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## Executive Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

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Topic: Feb 13th Exec Meeting

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Attendees: Ryan Sissons,, Jameelah Ali, Calvin Speedie, Ashley Cruickshank, James Atkinson, Aki Kamoshida, Shanice Harris, Kai Rogers, Tinashe Muzah

Regrets: Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi, Isaac Sahota

Absent: Abi Robillard

### Agenda:

Item	Details	Action, Who and When	Vote
1 Call to Order			
1.1 Approval of Agenda		Moved: Jameelah Seconded: Shanice Time: 12:48	Yes: No:
1.2 Approval of Minutes	<a href="#">LSS Exec Meeting Agenda: Janu...</a>	Moved: Kai Seconded: Shanice	Yes: No:

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2 Open Business			
<b>Transparency Initiative</b>	People who still need to provide information: -Ashley -Shanice -Vaughn	Ashley, Shanice, Vaughn: Please send information	
<b>Office Inventory</b>	Ashley and Shanice Update		
<b>Regulation Adoption</b>	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LSS Executive adopts the internal regulations entitled "LSS Equity Committee Regulations" <a href="#">LSS Equity Committee Regulations</a>	First: Kai Seconded: Aki	Yes: Unanimous No: None
<b>Regulation Discussion</b>	For Discussion: <a href="#">LSS Finance Regulations</a> -Student Fee Review doing some discussions as well so want to finish discussion and come back to Finance and Clubs after Ad Hoc Committee	Please read and make comments/suggestions.  Ad hoc committee to continue discussion of Student Fee Review.	
<b>Careers Committee Discussions</b>	1PM Meeting with CSO  Introductions by LSS exec members  <b>Synopsis</b> Ryan - Careers Committee and feedback from LSS to CSO disconnect - Misunderstanding of where Careers Committee functions - Where is Careers Committee grounded?  Aki - Structure of LSS as constituency of AMS - Careers Committee up until 2013 was constituted under		

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	<p>LSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No current constituting documents for Careers Committee, and also not under Faculty of Law<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Elected, but not accountable to any parties</li></ul></li><li>- Reason for meeting: LSS accountability to students. Consulted for many law school issues, except for careers. Feedback from students about careers are have not been relayed.</li><li>- <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of current student fees have been given to CSO. Responsibility of LSS to hold funding accountable and ensure effective communication with respect to careers</li></ul> <p><b><u>Two proposed solutions</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reconstitute Careers Committee under LSS. Specify role of chair and creation of committee. Flexibility regarding membership of committee can be dealt with by making it subject to regulations, which can be subject to vote. Any time regulations are amended, CSO is to be consulted. Accountability is large reason.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Having Careers Committee under LSS allows work to be done where students are asking. Functionally similar to now, but will be under</li></ul></li></ol>		
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	<p>LSS for certain advocacy points.</p> <p>2. CSO constitutes Careers Committee. Accountable to faculty. Treated like other faculty committees, with 1 or 2 seats reserved for LSS representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Elections for Careers Committee will not be run by LSS.</li><li>- Regular meeting or report by CSO and its activities, similar to other Associate Deans.</li></ul> <p>Stephanie <b><u>Background</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- First time made aware that Careers Committee is not under LSS constitution was in 2021<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Likely moved outside of constitution but elections kept the same</li></ul></li><li>- Issue came up again last year.</li><li>- Likely Careers Committee put into place before CSO existed. Careers Committee role changed to become liaison between students and employees, existing at the same time as CSO. Became volunteers for CSO events.</li><li>- Became unclear who Careers Committee reports to. Reported to LSS, but CSO did not have to act on recommendations because CSO reports to Dean. Limbo situation where it was unclear who Careers should be</li></ul>		
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	<p>reporting to.</p> <p><b><u>About Proposals</u></b></p> <p>Stephanie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Surveys are often sent out to student body about events. Feedback option already in place.</li><li>- CSO has made it a point to reach out to different clubs to ask for feedback on events, especially Wellness and EDI.</li><li>- Nothing that stopped LSS from going to CSO, but nothing was heard. Did not know feedback was going to LSS and not CSO.</li><li>- Chair for previous years of Careers Committee did not attend LSS meetings.</li><li>- Why is there a need to formalize the relationship?</li></ul> <p>Ryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Assumption was Careers Committee would take on the advocacy role. Attempt this year to do this, but Careers Committee functioned more to help CSO put on events.</li><li>- Issue with keeping it the same and having Carriers Chair come in is they do not have a direction.</li><li>- If Careers Committee is placed under LSS, they can take direction and go to CSO to advocate. Not about commanding CSO. Work with CSO to address concerns. Issues can then be brought to other committees or councils.</li><li>- Student understanding of</li></ul>		
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	<p>consultation baseline should be LSS.</p> <p>Kai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Surveys may not be working. Student feedback has been going to students, not to staff or faculty.</li><li>- Constituting Careers Committee under LSS will give students a stronger voice and directly relay concerns</li><li>- Communication from CSO has been lacking. Two communications requesting financial disclosure to run budget, but no response.</li></ul> <p>Stephanie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vast majority of fee goes towards staff and cost. Amount that goes to office is close to salary of a career advisor. Minority of cost goes towards non-staff functions.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Response</u></b></p> <p>Stephanie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Needs to think about proposals and speak to Dean.</li><li>- If Careers would be reconstituted under LSS, how would that function?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Similar to now. Work together with CSO and take direction from CSO for events. Chair required sit in on regular LSS exec meetings and may be required to sit in on Academic Council. Chair to take action from LSS and take concerns to CSO to</li></ul></li></ul>		
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	<p>advocate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recurring concerns would be complied by LSS and solutions proposed to CSO in an attempt to deal with it. Surveys can be sent out by LSS for feedback. Gather information and provide advocacy to CSO.</li></ul> <p>Ashley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In getting feedback from students, LSS can assist in providing substantive solutions to CSO</li><li>- LSS is full of a diverse group of people. CSO may not reflect the diversity of desires that different law students have</li><li>- Certain legal employment interests not reflected in CSO programming and provisions</li></ul> <p>Shanice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Example: EDI Committee concerns are brought up to LSS to be advocated on</li><li>- Perceived wall between CSO and students. Discomfort of sharing the information. Conscious and subconscious barrier.</li></ul> <p>Calvin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CSO takes up 75% of LSS budget. Whatever CSO spends on, is worth 3x whatever LSS does. LSS job to get that benefit for students, as it constrains the LSS budget itself.</li><li>- When engaging in a process to review fees, no clear direction</li></ul>		
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	<p>and no answer. When LSS is trying to do their best for students, this is extremely difficult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More advocacy that is formalized with the CSO. Formalized structure to where LSS gives its money.</li> <li>- LSS student fees have remained stagnant for many years, so budget has been increasingly constrained. Not fiscally viable to continue this.</li> </ul> <p>Ryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ad hoc committee running to review student fees. Look at whether an increase or reallocation of student fees is necessary.</li> <li>- If first option enacted under LSS, constitutional change would happen in March, with consultation by CSO</li> <li>- If second option under faculty, would be constituted under faculty or CSO. Discussion would need to be with Deans and Associate Deans. Monthly meetings with LSS representatives.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Third Option</u></b></p> <p>Stephanie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Get rid of Careers Committee. Questions within CSO about the value of the existence of Careers Committee. Limited utility to Careers Committee members themselves.</li> <li>- Create formal check-in directly between LSS and CSO to play advocacy role.</li> <li>- Agrees there needs to be a</li> </ul>		
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	<p>connection, informal or formal. Missing a large piece of knowledge from students that has been going towards LSS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disconnect on what CSO can and can't do. Pushback about OCIs every year. Misperception on what CSO is able to do. Limited ability to change the overall process.</li> </ul> <p>Ryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Careers Committee role doesn't have to stay in its current role. Can change to meet the needs of CSO.</li> <li>- NALP rep and bar reps have wanted student representation.</li> <li>- If Careers Committee is absolved, LSS may still reconstitute a Careers Committee under LSS</li> </ul> <p>Kai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hesitant to go towards simplest route, as it may not be the most effective.</li> </ul>		
<b>3 New Business</b>			
<b>LSS Finance Update</b>	<p>Calvin to update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social Council fiscal loss</li> <li>- Grad Committee fiscal loss. No intent to break even.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Belief they have carryover, but difficult to say how much they are entitled to.</li> <li>- Possibly no rollover</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Kai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request full financial disclosure from Grad</li> </ul>	<p>Full Financial Disclosure: First: Aki Seconded: Kai</p> <p>Freeze Rollover First: Kai Seconded: Calvin</p>	<p>Full Financial Disclosure Yes: Unanimous No: None</p> <p>Freeze Rollover Yes: Unanimous No: None</p>

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	Committee.		
<b>LSS Elections</b>	Suggested Dates: Nominations: Feb 26th - March 4th Election: March 6th- March 11th	Feb 26 is Monday after reading break. Elections on 6th provides time to fill out information.  Information post to be made at end of this week. Nominations notification at end of reading week that nominations will open.	
<b>Allard Using LSS Community Space June 17-20th</b>	No concerns		
<b>LSS Yearly Overview</b>	All of LSS to compile a document of any major discussions, changes, concerns, and reforms that occurred to pass on to next year's Executive. -Not discussed		
<b>AMS Awards</b>	-Constituency of the year -Just Desserts Award -Not discussed		
<b>4 Updates</b>			
<b>Student Fee Review Ad Hoc Committee</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Ryan	
<b>Constitutional Reform Ad Hoc Committee</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Aki Secondary: Kai	
<b>Grad Committee</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Sarah and Brittney	
<b>Academic Update</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Jameelah Secondary: Ryan	

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<b>Careers Committee</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Tinashe	
<b>ILSA Update</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Vaughn	
<b>Social Update</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Isaac Secondary: Ryan	
<b>Equity Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Survey</li><li>- Joint event</li></ul>	Lead: Shanice and Vaughn	
<b>Wellness Update</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Ashley	
<b>Senate</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Kai	
<b>AMS</b>	Not discussed.	Lead: Aki	
<b>5 Adjournment</b>			
5.1 Meeting adjourned		Moved: Kai Seconded: James Time: 14:11	
5.2 Minutes		Hugo	

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