

## Executive Council Meeting – 09/09/13

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Kressock (President)  
Rochelle Collette (Finance)  
David Kemp (VP Students)  
Michelle Gillespie (AMS)  
Aaron Samuel (Indigenous)

Liz Pan (VP Academic)  
Andrea Fraser (Communications)  
Lauren Read (Sports & Clubs)  
Tom MacLachlan (Senator)  
Michael Alty (Ombudsperson)

### Introduction (Paul)

#### ● **Purpose of the LSS**

- the function of the LSS is to improve the student experience and to deal with matters of broad governance
- as a general policy, the LSS will not take a position on matters that are political, and will not perform an advocacy role -- students don't have a choice but to be LSS members, so to do so would be inappropriate

#### ● **Attending events**

- students need to know who LSS members are and what the LSS does
- this is facilitated by members coming to events -- when you're there meet people and explain what your position is all about

### Updates from Council members

#### ● **STUDENTS (Dave)**

- future LSS events largely booked – they will be put in the LSS calendar
- **liquor licenses** – need to talk to the faculty -- issue is who gets the 2 **liquor licenses** allotted to Allard Hall per month, and how to apply for exemptions – the problem is that the Administration gets 1, and the LSS often has 2 (or more) events per month.
- if there's a problem -- the backup event location will Koerners Pub
- **sponsorship** – one potential sponsor is Mark Anthony Group (15% off) – and the other is Big Rock (25% off)
- **Bzzr Ups** -- retain the name??? issue: makes the event alcohol-centered
  - LSS Exec votes to rename events to “**Friday Social – sponsored by \_\_**”
- **Bull Houser Pub Night** – September 18th – trivia night

#### ● **SPORTS & CLUBS (Lauren)**

- team registration & budget requests ongoing
- all clubs have resubmitted constitutions using the new template

#### ● **OMBUDSPERSON (Michael)**

- legal buddies program went well
- Diversity and Equity Committee will have events soon

- SENATE (Tom)
  - there is a push to develop a university-wide exam database (opt-in) – doesn't really apply to us – the law school is very organized compared to other faculties
  - honorary degrees are granted through the senate – should we want to nominate anyone we could do that
- INDIGENOUS (Aaron)
  - ILSA's lunch just occurred – it was a success
  - ILSA will be holding elections this month
  - next Wednesday (Sept 18) classes are cancelled so that students can attend the Truth and Reconciliation Sessions – this is the last year the event will take place
- AMS (Michelle)
  - summaries of AMS activities will be added to the Newsflash on a regular basis
- COMMUNICATIONS (Andrea)
  - to be posted on the LSS Facebook page, club events will go through Communications -- please add "Facebook" in the subject line
- ACADEMIC (Liz)
  - Jaime Hoopes (Director of Student Services) will assume the position on the Art Committee from the Academic Council – September 26 is the next meeting
  - Faculty Committee appointments to come; reps will then be appointed

### **First-Year Elections**

- information session tomorrow for the 1L's (September 9) at 10:15am
- elections will be held the following Tuesday (September 16)
- if 1L's have questions, give contact info for Liz, Dave, Nivi or Jen/Michelle as applies
- will have 1st year reps by next meeting!

### **Canadian Law Students' Society**

- effort to convene a National Federation of Law Students – LSS participation?
  - there is a teleconference set up for the end of the month
  - may be an advocacy component which may be problematic
  - wait and see what it turns into

### **Finance**

- Esoteric & Phi Delta Phi did not attend the Finance Meeting, so they get no funding
- Finance Committee needs 2 members-at-large who are impartial -- Michelle (AMS) will pick from the applicants
- FC will be convened by next week -- then there will be 1 week to review the budget
- **updating office equipment**

- LSS has surplus & is in dire need of a centralized work station -- AMS has a Clubs Benefit Fund – max \$1500 – Finance has applied for funding to purchase computer, keyboard, printer
- motion to spend up to \$2200 to replace workstation -- PASSED
- **finance meeting with Assistant Deans**
  - students currently pay \$1024 in student fees
  - of that, \$148 goes to the LSS (minus a 0.8% admin fee taken by the University)
- \$1024 – fees
- \$148 – less 0.8% admin fee (taken by the U)
- \$83, 244 approx
- LSS gets ~ \$20,000
- referendum in previous year (1998 and 2001)
  - 63,504 goes to Career Office this year (\$112 per person)
- Paul & Rochelle will have meeting with Assoc Dean Goid & Assoc Dean Haraney (?) to discuss this situation
- budget is \$83,000 approx -- NOT \$20,000 -- this should be brought up properly at the budget meeting
  - but this is not the time of year to get political
  - this was NOT brought up in the Budget Reform Committee either -- and their goal was **transparency**
- Rochelle will be bringing this up at the budget meeting
- we've committed to the 50% payment from last year -- this will 100% be paid
- referendum required to change any values

- **grad budget**

- generally the grad budget has rolled over from previous years -- although this is not an official rollover, this has been the practice
- GC has a lot up-front expenses -- they usually get reimbursed
- Rochelle will investigate -- the rollover will be brought to a vote

### Other Housekeeping Items

- **first-year volunteers**

- “students-at-large”
- had great response -- will be a good resource to help with tasks moving forward

- **equity introduction and training**

- possible training session in the future

- **monthly meetings with Goid**

- facilitates dialogue with the faculty

- **veggie food options**

- make sure you order enough for your event!