

LSS Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2019

Attendance

Laura Edwards	President	X	Julia Genovese	2L Career Options Rep	
Leyla Salmi	VP Student Affairs	X	Jeeti Bhupal	2L Articling Rep	
Fabio McLeod	VP Communications		Alex Masse	Co-Op Rep	X
Kurtas Welch	VP Finance		TBD	Social Coordinator	
Afsana Allidina	General Secretary	X	Craig McCue	Social Coordinator	X
Marissa Di Lorenzo	Sports and Clubs Rep	X	Preet Dhaliwal	Health & Wellness Rep	
Suzy Flader	Equity and Diversity Rep	X	Maddie Lusk	1L Rep	X
TBD	3L Rep		Brendan Noyes	1L Rep	X
Jamie Allester	3L Rep		Carolyn Belleau	1L ILSA Rep	
Steve Faryna	ILSA Rep		Laura Floyd	Accessibility Rep	X

Absent:

- Fabio McLeod (proxy – Leyla Salmi)
- Jeeti Bhupal (proxy – Laura Edwards)
- Julia Genovese (proxy – Craig McCue)
- Kurt Welch (proxy – Afsana Allidina)
- Carolyn Bealleau (proxy – ?)
- Preet Dhaliwal (proxy – ?)

I. Call to Order & Acknowledgment

II. Approve meeting minutes

- Motion by Laura, seconded by Afsana, passes by consent

III. ILSA Motion

- ILSA is not presenting today, they will do it next week

IV. Winter Welcome recap

- Maddie: they have ~\$700 remaining in the budget

- No outstanding receipts, everything spent is reflected in the budget they have
- Maddie: one of the mature JID students approached Maddie about having an event for older 30+ students, where LSS provides money for food (about \$50-\$100)
 - This is a demographic we don't reach as much, so could be a valuable event
 - Brendan: having an event that touches other group of students goes to their mandate in planning Winter Welcome
 - Suzy: does it have to be only for "over 30" students, or could it be an event that is tailored more to the interests of people over 30, but not exclusive to that?
 - Laura: not comfortable with setting age limits to events
 - Maddie: the person who approached her about the event felt there was a different perspective that comes from being a 30+ student with similar experiences
 - Suzy: there are younger students who are parents and could fit into this demographic
 - Leyla: what if we call it "mature" students? Rather than have an age cut-off
 - Laura: this could just fit into Winter Welcome budget, without having a motion
 - Alex: would be comfortable with 1L rep using their discretion on how much money to give for the event
- Maddie: received an email the day after the Two Years Eve party about an incident
 - A girl had poked her head into the men's bathroom to make sure her partner was okay, and the bouncer made insulting comments about this and kicked her out
 - Friend tried to tell them why she was looking in there, and that we have gender-neutral bathrooms in our school
 - Bouncer said this was because we are too liberal
 - Bouncer was also aware that this person was on "bar-watch" which is a program targeted at people who are "high-risk" in bars
 - Bouncer said that because they were on bar-watch, he didn't care what they thought about this incident
 - Maddie told the person that they would be following up with the venue/manager about the incident and that this wasn't okay
 - Felt they shouldn't hold any events there for orientation
 - It's a cheap venue, but at what cost?
 - Laura: was it just an individual incident? They were very good about making them gender-neutral bathrooms last year at the end of year party
 - Maddie: asked if they could de-gender bathrooms and they said no
 - Maddie: incident was with 2 bouncers and assistant manager, so it seemed systemic
 - Brendan: maybe we could draft something as a heads up for future clubs about an incident like this happening, and to warn them against using this venue
 - Laura: but other clubs don't even have budget to do this kind of event at the Duke
- Laura: thanks to 1L reps for a great winter welcome

V. Other business

- Brendan: issue with 1L negotiation challenge for JID students
 - JID students approached him with concerns about the topic

- The fact pattern is designed around torts and contracts, but JID students don't take torts or contracts until next year, so they can't participate in the same way
- Brendan was asked to talk to the organizers of the event
- Leyla: since this is the first year of the JID program, maybe people weren't aware to what extent this would exclude people
- Floyd: hopefully they would change the fact pattern once approached this
- Maddie: registration has closed already, and no JID students signed up
- Marissa: could they talk to Amicus and see if they can do some sort of mini crash course that would help the students answer the fact pattern
- Suzy: not sure how much tort and contracts you actually need to know to understand the fact pattern, from what she remembers
- Brendan: it's worth noting that people running transsystemic LRW gave a different fact pattern for memos for JID students, so there was a conscious decision made around this
- Craig: since it is hard to take away torts and contracts from a basic fact pattern, perhaps in the future they could make the competition available to 2nd year JID students so that those who don't get a chance this year could still do it next year
- Laura: was involved in organizing in her year, and the students who run it get all the information from Dentons and just set up and go
 - They wouldn't have as much of a say in the fact pattern
 - There are no faculty members involved
- Brendan: perhaps there could be a smaller fact pattern or something for JID students
- Leyla: if you haven't seen her email already, she's decided to step down from the VPSA role in 2 weeks
 - Various personal reasons (see her email)
 - Thank you for giving her the chance to work with everyone
 - She's not in a place to take on responsibilities in her full capacity right now
- Craig: since only one person ran for the other so-co position, could he just get them involved now? Do bylaws say anything about this?
 - Laura: Rigel can't vote in meetings until elected, but he could still get involved
 - High chance he will be voted in
- Motion to adjourn by Laura, seconded by Leyla, all in favour