

LSS Executive Meeting – 10/24/13

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Kressock (President)	Liz Pan (VP Academic)
Rochelle Collette (Finance)	Andrea Fraser (Communications)
David Kemp (VP Students)	Lauren Read (Sports & Clubs)
Tom MacLachlan (Senator)	Aaron Samuel (Indigenous)
Michael Alty (Ombudsperson)	Aletha Utley (Grad Co–Chair)

Grad Committee – Rollover of Funds

Aletha

- present to address concerns with Grad Committee finances
- last year’s GC had \$4000 surplus from fundraising – ISSUE – will this rollover?
- GC wants the funds to rollover in order to lower the amount of fundraising needed this year and to cover any contingencies that may arise
- student concern last year that grad was too expensive
- GC’s fundraising ability this year has been handicapped due to the Law Wear debacle; GC is looking at new fundraising ideas
- any surplus they accrue this year would be put towards next year’s grad

Rochelle

- based on records and conversations with Stu (last year’s director of Finance) and Roni (last year’s President) the GC budget has not rolled over in the past
- CONCERNS:
 - no one else’s funds roll over – not clubs, not Social Council, not Academic Council
 - to allow rollover of GC funds would lead to intergenerational inequity -- different years may get more or less “roll over” funds
- in 2010 the Faculty offered to kick in \$6000 in the event of a grad shortfall; would like to inquire about this option again; if available, this amount could be earmarked for future years to ensure fairness
- **Liz** – does not see the \$6000 happening because of the state of the faculty budget
- **Paul** – Dean Bobinski has said that the \$6000 is traditionally available
- **Tom** – wary to bank on Faculty for \$6000 every year -- would like to see funds for all clubs rollover year to year
- **Rochelle** – rollovers don’t happen because there is one big pool
- yes, the funds are available if Exec votes in favor of the rollover, and yes, the GC fundraised last year, but still concern about intergenerational equity
- **Dave** – wants to see a firm policy on GC rollovers one way or another
- **Aletha** – \$6000 may not always be available; cost of grad is usually fixed; yes – intergenerational equity is a concern but there may be other ways to think of a solution
- not optimistic about fundraising this year, but GC will try their best

- **Liz** - we can address the whether a system for rollovers will be developed, but at this point it's too late in the year to not allow the rollover to happen
- **Paul** - sees 3 options
 - rollover the funds this year, and allow that for next year
 - go to Dean and ask for funds
 - rollover this year, and then have a policy that no rollovers allowed
- **MOTION** - Paul - vote YES on rollover - Liz, seconded - PASSED - 6 votes yes, 1 abstain (Andrea), 1 no (Rochelle)

Information Session on Student Fees

- **Paul** -
 - upcoming Town Hall on October 31
 - presented Memorandum on Student Fees & CSO Contribution
- **Liz** - concerned too much disclosure will cause problems -- does not want Town Hall to happen
- **Rochelle** - this issue was swept under the rug many years -- mandate has not been revisited -- timing of the Town Hall is good because 2L's will be appreciative of the CSO's services
- **Dave** - loves CSO -- we also need transparency
 - info session followed by some sort of forum for feedback
 - then we can see if we need to move to a referendum
- **Paul** - this is such a huge portion of fees that we can't ignore it
- **Tom** - this reflects an organizational memory problem of the LSS -- Town Hall should be kept as an information session only, then test the mood of the school
- **Paul** - referendum would be a ton of work
- **Rochelle** - memo should reflect fact that it was the LSS who didn't disclose the information, not the CSO or the Faculty -- transparency is vital
- **Liz** - we have many fees that aren't addressed periodically by students -- ex/ recreational facility, sexual assault centre
- **Rochelle** - the only thing that we manage is the CSO stuff -- the other contributions referenced by Liz have information available online, whereas the CSO contribution has not been made available recently until this year
- **Paul** - doesn't want the LSS to have to deal with this -- would rather see tuition go up and have the Faculty assume sole responsibility for the CSO
- **MOTION** - Rochelle - have Michael commission survey for feedback - Andrea, seconded - PASSED - 1 abstain (Liz)
- **Town Hall** - meeting on October 31 - Pam Cyr and probably the Dean will make presentations; Dean will explain lack of other sources of funding; this will be an information session only, no motions on the table

Diversity & Equity

Michael

- members of the Diversity & Equity Committee are in the process of being finalized
- first meeting will be in November -- bulk of work will be done in the 2nd semester (will build off of the Diversity Report and information from the Diversity Forum)
- D&E committee could be a sounding board for clubs that want opinions on diversity
- survey may be redone this year

Liz

- if the survey is being redone, would like to add changes that capture more demographics
- the Faculty Diversity & Equity Committee is meeting on November 19 -- would like to liaise with the LSS D&E committee

Dave

- what are the goals of the committee?

Michael

- there are no stated goals in the Constitution -- the committee will address goals at their first meeting -- any input is welcomed

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Other Business

- Rochelle -

- both Scotiabank and CBIA wanted to make contributions to the LSS
- the decision was left in their hands where they wanted the money to go
- both chose Women's Caucus

- Paul -

- the Exec will be meeting with Dean Gould on November 4 at lunch