

January 17, 2017 – LSS Meeting Minutes

UVic Senate Proposal – Sam Maroney

- Senate proposing to extend fall reading break from 3 to 5 days (doesn't affect law school), which would result in some Sunday exams (would affect us)
- Concerns: people with care responsibilities (ex. families), employment, religious holidays, issues with availability of services on Sundays (ex. transit, food on campus, etc.)
- What do we think?
 - We would need to know whether law faculty has control over our exam schedule – Radu & Sean to check with Dean Webber & Ass. Dean Calder at monthly meeting
 - Right now we already can technically have exams on Saturdays, but we never do – if law faculty has control over exam schedule, we could use Saturdays instead of Sundays anyway?
- Sam has to respond on law faculty's vote by the end of January
 - Sam suggests that we can maybe vote no, but in the alternative if it passes anyway the law faculty wants to be exempt
- We'll do a facebook & email survey of law students to see how the law faculty wants to vote – discuss again at next meeting

Request for Funding – Sam Maroney

- Activity/event: Bar Association Battle of the Bands
- Want to rent a practice space that costs \$40 each time, anticipate going ~13 to 15 times = request for \$550 to \$600 of funding
- There are ten law student participants, CBA event, good networking opportunity
- Event hasn't specifically been advertised to everyone for participation, but Sam sought out people with band experience and the band is now large enough so prob can't have more participants (can only have one band in competition)
- Event is open to everyone to come watch
- LSS vote: no direct funding for rental space, but \$300 towards cover for attendees (the band plus whoever else ends up going)
 - Main concern was that it isn't open to everyone which is required for LSS funding
 - 8 in favor, 3 abstaining
 - Vote moved by Emily, seconded by Will

JID Proposal

- Sean went to committee meeting this morning & learned about program proposal
- Probably going to be a town hall event on the 25th or 30th for students to ask questions/learn about the program

- After this stage (town hall) the proposal is going to UVic Senate then provincial gov for approval
- Hoping to get everything approved for June 30th, so first people in program starting September 2018
- Curriculum structure for JID/JD students:
 - First year: separate cohort in for property, constitutional & criminal, with a year long legal process & LRW course (legal pluralist approach that discusses Indigenous law and common law)
 - Second year: contracts and torts, plus Salish legal studies and language course
 - Third & fourth years: two semesters of Indigenous field studies, plus whatever general JD upper year electives (maybe Admin & Bus Ass would have pluralist approach as well, open to all law students)
- Our thoughts/questions?
 - Eventually want to know what type of renovations will be made to the law building to accommodate for an additional 25% students in program
 - Question about availability of summer courses to JID students

Skit Night – Jessica & Emily

- Curling bonspiel: curling club booked for 7pm on February 25th
 - Still need to figure out pricing; club saying \$640 per hour which seems way higher than last year?
- Skit night: metro theatre booked for 7pm on April 1st
 - Need to look into people with serving license (we'll need volunteers)
 - Also need to find a host

1L Community Conference

- Kayli & Jayde will get contact 1L's about starting to organize one