



MINUTES

Title of meeting: **SLS Executive Meeting**
Date: Jan 22, 2019
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: ADMIN

(1) Call to Order

1:06 pm meeting called to order

(2) Roll Call

Regrets: Cory, Fady, Jeff

(3) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Firsted Casey, Seconded Michael- ALL APPROVED

(4) President Report (Aanchal)

Wecome back to another term.2 new international students from EU. Few more meetings left, March AGM Tues march 5 at 6pm at OM 3632. NEW CREW VOTED IN THEN. Last day for this team. Setting up meeting with dean for other issues, let us know if you want to discuss anything else with them. Directed research policy and appeals-questioning decision to not approve their request.

E: is there a way to push ALR through asking the Dean

A: it is clock tower that deals with that but we can ask.

M: very likely that it'll be put through.

A: date is Jan 30. Town hall Feb 5th 1pm. Something to flag for AGM, now that we've changed consty it'll affect who's allowed to vote at AGM. Consider whether there's a process of checking ppl in and ensuring they're a voting paid member.

Weekly Reports- NEW!

(5) Reports from Internal Directors

(a) Vice Presidents

(a.1) Stephanie

Not much to report. Think we should make it a new policy that the sober organizer brings the naxalone kit with them.

C: free from the Wellness Centre downstairs

(a.2) Jeremy

That's good.

(b) Class Representatives

(b.1) 1L (Cory)

Absent

(b.2) 2L (Arjun)

Trying to have the store set up by this evening. Puma golf shirt, ball jerseys, Nalgene bottle style. Brands switched to Van manufacturer that has a lot of stock and fast shipping. Not as open about their manufacturing policies. Jericho shipped out of Ontario and spent a lot of time messaging ppl to switch colours. Going with Authentic T shirt company. More convenient.
J: saw another company that makes ethical cotton material.
A: too small, great business plan but can't handle orders of 100. Btw time I take orders and place orders the stock runs out, clothes change every season. Most products picked because they have a lot of stock available.

(b.3) 3L (Joyce)

For 3L, for spring break we are heading to Vegas. Alicia C. is leading that, not very popular but it's something. Wanted to go to Cuba or Mexico but it's too much pricewise. Also talking about a grad dinner for the class, friends and family, now deciding on a date. Some want March, some want Convocation Day. Specific date to go with being decided.

(c) Academic (Michael)

Domestic violence workshop scheduled for Sat Apr 6, well attended. Meeting with Sonja for logistics, likely be setting up meeting with Dean for funding. In terms of workshop, it'll follow last year's set up barring objections. Possibility of SLS member feedback for course schedule, meeting with admin and idea was brought up if the SLS wants to pursue it. No veto power or anything but a student perspective on course timetabling and exam scheduling.

S: from last two years there was a part 2 with a certificate, same thing?

M: believes it'll be a bit different from what was done last year. Registration opens up after Sonja and I talk about logistics, mid Feb. probably.

Motion to reach back out and arrange some level of student feedback: Michael first seconded by Joyce-ALL IN FAVOUR

(d) Events (Karina)

Formal in a few days, have sold 292 tickets, almost hitting goal of 300. Going through evening plan, 6 doors open, Fady MC, small rounds of speeches, from reps Joyce and Cory, Karina. Photo booth, music requests limited to 1 hour this year. Dave and Fady will work on that. Discussion on post- posting that there should be no outside alcohol, be respectful, there's faculty at it. Ideas for the post?

E: not a problem with drawing a hard line.

S: we can be direct and ask people to leave if they're breaking the rules.

M: consider pointing out that ski trip went well, continuation from that.

K: need some help for setting events base. Slots: 12-3 Friday 3-6 Friday, 9-12 morning Saturday, 12-3 Saturday, would be great to help set up. All décor is DIY.

S: can you post the time slots on fb.

THANK YOU!!!!

(e) Sports/Clubs (Colten)

Since last meeting now have a Securities law club, criminal law club, TRU chapter of Law needs feminism because. Funding meeting is tomorrow at 4pm at 3772. Have to fill out the form to get funding.

(6) External Reports

(a) Development Director (Jeff)

(b) CBA Rep (Emily)

Trying to coordinate CBA Ethics in Actin CLE for all of Kamloops lawyers, willing to make that available to students and just figuring out logistics. Mar 4. Going to try and see whether CBA wants a booth at the SLS conference.

(c) Outreach Director (Casey)

Have the Bonspiel, reg tomorrow. Every event from outreach director has been thru a deficit, its because the intention was for fundraising and the rest was from SLS. Looking for creative ways to get around this, with insurance and field rentals you'll be lucky to break even with the ball tourney, popular. Bonspiel-20 bucks but will still put us 4 dollars per player for revenue.
S: looking towards breaking even atleast?
C: last year was 20 per team, club charges us 15 plus tax. Now charging 20 a player, 80 a team.

(d) Health and Wellness (Fady)

(e) ILSA (Sunny)

Cindy Blackstalk, inspirational speaker and indigenous scholar is coming to TRU speaking about ending inequality for first nations children, event details are on TRU website, there are posters downstairs and tell your friends about it. 6pm on Jan 30.

(f) Communications and Marketing Officer (Emily)

Been updating clubs on the website, updated the conference info, Q for Michael, where are we on the CAN bank contest
M: will put names of the ppl who participated and draw a name. 5-6 that submitted CANs.
E: we can do one in the next few weeks, Feb 1st start date.

(7) Financial Report (Sonja)

Had yesterday as a deadline for clubs funding, meeting at 4pm in 3772, small committee of us making the decisions. Aanchal, Colten, jeff. 13k in requested funding, my budget was 1750 to give out. Let's see how that goes. Big lack of funding SLS conference, each year has been allocated 10k from 15k law foundation, which is 2/3, overall budget is 22k. they've raised 23k most likely including the 10k. this is our last year so trying to hold back 5k for incoming SLS. Let's see how that goes. Reached out to a lot of sponsors and hopefully they come through. Q for club funding please ask, noticed that sports teams like hockey and rugby request and get the most.
C: how does process work with TRUSU? Apply for double funding?
S: had a presentation from TRUSU last year, but will reiterate that, Deans discretionary award for conferences and clubs.

(8) Other Business

Elections committee-

A: invited elections to discuss student rep on faculty committees, getting students involved was diff, hoping we can conjoin the process and have them run names for ppl wanting to sit on faculty committees, and just collect names. We can give you whatever doc you need, run it at the same and put out a call looking for SLS positions and for committees as well.

S: would think that we might want to exercise some control over who sits on them. Want to make sure we have the right ppl in those positions.

A: they just need to collect the names at the same time. If they're ok adding it to the mandate.

J: to add, we can decide in camera

A: we can make them start May and run may to end of April.

C: ok with us

MOTION TO HAVE SLS REPS ON FACULTY COMMITTEES SELECTED AT SAME TIME AS ELECTION. FIRST ARJUN, SECOND KARINA, ALL IN FAVOUR.

Michael:

DR week is an interesting experience, commend admin for making the efforts that they did to enhance DR week moving it a week forward. Encouraging guest speakers, changing one of the 3 DR week instructors. Feedback I've been getting from students is that things need to change, faculty council not always the best place to put it forward, academic planning committee is a better place,

meeting next Tuesday. Discussion on DR week and look at the draft language if they want things added in or changed, want to take it forward to APC that students think there are issues with DR week, and reforming 7 credits is a significant undertaking, not going to be changed in the next year or two but the process needs to at least start. Curious about feedback

S: 1. Our year, they hired accomplished people but the admin really hung them out to dry-didn't know we had done the exercise before, the ppl they hired aren't teacher the admin needs to set out some expectations
2. ppl go into DR week thinking it's a waste of time and choose not to get anything outta it, made effort to get something outta it. Ppl go into it with bad expectations.

E: didn't realize how much content they needed, content was great but we didn't get enough of it.

C: ppl get mad paying for wasted time, 4 hour break, every hour is like 200 hours.

M: anyone have anything in terms of the letter? Most people feel that skill development is great but the problem is that it's difficult with 110 ppl. We were in a separate trial, diff to get constructive feedback. Lack of content relative to having a 3 credit load, same as full sem course so there's a gap. Economics- 2k each for DR week and there's a consensus that there's a perceived lack of value. Remind that this is all on the record.

J: going to add to the discussion- hard to have a one week feel like it's worth 3 credits, not possible to cover as much material so you don't feel that it's worth it. Don't feel that they got anything outta it, but a lot of people need help in for example negotiation, in a week-long course you can only do so much, either remove a week long 3 credit course or something else- there's no way to feel like it's worth it.

M: valid points, my plan isn't necessarily getting rid of DR, that's not going to happen. Room to change the curriculum, maybe contract drafting etc. short to long term fix would be to have more instructors and more feedback, instructors aren't the problem, it's just that there's not enough space for practical feedback. Other law schools spread them out over 2-3 weeks, but more feedback. Point is for skill development, there needs to be more space for feedback and constructive development

Jamie: agree that practical component is appealing, there is a bit of a problem with curriculum because separating it out over 3 years doesn't have the buy in for students. Other schools don't have this as a req, legal process intensive, moots etc. we have more req credits than a lot of schools, I think If we could shift the responsibility on practical courses such as FLS, bringing in more guest speakers and increasing its credits. First year req moot is from federation of law societies, goals are aspirational but there are ways that we could shift resources to de-emphasize credits, have a two-week intensive course for example,

S: Didn't tell Major that 1Ls do DR week, he planned a negotiation but cancelled.

J: even if solution is to diffuse money to develop a curriculum across the board. Very aspirational.

M: think that these are good ideas, caution that the more we get into moving courses and credits it is a multiyear endeavour. Push to do academic planning and looking at the entire law school curriculum, maybe we can push for a broader curriculum review. Potential ways to improve value of DR week.

J: even if they have to use a prof that is there.

A: great points and would stress that learning abt something multiple times is still good, more practice we're getting the better well be. think we should continue to just push out that there are other DR mechs, restorative justice etc. why not combine 1L week with restorative justice, help with TRC goals, TRU students come out as certified facilitators for communities. Think you shd do the survey, that way we have recorded info, year after year we have a doc for feedback.

C: is there a process for instructors to write a debrief to prevent overlap, our instructors were thrown into the fire and a lot of redundancies, instructors could do a day by day debrief to ensure there's not overlap.

MOTION FOR DR WEEK CONCERNS- first Steph, Joyce seconded- ALL IN FAVOUR motion carries.

C: only thing I've done so far is email for organizing field rental, applications for field leaders. Cory and I are working on that together, in touch with Leanne to look for students.

Second motion:

Misinformation for how tuition is administered, TRU clock tower takes 35%, it's a cost recovering mech, there's valid arguments against that, I want to have some awareness for students to learn about this it piques their interest, our main job is to be advocates for law students, we shd be advocating to TRU admin for a change to this. There isn't a good reason behind it, more info brought up for how they came to that number. Tough to see how the 35% they're taking which is 2 million, doesn't have the returns, problems we have as a law school is tied to funding problem, no money from the government, never going to change, few ways were going to get more money and this will be the biggest target. Motion to have a student advocacy campaign that raises awareness about the 35% and see where it goes.

C: how much info have they given? Meeting with CFO for breakdown of building cost etc.

M: according to meeting last year it's never been done, never a zero-based review of budget and no one knows specific costs.

A: convo with dean they mentioned they didn't put law on list for zero based review done.

S: well overdue.

M: nothing radical, if it has SLS backing it might carry more weight and if ppl want to get more engaged sending emails them seeing that there is a lot of student behind it, it would carry more weight.

MOTION- first Karina, second Casey-ALL IN FAVOUR of student advocacy campaign, one abstention is Arjun.

Last motion:

There's been recent concern of a question of what a definition of student is for serving on student committees, now it's possible to grad in Jan of 3rd year, next faculty council, next SLS to clarify what definition of student is, for serving on faculty committees, competing ideas of what that definition is, Jan they're done degree reqs, but not formally graduated. Whatever faculty council comes up with as the definition is fine, but can't have confusion moving forward. As a side thought if the definition is that you're done being a student the moment you satisfy degree reqs, then we need to think of a fee schedule that's congruent with that since its unfair if they're not paying for any benefit.

J: personally, think international students shd still get SLS fees for events.

C: how many ppl did that effect in your year?

A: 5-10 people.

S: another aspect, 3rd years have the lowest membership, force the first years to do it. Have to think of ways to entice 3Ls to do it.

First and second the motion to clarify definition of student, first Emily second Joyce
ALL IN FAVOUR

2:04 meeting ended