

Member	Present
Joshua Abaki	X
Megan O'Neill	
Jenny Musyj	X
Madison Grist	X
Alexandra Scott	X
Sophie Marshall	X
Erin Kotz	X
Ben Fischer	
Elise Kohno	X
Alexei Paish	X

1. **Guile Town Hall recap and next steps**

Dean said she would host another Town Hall with ideas for the next steps. Remind students to start thinking of solutions to bring.

2. **Indigenous Bar Association Conference update**

Speaks, Students, BC Human Rights Commission report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and the BC Treaty Commission

3. **Wellness Committee update**

Committee: Elise, Dean Dauvergne, Janine Benedet, Kaila Mikkelsen, Chira Perla, members of broader UBC Community

School making public acknowledgement of commitment to wellness

Future initiatives: Number of workshops that may be offered at the law school (get student feedback), Student Resources page on the ALSS website, drop-in counselling at Allard Hall

4. **Fridge**

a. **Motion to approve purchase of a fridge for use for social events. Cost \$200.**

Motion approved. \$200 – purchase approved pending availability

b. Jenny will work on drafting a procurement & purchase policy for to guide ALSS purchase decisions.

5. **Discussion of the Draft Report for Consultation on Non-Discrimination in Legal Education**

A committee of the Federation of Law Societies, the National Requirement Review Committee (NRCC) was tasked with considering whether the National Requirement standard should be amended to include a non-discrimination provision. The decision to

consider the possibility arose from the highly contentious application by TWU for approval of its law school program.

- a. The NRCC has prepared a draft report for consultation with various stakeholders. The consultation ends on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.
- b. The committee noted that it had **three options** to address the task at hand:
  1. **Add a competency requiring demonstrated understanding of the substantive law principles of equality and inclusiveness.**
  2. **Add a provision requiring every law school to demonstrate that it has a policy that prohibits discrimination in admissions and in the treatment of students, staff and faculty on ground enumerated in the Charter.**
  3. **Add a provision that articulates either a requirement or expectation that all law schools will provide an environment free of discrimination on enumerated grounds ...without prescribing how law schools are to meet this expectation.**
- c. The Committee's preliminary conclusion is that the National Requirement should not be amended to include a non-discrimination provision (**option 1**). The committee gave three major reasons for this decision:
  1. Incongruence with the overall approach of the National Requirement and the perceived undesirability or regulating non-discrimination on the part of law schools.
  2. The uncertainty surrounding the ability of law schools to impose a non-discrimination provision aimed at the admissions—there are cases that are still being litigated and which may be ultimately decided by the SCC.
  3. Concerns about the challenges of applying a non-discrimination requirement to NCA candidates
- d. The committee however recommends the adoption of a policy statement (**option 3**) that includes both a commitment to equality and inclusiveness and an expectation that law schools will and other legal education providers will make a similar commitment.

The ALSS intends to consult with students on the draft report. It may be prudent to invite someone from FLS to talk to students about the report and provide the opportunity for questions before considering whether to make any formal submissions or put a motion before the student body.

Either way, comments on the draft report can be set to [consultations@flsc.ca](mailto:consultations@flsc.ca) before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016.

## 6. **Potential ALSS Town Hall**

Issues: TBD

Tentative Date: Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

## 7. **David Eby**

Former lawyer and current MLA. Interested in coming to speak with law students and do a Q&A. Alexei going to look into a date for him to come.

8. **ALSS Mission Statement**

Jenny, Madison & Alexandra will draft the statement

9. ALSS Committees Reports – next meeting

10. International Humanitarian Law Conference – Madison and Josh will follow up on the potential to collaborate with Red Cross in organizing the conference.