

ALSS Executive: Minutes

March 15, 2016 at 12:30 pm in ALSS Office

Present: Kristy, Joshua, Scott, Misch, Allanah, Jen H, Matthew, Carly, Benj

Absent: Ben F, Catriona

- ➔ **Motion:** Accept Ben F and Catriona as excused absences.
- ➔ **Seconded:** Matt
- ➔ **Motion passed**

Visitors: Sophie, Erin, Maddison, Jenny, Alexandra, Elise, Meghan,

New Business

1) Welcome to incoming members

- President juggles a lot of competing interests – be kind to one another
- Take care of yourself – blackout periods are there, use them
- If you are having issues, lean on each other, it's a team

2) Executive member reports

Senate

- Senate meeting on Wednesday, and a couple more appeal meetings
- Ben's name needs to be submitted ASAP, possible conflict with role of president

Academic

- Strategic Plan
- Incoming members of AC must go to April meeting to rally quorum
- Possible change to exams, policies and procedures, grading
- CANs database awards coming soon

AMS Relations

- AMS elections just happened – quiet right now

Sports & Clubs

- Things are wrapping up
- Law Revue tonight
- Hooplaw Social Friday
- I <3 Henry – next week
- Clubs have been filling up balloons for Trike Race
- Sports are thriving – all sorts of teams in the finals/semis

Communications

- There was an issue with the website – the CANs are safe
- May consider creating a backup of the CANs

Finance

- May end the year with a surplus

- Last day for reimbursement is going to be April 8th
- Going to prolong length of stay to help with transition

Social

- Wrapping up: HoopLaw & Trike Race
- No transition issues

Indigenous

- As exam season heats up, people get stressed – equity committee has had several complaints
- Equity committee would like to increase access through the website (possible anonymous forms)
- Privacy issues in the law school
- Movement to loop in TRC proposals with the Strategic Plan in April Faculty Council
 - ➔ Should be sent to the Advisory Committee as soon as possible

President

- Elections are done! Yay!! **Consider doing it online next year.**
- Hearing student concerns (academic & equity)

3) Mandate for the Wellness Committee

- Committee consists of Wellness Director, President & 2 students at-large
- Throughout the year, the issue of alcohol consumption has been raised several times
- Firms are sponsoring the events, and they are setting the budgets – this would require discussions with firms
- Opening a dialogue and try changing mindsets
- There is a lot less control with off-site events
- May have to make creative packaging with firms
- A lot of people who don't drink may not feel welcome at the Socials
- Shift in culture: Beer up – Bzzr up – Social
- We are not seeking a particular outcome, rather just having a conversation: alcohol and drug abuse are common in the profession, and a dialogue should happen (healthy starting place) – **It extends beyond the socials and alcohol: it is broader**
- Socials are something that a lot of people look forward to and promote collegiality, we do not want to squash that
- **Other possible mandates for Wellness Committee:** stress, substance abuse, etc
- **University policy:** promote healthy places
 - ➔ Trumps firm interests

Motion: To have the Wellness Committee spearhead a best practices report for the ALSS Executive on alcohol at student events.

➔ **NOT SECONDED**

4) Transition planning

- Transition memos: current ALSS members should be working on their memos
- President needs to see the memos to understand the roles of the Exec Members
- Email switchover before March 26

5) Office Clean Up

- Current Exec sign-up