

## ALSS Executive Council: Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 12:30 pm in ALSS Office

**Present:** Kristy, Ben F, Scott, Mischa, Allannah, Benj I, Jen, Joshua, Carly, Matt, Catriona

New Business

### ALSS POSITIONS

- We will need a referendum for the Constitutional amendment

#### **1. Reconfiguring the Director of Sports and Clubs to Director of Wellness**

- Last year, wellness was stuck with Equity and Diversity – this had the effect of watering down Equity and Diversity by forcing them to focus on general student concerns
- There are certain wellness events that plan events with Kaila – Kaila wants a standing committee
- Mischa believes that this is a reasonable addition to his responsibilities
- Dean Dauvergn has highlighted student wellness as a particular concern

**Motion:** Hold a referendum to expand the role of Director of Sports and Clubs to encompass responsibilities for a standing committee on wellness, with the Director being a representative of the ALSS. The position will be renamed 'Director of Wellness'.

**Motion:** Carly

**Second:** Mischa

**Passed**

#### **2. Evaluation of the responsibilities of the upper year members of Social Council – Director of ALSS Services and Upper Year Rep**

- The role of Social Director can be done by one person – summer planning and overseeing, but delegating the tasks to the first-year reps
- The upper year reps can be responsible for the larger annual events: trike race, semi, scavenger hunt, boat cruise

**Motion:** Hold a referendum to retitle the two upper-year social council positions to 2 'Student Affairs Coordinators'. The Student Affairs Coordinators will be delegated tasks from the VP of Student Affairs, including overseeing major social events and liaising with other student groups.

**Motion:** Kristy

**Second:** Mischa

**Passed**

#### **3. Indigenous Student Involvement**

- There is a general feeling that 'Big Firm' is not well-suited to Indigenous students
- It is a loss to the law school community that there is not more integration with ILSA
- There is space to become de-segregated – focusing on Aboriginal cultural events
- The Indigenous Director role is a large undertaking (they sit on a lot of Committees)
- There is the possibility of integrating ILSA more with ALSS – improve communications and engagement

#### **4. Expansion of the role of AMS Relations to VP of External Consultation/Engagement**

- Addition that the President sits on the National Law Students Forum – Representatives from Canadian law schools sit on the CBA Committee (tuition, intervening in matters, etc)
- National Law Students Forum meets monthly and involves project work
- This may be an appropriate role for the current AMS Director to get a better finger on ‘law school issues’ – forces integration with the ALSS and student issues
- At a basic level, the AMS Relations attends a meeting every other week and sit on the Board of the AMS, and join an AMS committee

**Motion:** Hold a referendum to retitle the role of Director of AMS Relations to VP of External Affairs. The role of VP of External Affairs would represent the ALSS on the National Law Students Forum in addition to the current responsibilities of the Director AMS Relations.

**Motion:** Matt

**Seconded:** Mischa

**Passed**

#### **5. Should there be an amendment to have positions be held by more than one person?**

**Motion:** To hold a referendum that all elected positions on the ALSS, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution, are presumably held by one person. In the event that 2 people wish to share a position, then the current executive must vote to approve the joint-position. The responsibilities of the CRO will be amended to reflect this change.

**Motion:** Kristy

**Seconded:** Jen

**Passed**

#### **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' REPORT**

- **AMS Relations:** AMS elections are happening soon, they will have quorum, so referenda will be vote on. Currently all that is required to have a referendum question in the AMS is a ‘yes or no’ question with 1000 votes – seeking to change the ability to pass referenda that are (a) illegal or misleading; and (b) the Board of Directors will be able to consider referenda rather than passing it to student court.