

**Manitoba Law Students' Association
Council Meeting
April 2, 2009
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Robson Hall - Room 308**

MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Roll Call by the Chair

1.3 Agenda Approval

Moved by D. Ireland

1.4 Motions

1.4.1. Approval of Executive Director

Moved by D. Ireland

Seconded by C. Wong

Passed

1.4.2. Approval of Communications Director

Moved by D. Ireland

Seconded by C. Wong

Passed

1.4.3. Approval of Chair

Moved by D. Ireland

Seconded by C. Wong

Passed

1.5 Council Reports

1.5.1 President

D. Ireland

- gave a welcome address

- introduced new MLSA initiatives / priorities:

- new marketing committee

- fundraising increase and strategic plan to be developed in summer

- website to be revamped in summer

- increased transparency of the MLSA and a more inclusive council.

1.5.2 Vice-President

C. Wong

- discussed MALSA

- MLSA transition with outgoing council

- plans to set up calendar of events – i.e. Kyle as MBA rep. will receive a calendar of the year and financial history of events

- will try to get dates and financial history info. from the outgoing council.

1.5.3 Executive Director

J. Wood

- no new business.

1.5.4 Treasurer

HB. Guest (HBG)

- discussed availability of financial statements and asked what council wants for reporting
- books for new fiscal year not opened yet – will be rolled over within the week
- money management policy GAAP
- if you need money – HBG needs proper paper work – no receipt = no money
- float – need to know in advance at least 2 days notice, one week preferred
- items not in budget – need to be pre-approved by MLSA Council
- summer – Executive Committee planning for the year including budgeting
- HBG will meet with committee chairs for their projects
- we must provide budget to auditors
- any questions about \$ - direct to HBG

D. Ireland – if pre-paying for MLSA expenditures out of your own pocket is not possible please let someone on the Executive Committee know asap

K. Brownell - Can MLSA get a credit card? –

HBG – difficult...will look into it

1.5.5 Communications Director

N. Goodridge

- spoke to outgoing – still need transition info i.e. where website is hosted
- if you are planning events - must notify Neil asap if you want it posted on web
- need pictures of everyone

C. Wong – website is exciting!!

1.5.6 Senate Representative

J. Roberts

- reported that he was not present at the last Senate meeting

1.5.7 MALSA Representative

J. Prystanski

- met w. dean re: orientation week and changing thunderbird event to campus
- goals and objectives of dean – more to come

1.5.8 MBA Representative

K. Lamothe

- if anyone has any questions regarding mentorship or MBA please let me know

1.5.9 UMSU Representative

S. Eng

- addressing needs of students: parking and tuition
- increase knowledge of UMSU

- plans to do class visits to inform students – could mention MLSA events at same time
- requested link to UMSU on MLSA website

1.5.10 Third Year Representative(s)

No new business.

1.5.11 Second Year Representative(s)

No new business.

1.6 Committee Reports

1.6.1 Future of the Profession

L. Miller

- letter to Law Society re: the call system – dates not set yet
- would like to get larger national firms to OCI's
- JD / LLB – will work Executive Committee for motion of clear direction

B. Burns – Re: stats – 40% - if not approved – then there is no mandate

L. Miller – we will have to engage the student body in further discussions

Question was raised re: another plebiscite

This will be a discussion item for next meeting

1.6.2 Law Games

T. Petrick

- law games committee – need a host school for the 2010 games
- proposed a law games fundraising event, maybe Halloween

1.7 Discussion Items

1.7.1 Official Notice from the University: L-Lot Parking

D. Ireland - report from University of Manitoba Vice-President (Administration),

Deborah J. McCallum - L lot change, why and how stakeholders were consulted

D. Ireland – if any further action – must be channeled through UMSU as they have a seat on the Parking Advisory Committees

J. Prystanski - How were the changes implemented?

J. Wood – Our UMSU rep. reported our position to UMSU council and then UMSU council was supposed to give a mandate to the UMSU President who sits on the Parking Advisory Committee, however, our specific issue was not the overriding priority for the UMSU Council as a whole and UMSU council did not provide a clear mandate regarding L lot for the UMSU President to take to the Parking Advisory Committee.

1.7.2 Availability Of Members During the Summer

D. Ireland

-show of hands

1.7.3 Website Update

D. Ireland

-improved access and new content management system

-allows more access and multiple users

1.7.4 MLSA Logo

K. Eng

- presented plans for logo change

S. Bernard – requested information to be emailed

D. Ireland – send input to committee / tabled for next meeting

1.7.5 Exam writing

M. Jones – ear plug announcement, typing noise is an issue for some students

S. Bernard - Tomorrow last day for registration – issue of missing deadline – if not registered

J. Roberts – it is a loose deadline

K. Brownelle – if you register –do not have to still type

B. Murray – Lorna Turnbull says we have to pay

M. Jones – what are we doing?

D. Ireland – will talk to Lorna Turnbull and will update council

1.7.6 Orientation week

- tabled

1.8 Announcements

1.9 Notice of Next Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2009

4:00 p.m.

1.10 Adjournment

Moved by HB. Guest

Passed

Motions:

1.4.1 Approval of Executive Director

Be it resolved that James Wood be appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Manitoba Law Students' Association.

Moved by D. Ireland

Seconded by C. Wong

Passed

1.4.2 Approval of Communications Director

Be it resolved that Neil Goodridge be appointed to the position of Communications Director of the Manitoba Law Students' Association.

Moved by D. Ireland

Seconded by C. Wong

Passed

1.4.3 Approval of Chair

Be it resolved that Natasha Dhillon-Penner be appointed to the position of Chair of the Manitoba Law Students' Association.

Moved by D. Ireland

Seconded by C. Wong

Passed