

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2015

Present: Kristy, Ben F, Matt, Benj, Josh, Scott, Allanah, Nicole, Catriona

National Bar Exam

- Federation of Law Societies set standardization in law school curriculum several years ago
- Federation of Law Societies of Canada seeking to have a new 'national' bar exam (with potential provincial components on top).
 - ➔ National mobility of law degrees
 - ➔ Surge in the number of foreign-traded people seeking qualification in Canada (NCA)
 - ➔ Potential issue of race-to-the-bottom – no need to qualify in other provinces
- General mood in BC is negative towards the national program, concerns that PLTC will be undone
- This could potentially impact the 2018 class
- There is the potential to have somebody from the Law Society come and consult with students – there is currently a December deadline for the Law Society to report back to the Federation of Law Societies
- There are US models that have a similar format
- It is unclear whether this would be a more difficult test than the current bar exam
- It is unclear whose responsibility it will be to train students to write the test (e.g. PLTC, online, law school, private companies)

Motion: The ALSS will write to the Law Society, before the December Benchers meeting, to explain that we need more time and information to consider a National Bar Exam.

➔ Motion Passed

Keeping Allard Clean

- There is a *quid pro quo*, that requires the students to be respectful of the study spaces
- Students felt compelled to 'enforce' the rules against non-law students
- Early next week the after-hours rules will begin to be enforced
- We need to get the stickers

Emergency Funds for Students

- There is a fund of money that provides emergency funds for students in distress, it is endowed
- The fund is managed by Enrolment Services, but the Faculty controls who can access the funds
- We could consider raising funds for the source