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Executive Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

UBC Law Students' Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: UBC Law Students' Society's Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 649 4485 2526

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Attendees: Jameelah Ali (Zoom), Clea Catona, Dylan Nouri, Sadie Glickman, Jason Liu (Zoom), Rishabh Guvante (Zoom), Kai Rogers, Kieran Bovingdon (Zoom), Erin Valentine, Mercedes Oada (Zoom)

Regrets: Hunter Lang, Daniel Liu, Charles Ding, Stephanie Shin

Absent:

Agenda:

Item	Details	Action, Who and When	Vote
1 Call to Order			
1.1 Approval of Agenda		Moved: Kai Seconded: Dylan Time: 12:31	Yes: No:
1.2 Approval of Minutes	November 25, 2024	Moved: Dylan Seconded: Kai	Yes: No:

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2 Open Business			
Faculty x Student Events	Soccer Tournament: focus on doing one event in the year aside from Trike Race will help students feel connected to faculty; important for rebuilding trust - Jameelah has reached out to Ben to see what the plans are. Somewhat still up in the air as to whether or not this event will be happening.		
Financial Director Referendum	Being run at the end of the week tentatively waiting for ballot to be finalized by AMS - Will result in two additional student positions	Lead: Jameelah	
CSO Budget Reform	Will be running a referendum to see student support for further reduction and then running the referendum so the budget can be changed for next year; this year it wont happen past the \$9,600. - Students still pay full LSS fee of \$148, but price goes towards LSS. \$112 goes towards CSO currently. - Potential referendum in the future - Kieran: there may be conditions attached from the Dean's offer, but we don't know what it looks like. Seems to have suggested a referendum to negotiate what a CSO fee would look like.	Lead: Jameelah Secondary: Kieran	
Vending Machines	Emailed and working with admin to have it put into the LSS lounge; we would need to rearrange the space and get rid of some small things (filing	Lead: Jameelah	

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	cabinets)		
Affinity Banquet	Thoughts about having a large celebration that brings together the Allard community while centering EDI: - Would feature our affinity groups but open to everyone and faculty - Would be able to get firm sponsors - Sponsor from ILSA and BLSA - Admin/EDI office would provide funds If it doesn't happen this year we can work on it being a tradition like boat cruise that we do every year (would prefer to do it this year)		
1L Transitions	Every council and committee should be properly transitioning their 1Ls in so the expectations and rules are clearly laid out - Meeting procedures - Responsibilities - Not an option to show up when you want and do what you want		
3 New Business			
Meeting with the Dean	Productive; asked for help from students - Rishabh and Jameelah had meeting with Dean, along with representatives from EDI Committee - Running EDI survey currently - Meeting Minutes - Dean ...		
VP Wellness	Running nomination period; no one has run; if someone does we run a vote/appointment. If no one runs then	Moved: Seconded:	Yes: No:

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	the role is empty and there will be no wellness programming; can try and implement something small so the new 1L reps have something to do - New wellness counsellor has started their integration process - Discussion about what to do about two 1L Wellness reps who want to participate and contribute - Kai: recommendation to split work up. Allocate to SC and Grad Committee, as these are also forms of wellness - Jameelah: perhaps have 1L reps do one small thing - Mercedes: Maybe 1Ls can do candygrams? - Erin: Candygrams could be overseen by Grad Committee to raise some extra funds		
Key Card Access to the LSS Lounge	Working on having the space be 24/7 key card access	Lead: Jameelah	
1L Welcome Mixer	Looking to have an event that welcomes in our new 1Ls to get to know them and introduce them to the rest of the team - Jameelah: barbeque idea? Must check for budgeting	Lead: Jameelah	
<i>In camera session</i>			
4 Updates			

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Academic Update	General update→ Walrus Article statement in Faculty Council last meeting about FC being cancelled in December at Jan 16, 2025 was received well Committee updates: • Curriculum → Committee discussion on curriculum reform is ongoing. Will be hosting a townhall in February. Difficult to know what proposals will be brought forth by faculty deadline. Various faculty have expressed an interest in student input. • Admissions → LSS representatives have begun to look at discretionary stream applicants. If you surpass discretionary requirements, are placed in to general pool. • Academic Procedures → No updates since November. • Appointments → We have an LSS rep currently involved in the hiring for an Indigenous professor. Issues on how hiring is going have been raised and awaiting administrative feedback.	Lead: Cléa Secondary: Jameelah	
Careers Committee	Designing survey for 2Ls to share opinions about OCI process. Thinking about talking to VBA to establish a channel for students to comment on irregularities about OCIs. Spoke with CSO, received commentary that some of these may have been procedural or personal mistakes.	Lead: Andrew/Cléa	
ILS Update	• Russell Nesbitt (He/Him) has	Lead: Hunter	

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	joined Allard as our new Associate Director, Indigenous Legal Studies. Originally from Calgary, Alberta, Russell is currently a member of the Métis Nation of British Columbia. Over the past year and a half, he has been engaged in researching traditional legal structures with BC First Nations. Russell holds both a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and First Nations and Indigenous Studies from the University of British Columbia. Russell is deeply committed to supporting Indigenous students as they pursue their law degrees and embark on future careers in law. He is excited to bring his expertise, passion, and dedication to UBC and the Allard community. • ILSA meeting went well. Volunteer and work opportunities were discussed as well as the following upcoming events: ◦ Indigenous Alliance Week first week of Feb ◦ Gala Feb 28th • Next ILS Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan 29.		
Social Update	Winter formal - Went well, received good comments Fasken Friday Social - Happened this past Friday,	Leads: Daniel/Dylan	

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	January 17 - Bottleneck issue with not enough people having Serving It Right - Pass on all expenses to firms; non-alcoholic drinks are \$1 each, alcoholic drinks \$5 - There is no reason why Friday Socials should be losing money, as they are charged to the firms themselves Bennett Jones Karaoke - Happening Wednesday, January 22 Interfaculty cup - AMS has reached out asking about registration of a captain and a team - Archery tag, volleyball-spinoff, wheelchair basketball, etc. Planning for future events going well → Gowling, Trike Race, etc. Medical Malpractice Mixer - Daniel's project, looking around for venues Jason: we should get 1Ls more involved in everything; next year, we want to know that the new exec have experience and can run these events		
Equity Update	Workshop on cultural competency happening at Allard in September 2025 - Aiming to get help from LSS, with a student panel - But this will have to be	Lead: Rishabh Secondary: Hunter	

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	next year's iteration of the LSS Biweekly EDI Committee meetings - Had first meeting of term last week - Contentious, and lots of student sentiment around Walrus article		
Wellness Update	Working with our 2 1Ls and collaborating with Erin (Grad Committee) to put together annual candy gram for fundraising and possibly one more small event	Lead: Jameelah	
Senate	Removed a co-chair, and another co-chair quit. Kai is now a chair	Lead: Kai	
AMS	Absent	Lead: Charles	
Finance	Social Council Events - Putting together spreadsheet for Winter Formal to see where money was gained/lost Reimbursements - Doing continuously We need a cash budget for future, to plan out sources and uses throughout the year - Draining surplus that build up during COVID New Financial Directors - In the works, as stated above Women's Caucus - Working with WC for their events Made additions to Financial	Lead: Kieran	

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	Responsibility motion		
Grad Committee	- Full team has been established, working on Gala, yearbook, and fundraising Fundarising - Tracking outreach that has been done - Approached many firms that were not previously contacted - Lowering dollar values of sponsorships and increasing options to make contributions more tangible and possible - Also reaching out to other businesses and banks for sponsorships - Created formal request donation letter Yearbook - Committee will be making decisions on design - Approximate cost for yearbooks will be \$15 each, less than last year's pricing Law Wear - Kieran: issue with payment by AMS has been sorted out, emailed Province of Canada (clothing company) for communication - Working on second round of Law Wear; committee reaching out for quotes and options - Kieran: clothing will be coming in 4-5 weeks according to the production manager Grad Photos	Lead: Erin + Stephanie:	

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	- Sent out notices for grad photos to be taken - Spots are filling up, go up until March Gala - Met with venue, confirmed deadlines for final numbers and decisions - Strict timelines for confirming food options in advance (3 weeks out), so going with buffet style - Frank conversation on previous contract not being representative of what is realistically possible, but venue has been accommodating so far - Ticket prices may need to be higher than what they were last year in order to break even, but working hard to attain more sponsorships - Candygrams can potentially be used to raise money for Grad Gala Overall Thoughts - From taking over the role, suggests potentially reworking the Constitution to reposition GC under SC completely - GC would benefit from having access to SC resources and communications to know what has happened		
5 Adjournment			
5.1 Meeting adjourned		Moved: Kai Seconded: Dylan Time: 13:37	

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