

## LSS Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2019

### *Attendance*

	President		Julia Genovese	2L Career Options Rep	X
Leyla Salmi	VP Student Affairs		Jeeti Bhupal	2L Articling Rep	
Fabio McLeod	VP Communications	X	Alex Masse	Co-Op Rep	X
Kurtas Welch	VP Finance	X	Rigel Tessman	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	X
Suzy Flader	Equity and Diversity Rep	X	Maddie Lusk	1L Rep	
Daniel Babcock	3L Rep	X	Brendan Noyes	1L Rep	X
Jamie Allester	3L Rep	X	TBD	1L ILSA Rep	
Steve Faryna	ILSA Rep		Laura Floyd	Accessibility Rep	

### *Absent:*

- Jeeti Bhupal (proxy – Afsana Alldiina)
- Laura Floyd (proxy – Suzy Flader)
- Leyla Salmi (proxy – Fabio McLeod)
- Maddie Lusk (proxy – Brendan Noyes)
- Rigel Tessman (prox – ?)
- Steve Faryna (proxy – ?)

### **I. Call to Order & Acknowledgment**

### **II. Approve meeting minutes**

- Motion to approve by Afsana, seconded by Suzy, passes by consent

### **III. Welcome to the new LSS members**

### **IV. Update from Director of Finance (Yearbook)**

- Kurt: the reprinting “invoice” we received from the company was actually an offer
  - o Our contract from last year was concluded, and they just wanted to give us this option of a discount
- Fabio: we can let next year’s Board know about this potential discount

- Kurt: not sure if this discount will be available next year, but it's possible

## V. Discuss outstanding Tasks/Duties related to VPSA and President

- Two main duties of VPSA: elections and awards
- Fabio: Leyla sent everyone an email outlining her remaining duties

### Elections

- Fabio: we should get started with planning soon, Leyla suggested planning mid-February
  - We can have 1 or 2 people run elections, and Leyla said she would help them
- Julia: should allocate a month to give time for notice, nominations, and voting
  - Kurt: Leyla suggested beginning planning at the end of February
- Suzy: we should do speeches with AGM so we have an audience there
- Preet: the sooner we have elections the better, since we need help
- Julia: if you're planning on running in the elections, you can't be Chief Electoral Officer
- Kurt: willing to run elections, if anyone wants to help him
- Julia: motion to make Kurt Chief Electoral Officer, and make a committee to help him under s. 13 of the bylaws
  - Seconded by Brendan
  - Passes by consent
- Afsana: does anyone want to be part of the committee?
  - \*no one\*
- Julia: we can post in Deer Fraser if anyone wants to volunteer to be part of the committee

### LSS Awards

- Julia: process usually requires setting up a system for students to submit nominations, then VPSA organizes it and collectively the Board discusses and decides who wins, then awards are presented at the Dean's BBQ (April 4?)
  - Kurt: deciding who gets the award is a time-consuming job
  - Julia: last year it took a long time; they cancelled the regular Tuesday meeting and instead had a long Friday afternoon meeting to decide and discuss
  - Also there is no budget for food
- Dan: food is what entices people to come out for meeting and decide who wins awards
- Fabio: can all students vote for awards?
  - Julia: students can make nominations, and then the Board votes on who wins
- Afsana: new President and VPSA are supposed to present awards, so we'd need to do elections before then
- Brendan: would need elections to be Mid-March so people are elected before Deans BBQ
- Alex: we could split up between Board members that each person writes up an introduction for each award and make it quicker

### Elections (cont'd)

- Fabio: if we hold the election earlier in March, we can get awards organized earlier

- Kurt: problem with having elections earlier is that once new Board is elected, old Directors are no longer in the position and we can't continue in our roles, so we'd have to make sure this doesn't occur until all important events/roles are completed
- Jamie: grad is March 23
- Julia: could have elections ending Mar. 24, and new people attend the following meeting
  - o Meeting would be on the following Friday afternoon rather than Tuesday, as it would be where we decide on awards and the new Directors can be welcomed
- Afsana: Laura had put in a request for AGM classroom on March 12
- Brendan: seems like we should open nominations for elections right after reading week
- Kurt: proposed timeline of opening nominations on March 11, start voting on March 18, having AGM and speeches during the week of March 18, and results received on the week of March 25
- Julia: what if we pushed it up earlier, and opened elections on February 25<sup>th</sup>, voting begins on the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>, with speeches at AGM during this week
  - o Afsana: would require us to move AGM to an earlier date
- Afsana: also keep in mind that we might want to amend bylaws (discussion later), which would need to be voted on at AGM
  - o This would be rushed to decide on these amendments by the week of March 4

### Amending Bylaws

- Alex: doesn't think we'll be ready to amend bylaws for AGM, even if it was a later date
  - o Don't want to rush into this, and we're already short on people
  - o Amending bylaws won't solve the current problem
- Julia: s. 13 of the bylaws allows us to make a committee and delegate powers of the Board, so can't we just do that to solve the problem?
  - o Also, no one wants to take the time in the next month to amend the bylaws, could just recommend to future board to re-draft bylaws
  - o There were peculiar circumstances where it was too late in the year to re-elect
- Kurt: this year there was also a contradiction of the bylaws, where they say you can't hold two positions but yet Julia, Kurt and Emily all held 2 positions at the beginning of the year as 1L reps and their other positions
- Kurt: last year it was tough to get quorum at the AGM to amend bylaws, and this year we don't have a food or prize budget, so it would be a lot tougher to get this done
- Motion by Julia to not amend the bylaws this year, seconded by Alex, all in favour
- Brendan: if bylaw amendments aren't an issue, seems like it doesn't matter about having an AGM earlier

### Elections (cont'd)

- Kurt: to clarify, we are aiming to open up nominations on February 25, open voting on March 4, and have AGM during the week of March 4
  - o Temporary date
  - o Kurt will check if UVSS can put on elections this early
- Afsana: We also have to see if we can secure room 159 to book for AGM

- Brendan: understands Kurt's concern about having elections too early and that there is grad and "passing the torch" of duties to new Board
  - o But it seems like most of grad planning would already have been done, so passing the torch at this point shouldn't have too much of an effect
- Kurt: week of proposed nominations would be busy for him, but it's not impossible
- Motion by Julia to aim to have election nominations start on Feb. 25, seconded by Alex
  - o Votes for: Fabio, Afsana, Marissa, Dan, Jamie, Julia, Alex, Craig, Preet, Brendan
  - o Votes against: Kurt
  - o Abstentions: Suzy
- Suzy: understands that putting on elections takes a lot of work, so thinks that Kurt should be given deference on the timing

## VI. Other business

- Julia: how do we give reimbursements without a President or VPSA to sign cheques?
  - o Kurt: working on getting 1L reps signing authorities ASAP for this issue
- Brendan: last semester we discussed election results document showing percentage of votes received, but not number of votes
  - o There were concerns in student body about potential deleterious effects of students being able to see how many people voted against them
  - o We had voted on a motion and decided not to show number of votes, only percentages, but yet this happened with the most recent election
  - o Afsana: we receive elections results docs from UVSS, so we'd have to ask them to remove it, or not send out these documents
  - o Kurt: Leyla was also just finishing up in VPSA role and possibly rushed when she sent out these documents, so we'd have to remember this for the next election
- Suzy: are Kurt and Fabio coming to Faculty Council meetings now, since it was previously Laura, Leyla and Suzy would attend
  - o Kurt: they were going to, but it was postponed/cancelled
  - o Fabio: Dean's meeting will be next month so they can decide at that point
- Fabio: do we want to rotate weekly on who chairs meetings and makes the agenda?
  - o His transfer memo says when there is no president and VPSA available, VP Comm chairs meeting – but this is for they're not present, not when they resign
  - o Bylaws don't contemplate anything for this scenario, and doesn't say anything about VP Comm chairing meeting or who is the "third person" in line to chair meetings if other 2 aren't present
  - o Craig: fine with a rotation, but how will we know who to send info to for agenda?
  - o Fabio: could we vote at the end of each meeting about who will chair next one?
  - o Julia: we could do a sign-up sheet like the way we do for fridge clean
  - o Fabio: happy to continue for next week, and then after reading week we can decide who will chair the rest of the meetings
  - o Julia: motion to have Fabio chair next week's meeting, seconded by Fabio, passes by consent
- Motion by Fabio to adjourn, seconded by Alex, passes by consent