and a rough idea of what you want, and they will compile everything for you
 - \$200ish fee for the PDF copy which we could distribute to everyone, and then people can print their own copies if they want

- We could do a call out to see if anyone in the school is interested in taking on the role of putting together the yearbook
 - o Maybe first we should do a poll to see if people are even interested in having a yearbook?
- Perhaps it would be more worthwhile to just do a photo collection for students only
- Start with a poll about people's interest in a yearbook
 - o Afsana will put a link for a survey in the Deer Fraser
- Revisit this topic in about 2 weeks when we've done the poll

VI. Scent Free Policy

- Many people approached Maddie/Brendan about scent-free policy and feel it isn't respected by other students
- Some students don't understand why we have it and that's why they don't respect it
- Comment about how cleaning products in library are really strong and someone is getting a migraine
 - o Libraries are under their own jurisdiction
 - o Maybe we can forward this comment on to them
- Deer Fraser announcement as a bit of education for this and the impact it can have on people
 - o Maddie/Brendan will send Afsana a little blurb to include in the Deer Fraser
 - o Can also send an email about it
- People might have limited funds to purchase new toiletries to accommodate this, so we should note that it should be "when you can" and consider the access point on this

VII. Concerns about attitude towards JID program within the school

- Some concerns that first year JD students are being disrespectful to JID students, and comments that it's not a real program, they're not doing as much work, etc.
- Laura and Leyla had a meeting with ILSA about this and a meeting with Dean Calder and Dean Breau
- They are planning on having a meeting with Zubaida (Cultural Support liaison) and Sharae (from ILSA) to talk about what they can do to support students
- Partly because students don't have enough information, so they are making assumptions and creating a disrespectful environment
- Vibe that there is a false dichotomy between the 2 programs, and people don't have the same workload, don't appreciate Indigenous Legal Orders
- Brendan has talked with people in the program to make sure they are aware that ILSA, LSS, faculty are working towards dealing with this and that there is a safe space/support
- When there was a topic of Indigenous Legal Orders in LRW, very few people showed up
 - o This is possibly covertly supported by faculty (i.e. LRW situation, stated that readings weren't required, people didn't show up, etc.)
 - o Feels like Indigenous topics are segregated from everything else when there is just one class about these topics sometimes
- Suzy is happy to be someone that people can come talk to about these kinds of issues, as the Equity and Diversity rep

- Zubaida approached Suzy to have a meeting with her, and seemed like a similar kind of topic
- Equity and Diversity forum was also poorly attended
- Would also be helpful to talk to Ruth, Indigenous external for the front desk
- Everyone should think about this more and we can come back to discuss further in the next meeting

VIII. Other business

- Social Coordinators update:
 - 1L potluck first week of November
 - Supposed to be a bit relief for 1Ls, but it is dependent on people signing up to bring food for 150 1Ls
 - Link was sent out via email with sign-up list for people to contribute
 - Nov. 15th rock climbing event at CARSA (budget-pending)
 - They had this a couple years ago
 - 2-hour period
 - In talks with grad house to do maybe profit share afterwards, so that people can join in even if they don't want to rock climb
 - Parents afternoon
 - Ceramic painting at Firehouse on November 18
 - Fun, relaxing event for parents and their kids, get to know each other
 - Will talk more with Suzy on finding money for this
 - Social coordinators will send update to budget review people about how much these events will cost
- CBA mentorship update:
 - 95 first years signed up
 - There are 42 mentors, so lawyers were given 2 or 3 mentees
 - 27 mentors got 2 students, 15 mentors got 3 students
 - In some cases, lawyers signed up for multiple law schools, so now they can't take students from UVic because they already have other mentees
 - Partly because Fabio was just elected so we were last school to reach out
 - Only a few lawyers that practice Aboriginal law, so some of those mentors got paired with more students
 - Julia: There was an Aboriginal law firm from Ontario that sponsored orientation, so if there are any students potentially wanting to go back to Ontario, this could be an option
 - Next year, we are going to make a push earlier
 - If we know of people who could be mentors, contact Fabio
 - We are still looking for more mentors, and then will reshuffle some students
 - Reshuffling will be done on Thursday with LCO
 - Hoping to sort this out by November 1 so that it is early enough before CBA mentorship event at Hotel Grand Pacific
 - Can discuss more about this next meeting
- Laura F.: nothing in bylaws that require us to put vote counts in election results

IX. Adjournment

- Motion by Laura, seconded by Brendan