

MINUTES

Title of meeting: **SLS Executive Meeting**

Date: June 24th, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm PST

Location: Online link meeting

(1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm

(2) Roll Call

In attendance

-Celina Bell
-Jaicee Payette
-Kimia Jalilvand
-Courtney McLaughlin
-Lucas Johnson
-Alexandra Johnston
-Tasha Lorenzen
-Maximillion Cadillac-Molson
-Emily Dishart
-Arwant Kang

(3) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting approved at 8:12 pm, no members came forward with objections.

(4) President Report (Celina)

1. Supporting our BIPOC students

- It was brought up at the Faculty COVID meeting and it was recognized that many of TRU law's committees are comprised of mostly white members. This doesn't fairly represent our diversity.
- It was suggested that the SLS reach out to any clubs that represents minority students, or is aimed at creating more inclusion, and ask if they would like to participate in the orientation committee.
- We at the SLS need more representation as a group from clubs such as BLSA, SALSA, etc.
- Tasha from BLSA is in this meeting to help us learn how to support our BIPOC students.

- Dean Acreman was spoken to recently and there is now a statement coming out of TRU Law as a whole that supports anti-racist movements.
- Tasha would like the SLS to take the step forward and to work with assistant Dean Donlan to put out a letter as a result of what's going and wanting to combat any racism in our school actively.
- There is a pre-existing way in which students can report racist actions or events at TRU—the anonymous complaint avenue (if you don't feel comfortable doing it in person).
- It would be advantageous to move this avenue forward for students to be aware of for when any discriminatory situations happen.
- This hotline isn't just for racism issues, it's been brought to light because of the anti-racist movements but it's for any student facing any kind of discrimination such as homophobia, or sexism, etc.

- It is agreed that the SLS will move forward with a statement about anti-racist movements in TRU Law and our support of them.
- There will be a link within the statement about the anonymous complaint line for discriminatory behavior
- Assistant Dean Donlan will receive an email asking for more information about this anonymous complaint line.

- ILSA reps are meeting this week to discuss ILSA also making a statement
- The SLS will ask ILSA if anyone else would like to add something to the statement from an Indigenous standpoint.

2. Upcoming Town hall

- Celina will be moderating tomorrow's townhall
- There will be an SLS member in the meeting as well to take notes for release after the meeting is over.
- Town halls are meant to be direct and not intended to be anonymous—for that reason anonymous questions will not be taken.
- The SLS can take notes and post them on the new Class of 2023 facebook group to keep the incoming 1L's in the loop.

3. Parting gift from the SLS to Dean Acreman

- The SLS has purchased Dean Acreman a bottle of champagne, to wish him the best on his retirement.
- No one expected COVID, and he as an interim dean handled it well.

4. Mighty network proposal from the COVID student committee

- There has done a call out for 3 new members.
- Jaicee will be the secretary on this committee and will make sure notes are taken and released.
- This committee wants to use what is called the "Mighty Network"—it's a program that can run for free, although there are paid plan versions of it and it seems to be a combination of many social media platforms.
- It would need approval by the SLS board if we want to adopt it.
- The board discussed this, and as a majority was not in favor of using this platform in the future for students.
- It was suggested that the SLS be more diligent about sending out summaries via email as well as facebook posts to make sure that we are able to include those that do not have facebook.
- The board had overwhelming concerns about this platform switch and does not support it.

5. Survey re: student issues and concerns about the fall semester

- The SLS was asked by a couple of students whether or not we will run a survey about how students feel about online classes and the concerns they have.
- The faculty is well on their way to developing curriculum already, and it seems perhaps it's too late.
- The SLS will not be conducting a survey as it seems far too complicated, and most issues have been addressed by faculty already.

6. Updates on: Faculty COVID committee/switch to biweekly meetings, unpaid articles, tuition and fees from TRUSU. Student handbook, Kyle re: SLS orientation events

→Faculty COVID committee

- The committee has slowed down quite a bit, and will be meeting biweekly as opposed to weekly and the length of the meetings will be cut down.
- Many of the big question marks have been solved, and less is being discussed.

→Unpaid articles

- The faculty member responsible has requested that he be able to speak to the board to dispel any misinformation about the letter written to aid students in finding unpaid articles.
- A discussion was had about these concerns, however the SLS executive decided it was unnecessary to meet and the position of the SLS will not change.

→TRUSU

- There will be no reduction in fees.
- TRU has increased scholarship and emergency financial relief.
- TRU is in no shape to eat the cost of fees and services such as bus passes will hopefully be moving to an "opt-in".
- Realistically the bus pass is the only fee that will be able to be opt-out.

→Student handbook

- The first draft was given to orientation committee to look over this week.

→O-week activities

- Ambassadors are now communicating with first year students.
- Meet and greets will be going on for the first three weeks of July.
- There is an updated schedule for orientation videos so that not too many things will be released on one day in tandem with activities at night.
- Trying to solicit ideas from the student body as well.
- Lucas and Kyle will need to create a budget before Courtney reaches out to firms for donations.

7. Club leader meeting

- Arwant has collected all of the details for the majority of the clubs (1 or 2 have not submitted information).
- More updates will come during the next meeting.

(5) Reports from Internal Directors

(a) Vice Presidents

(a.1) VP fundraising—Courtney Mclaughlin

(a.2) VP Academic -- Alexandra Johnston

(b) Class Representatives

(b.1) 1L (Kyle)

(b.2) 2L (Maximillion)

(b.3) 3L (Arwant)

(d) Events (Kimia)

1. Update on brainstorming for this years' upcoming events, and where to go with a limited budget.

- What will we be doing during the fall?
- What if the winter semester is in person?
- Seems unlikely that we will be having a law ball as it's too many students in one room.
- If we do go to in person for winter semester, Kyle would like something like the breakfast that we had to take place.

(e) O-Week Leader (Lucas)

(e) ILSA (Jana)

(f) Communications and Marketing Officer (Jaicee)

(7) Financial Report (Lucas)

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(8) Other Business

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