

Executive Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 16th, 2021

Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Attendance:

Title	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	Kiera Stel	X		
VP Academic	Navid Bayat	X		
VP Social	Liz Keyes	X		
Senator	Natasha Rygnestad-Stahl	X		
Director of Finance	Kelsey Wong	X		
Director of Wellness	Natalia Mioduszewski	X		
Director of Communications	Johanna Vanneste	X		
Indigenous Director of Student Affairs	Cassandra Sawers		X	
Director of Clubs	Christa Alvernaz	X		
Director of External Relations	Sebastian Cooper	X		
Ombudsperson	Joanna Ludlow	X		

Agenda:

Item	Notes	Motions & Action Items
1. Call to Order		
1.1 Approval of the Agenda	Call for last minute agenda items	BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the March 16, 2021 Executive Meeting is approved. Moved: Sebastian Seconded: Natasha
2. Open Business		
2.1 Update from the President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections Upcoming • New students welcome night • Dean’s search committee • Meeting with Professor Grant • Orientation update 	Election Upcoming - Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noms are open – none yet, but probably will get more towards the end of the week • How to phrase referendum question? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Johanna to send some edits ○ Add what happens if it doesn’t pass (i.e. revert to ALSS) • Budget question? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern last year with poor communication on budget, so may be better to pass along to new exec ○ If we don’t pass, next year’s budget committee would run into same issue as we did this year ○ But clubs would have roll over funds, so probably would be fine ○ Could do a temp motion of exec and then pass it in referendum next year 	Wording of Name Change Referendum: Do you support changing the name of the Allard Law Students' Society (“ALSS”) to the Law Students' Society at the University of British Columbia (“LSS”) in the LSS Constitution and in any other instances where the name is used, including, but not limited to, social media, email, etc. Please vote Yes, No or Abstain. Explanation In 2020, a referendum was brought via petition by a group of Allard Law students to change the name of the association from the Allard Law Students Association (“ALSS”) to the University of British

	<p>(new exec would do this – include in transition docs)</p> <p>Attend new students welcome night?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually an in-person event for incoming/prospective students • This year, it is on Thursday Apr 1st at 7pm • Prez usually attends but Kiera cannot this year • Liz can attend this year • Maybe new prez too? <p>Dean’s Search Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiera put Joanna’s name forward – awaiting approval <p>Meeting with Professor Grant Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed summer courses, building access, plan for in-person/remote in the fall • Encouraged to add more summer courses because interest will probably be high! Good to encourage students to sign up early so admin can see demand. <p>Orientation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed platform for what incoming 1Ls will be using • Concern that last year, upper years did not have access to the platform so no chance for guidance and mentorship • Might have been an incoming student who made the Slack channel, so we may not have any control over that 	<p>Columbia Law Students’ Society (“UBC LSS”). The referendum passed.</p> <p>In August 2020, the LSS was subsequently informed by the University that the name approved by the referendum in March 2020 is allowable under the marketing agreement between the Alma Mater Society and the University. Therefore, the referendum results were invalidated.</p> <p>In September 2020, on a motion by the LSS Executive, the name of the LSS was changed to “Law Students Society at the University of British Columbia” on a temporary basis to comply with the University-AMS agreement. This was done to continue operating in the spirit of the referendum results and also signifies a return to the original name of the LSS.</p> <p>This referendum question, should it succeed, will ratify the name as passed in September 2020.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johanna to send edits on above wording to Kiera
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	<p>Proposed exec meetings for rest of term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 6, 12:30pm with new Exec 	
<p>2.2 Update from Vp Academic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Session offerings • Admissions: racial data on admission vs application • Meetings w/Assoc. Dean Academic • April Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overtime penalty • No changes from December • Curriculum & BLSA • Onboarding new Ac Council early 	<p>Update from Vp Academic Faculty Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to fall plan – basically what was in the Allard weekly email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation is for full return in the fall • Planning for 3 scenarios: in-person, remote, and mix • Mixed feelings from students • Admissions: racial data on admission vs application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking of moving it to the applicant pool to compare to admitted pool • May be something to work on with Equity Committee <p>April Exams (w/Natasha’s help)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overtime penalty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot find a tech solution to fix this • Remind people to set timers! • Some issues with miscommunications from profs – plan to meet with Kaila and create communication plan for faculty • No changes from December <p>Curriculum & BLSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have hired RA students to work on pedagogical tools to educate on anti-racism and to review curriculum and see where we can insert more teaching about anti-black racism 	

	<p>Onboarding new Academic Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navid plans to get them started on things early (i.e. May) • Would be good to encourage all positions to get started on things in the summer – include in transition memos 	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone start working on transition memos and think about what things to encourage people to start working on in the summer
<p>2.3 Update from Director of Comms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo is being designed – need to sort out payment • Johanna wants to conduct CANS database survey – Joanna can help with using UBC’s survey software. • Also want to consider using only one FB group for all years next year (and use year groups just for things specific to their year) 	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johanna and Kelsey to connect about payment for new logo
<p>2.4 Update from Director of Clubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some responses for 1Ls being interested in being club execs • Lots of Constitutional requirements – may be necessary to pass a motion saying we are bypassing these for COVID reasons • Could appoint people at April 6 meeting • Put bulletin in Newsflash – Christa to email Johanna 	<p>Motion:</p> <p>Whereas some LSS affiliated clubs have not been active this year due to COVID-19, in acknowledgement that these clubs form an important part of the Allard student experience, motion to appoint club execs from a pool of volunteers during future exec meetings, beginning on April 6, 2021.</p> <p>Moved: Liz</p> <p>Seconded: Navid</p> <p>All in favour, motion passes.</p> <p>Action:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christa to email Johanna with info for Newsflash about execs for clubs next year
2.5 Update from VP External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senator election usually run by constituencies themselves, but this year UBC decided to run it to ensure all requirements are followed AMS and Senate Caucus are not a huge fan – especially because of the generic email and concern over lack of student involvement AMS has tasked governance committee to look at this issue 	
2.6 Update from Director of Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position has been less hands on this year Normally would involve more event planning with Anna Virtual events are not ideal for wellness so hard to do more 	
2.7 Update from VP Social/Student Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentorship event went well – lots of good feedback Had last meeting of the term 	
4. Adjournment		
4.1 Next Meeting	April 6	
4.2 Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned by: Kiera	Motion: Natasha Seconded: Natalia
4.3 Minutes	Submitted by: Johanna Vanneste, Director of Communications	