

LSS Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2019

Attendance

	President		Julia Genovese	2L Career Options Rep	X
	VP Student Affairs		Jeeti Bhupal	2L Articling Rep	X
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		Preet Dhaliwal	Health & Wellness Rep	
Suzy Flader	Equity and Diversity Rep	X	Maddie Lusk	1L Rep	X
Daniel Babcock	3L Rep	X	TBD	1L Rep	
Jamie Allester	3L Rep	X	Brendan Noyes	1L ILSA Rep	X
	ILSA Rep		Laura Floyd	Accessibility Rep	X

Absent:

- Marissa Di Lorenzo (proxy – Alex Masse)
- Rigel Tessman (proxy – ?)
- Preet Dhaliwal (proxy – ?)

I. Call to Order & Acknowledgment

II. Approve meeting minutes

- Motion by Fabio, seconded by Julia, all in favour

III. AGM Recap

- Congrats on meeting quorum on the first try
- We're supposed to submit a general recap report after AGM, and the bylaws say that the General Secretary is supposed to submit a general recap report, but according to transfer memos it has been done by the President in the previous years
 - o We should look at the President's transfer memo to read about this
 - Can check if there is still a folder of President's documents on the LSS computer, otherwise Alex can ask Laura to send it
- Thoughts from ILSA members about the way in which the financial report was presented and discussions about the financial structure

- Even though accidental, seemed like there was a bit of a stronger tone and attitude
- It was not clear to all of the student body about why the changes were made to the LSS funding structure last year, so it left people with a lot of questions about how ILSA is accountable, etc.
 - ILSA members who joined this year had to deal with many questions
- ILSA is concerned about this and wants to work together with LSS to come up with a joint statement that explains to the student body why decisions were made, how, that they were made democratically, etc.
 - Might also be helpful to give a basic explanation of how the funding structure works
- Statements were made at the AGM that there needs to be more collaboration between ILSA and LSS, which is fine, but the way these were articulated made it seem like ILSA is accountable to LSS on spending money (not true)
- It was stated at the AGM that the funding structure changes were voted on democratically
 - Even though the changes were voted on at the AGM “democratically”, its often the case that many come and vote but don’t fully pay attention, so it may not necessarily have been considered “democratic”
 - It was democratic in the sense that there were discussions at LSS meetings last year before the changes were voted on at AGM, and people had access to the minutes that explained this
 - We provided all the necessary information to make an informed decision in voting, but often a lot of people don’t read the minutes, so it is a lot about perception of what students see
 - The AGM also discussed policy reasons behind the decision, and for the AGM we sent proposed changes to the entire student body for them to review before making a vote
- ILSA is not accountable to the LSS for how they spend their money, but they have discussed importance of transparency
 - Discussed that it might be useful to have a meeting separate from ILSA/LSS meetings, and have the 2 organizations sit down and discuss initiatives they want to discuss as a student body (next year’s board should consider this)
- ILSA is also supposed to make a financial report at the end of the year to LSS, just like the LSS does to UVSS
 - This is so that in case we get audited, there is accountability
- Brendan: motion to create a short-term committee to organize themselves with ILSA to generate and release a statement about the funding structure, and release it by the Dean’s lunch; also recommend to next year’s board to release this statement
 - Seconded by Alex, all in favour
- Committee: Brendan, Kurt, Alex
- Make sure the statement doesn’t make it look like the LSS regrets this funding structure
- Some people may be confused about nature of ILSA, so that might be helpful to include this in the statement
- Especially with our current budget problems, a consideration for next year could be possibly asking ILSA to also contribute money to events that the LSS holds for the benefit of the entire student body
 - This could foster more collaboration

- The changes made last year were reflective of the new JID program

IV. Year End – Boring Things Task Force

- Incoming President and VPSA are supposed to run this event

V. Grad Funding Request

- Dan and Jamie have had a lot to do because they took over the position very late and the previous 3L reps didn't do much for grad have
- Tried to cut budget where possible (i.e. no band; cut costs of center piece by 75-80%; cut down drink tickets from 2 to 1; no PowerPoint; increased ticket prices from \$60 to \$65)
- Grad budget was also lower because Skit Night made ~\$700 less than previous years
 - o Numbers for this and Bonspiel were received on March 11
- Last year's 3L reps threw a fundraiser in February, but because Dan/Jamie started the position so late, they couldn't do this
- Grad budget is currently ~\$1300 short, so they are asking for more funding from LSS, especially since the circumstances of this year are different than usual
- They have rough estimates on numbers from last semester's clothing sale, but hadn't counted the exact amount yet
- In the 3L transfer memo, notes from as far back as 2013-2014 show that the LSS had donated to the grad fund (except 2016-2017 didn't state anything about this)
 - o This year, 3L reps are asking for less than what was previously given
- They are technically already in contracts for most things, so they need this money
 - o If the request is turned down, they'd have to cancel something big like DJ or photobooth
- Clothing sales from last semester likely won't be a lot more than what is expected (maybe ~\$100 give or take)
- A profit could only be made if the ticket price was further increased
- They sold 40 dance-only tickets for \$15, who also get 1 drink ticket
 - o Almost sold out of these tickets, which puts them almost at capacity
- Budget breakdown says \$200 for centre pieces, but someone has volunteered help, which will cut costs to \$100
- Concern that the event is 4 days away, and all of these transactions were completed with no transparency, and now it is just a last minute request for funds
 - o However, most events don't have transparency on transactions during the planning (usually it will be afterwards)
- Unfortunately due to circumstances, seems like we are somewhat bound
 - o Recommendation for future board is that they should avoid this in the future and these are extenuating circumstances
- In discussions above about purchasing Skit Night alcohol, the revenues increased by \$200, so this reduces the grad funding request down to \$1100
- Brendan: motion to have LSS provide funds of \$1100 to grad fund, seconded by Julia

- Votes in favour: Fabio, Afsana, Suzy, Dan, Jamie, Julia, Jeeti, Alex, Craig, Maddie, Brendan, Floyd
- Votes against: Kurt
- Recommendations for future 3L reps:
 - Throw one fundraiser for grad in first semester, since first semester is just clothing sales for 3L reps anyway
 - Shouldn't have different people as 3L reps for each semester
 - Shouldn't have clothing sale (or any sale) money going straight into someone's personal account by e-transfer

VI. LSS Awards

- Fabio and Julia figured out website and added the new awards
- Lots of nominations are coming in already
- Encourage people to send in as many nominations as possible
- We will host our awards meeting on Friday March 29th @ 1:00 pm, and cancel next Tuesday's meeting
 - Important for all of us to be there, and the incoming board will also attend
- Message from Gillian Calder about requesting LSS to advertise some faculty awards
 - Afsana will send an email to the student body about this, and if you have any nominations in mind, send it to Gillian with an explanation

VII. Transfer Memos

- Transfer memos need to be completed ASAP
- Usually, the current President would make sure that everyone sends their transfer memos
- Julia has volunteered to collect them this year
 - Send your transfer memos to Julia and the President's email account by next Friday March 29th
- Alex hosted the trivia event on his own this year (separate from LSS), but he would recommend that someone include in their transfer memos that it is a good way for LSS to make money

VIII. Other business

- Motion to adjourn by Brendan, seconded by Floyd, all in favour