

LSS Meeting Minutes – February 26, 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	
Marissa Di Lorenzo	Sports and Clubs Rep		Preet Dhaliwal	Health & Wellness Rep	X
Suzy Flader	Equity and Diversity Rep	X	Maddie Lusk	1L Rep	X
Daniel Babcock	3L Rep		Brendan Noyes	1L Rep	X
Jamie Allester	3L Rep		TBD	1L ILSA Rep	
Steve Faryna	ILSA Rep		Laura Floyd	Accessibility Rep	X

Absent:

- Marissa Di Lorenzo (proxy – Alex Masse)
- Daniel Babcock (proxy – ?)
- Jamie Allester (proxy – ?)
- Steve Faryna (proxy – ?)
- Rigel Tessman (proxy – ?)
- Craig McCue (proxy – ?)

I. Call to Order & Acknowledgment

II. Welcome to the new LSS members

III. Approve meeting minutes

- Motion by Suzy, seconded by Julia
- Votes in favour: Afsana, Fabio, Kurt, Suzy, Julia, Alex, Preet, Maddie, Brendan, Laura
- Abstentions: Jeeti

IV. LSS Election Results (% / number of votes)

- There is no specific rule about how we share election results

- One option that was discussed at a previous meeting was to just post who won the elections, and then provide a link that people can choose to click on and see results #s
- UVSS will send Kurt the documents with election results, so he will put only key information of winners and percentages on the results posted on bulletin board, and exclude raw numbers of how many people voted
 - o If people want to access the details, they can click on the link in the email

V. LSS Signing Authority Discussion

- Brendan and Maddie will be getting signing authority, so soon Kurt will be able to fill out cheques and reimburse people
- The bank requires official minutes saying that the LSS Board voted on giving signing authority to Maddie and Brendan
- Motion by Kurt to give signing authority to Maddie and Brendan, seconded by Alex
 - o All in favour

VI. Outstanding Tasks/Duties related to VPSA and President

a. Faculty Meetings

- President, VPSA and Suzy used to attend faculty meetings
- There are 2 more meetings this year (Mar. 13 & 27 @ 12:00pm-1:30pm)
 - o They are open if anyone else from LSS would like to go instead
- If no one wants to go there is still LSS representation since Suzy goes
 - o LSS doesn't usually have to speak at the meetings
- There are already at least 3 student representatives on the committee

b. Elections

- Afsana forgot to put a blurb in Deer Fraser for people to help Kurt with elections
 - o Kurt doesn't think it's too much work anyways, so he doesn't think we need to put an ad in the next Deer Fraser for it
 - o Unless we know of someone who really wants to help out, send them to Kurt
- Brendan has offered to help Kurt

c. LSS Awards

- Usually run by VPSA, who sends out an anonymous form for award nominations, and students can nominate people
 - o Person responsible for that survey then compiles all results and distributes it to LSS board to read it over
 - o We have an LSS awards meeting to go over nominations, and the board votes on who gets each of the awards
- Awards are normally presented at Deans BBQ, which is usually the last day of classes (April 4?) but not confirmed
 - o This would only give us one week after elections to do awards

- Hypothetically, we would cancel the March 26 meeting and hold the awards meeting on that Friday March 29
- Hope that new members after elections can attend
- Is there an issue with optics of having only LSS board vote on awards vs. student body?
 - These are supposed to be “LSS” awards
 - Also fosters a discussion amongst Board members about who should win award, and gives people a full picture of the nominees, rather than just a popularity award
 - The meeting took a long time last year, so with the whole student body it would take too long
- Brendan and Julia have volunteered to take on awards
- There are plaques for some awards, but not all
 - Last year, they printed out little certificates for awards and framed them
 - Should be a template for certificates in Will or Ian’s folder on the LSS computer
- For Josef’s award, we are getting a wooden frame for the award made for free by a friend, but the LSS will be responsible for the cost of each individual engraved plaques displaying the name of the winner every year. This year, we will need to pay for a small plaque and to have it engraved, as will the next year and so on
- Motion by Jeeti to cover the cost of engraving the plaque for the Josef Zagrodney award, seconded by Julia, all in favour

VII. Other business

- AGM:
 - Will be held on March 12, with election speeches then
 - Need quorum otherwise we lose society status
 - Can we reallocate money from unused budgets to go towards incentives (i.e. food) for people to come to AGM?
 - Last year’s budget says we spent \$85 on AGM food, but Julia will confirm with Debbie how much the food costed last year, and we’ll make a decision next week
 - By next week, we’ll also look at how much money we have in excess from portfolio budgets, and then make a decision
- Carolyn stepped down as 1L ILSA rep, so now there isn’t a 3rd person to plan orientation
 - Julia hasn’t personally confirmed, but pretty sure no one on ILSA wants to run for the position
 - Julia’s suggestion is that Brendan could switch to ILSA rep, and we have an election for a new 1L rep
 - Brendan would be comfortable with this, as he feels that the most important thing is to just have a 3rd body to help; doesn’t care what his official title is
 - This is simply a suggestion, but the issue needs to be discussed with ILSA first
 - Brendan can reach out to ILSA co-chairs about their thoughts and whether this is possible
 - If it is, he would step down, and we could include a 1L rep in the upcoming election, with a concurrent ILSA election to elect Brendan
 - It is important that ILSA is brought into this conversation and to have a say with orientation

- Concern that the co-chairs of ILSA wouldn't know for sure that there are no 1L ILSA members that want to be in the position
- According to our bylaws, can't we just have our president appoint someone to the position?
- It's a little time sensitive since we are posting nominations on Monday
- Does 1L ILSA rep have to be in 1L, or could it just be someone who is interested in running the orientation?
- Brendan will communicate with ILSA ASAP, and as soon as he knows he can send an email out to the board to inform us
- If we don't hear anything about it by Monday, we can fall back on the "emergency" option of having someone appointed to the position
- Alex is hosting an unofficial law school trivia on Tuesday March 19 @ 6:30 pm
 - Has been a tradition for at least 3 years, usually hosted around St. Patties Day
 - Please spread the word about it
 - Is there opposition to him using LSS white board to put a notice up about it? No
- Motion by Fabio to adjourn, seconded by Maddie, all in favour