

Manitoba Law Students' Association
Council Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Robson Hall – Room # 309

MINUTES

Attended:

Davy Ireland	Connor Williamson	Amanda Faulkner
Cameron Wong	Kyle Lamothe	Katie Brownell
Heather Belle Guest	Jason Roberts	Kevin Eng
James Wood	Selena Eng	Sophia Virji
Natasha Penner	Landon Miller	Sloane Bernard
Neil Goodridge	Heather Mackie	Katelyn Clarke
Mike Jones	Breena Murray	Adam Nathanson
Celia Sherbo	Shannon Patterson	Brett Kodak
Brendan Burns	Tina Petrick	Danielle Rondeau

Regrets:

John Prystanski
Adam Nathanson
Sarah Rossman

Pre-meeting Guest Speaker: Associate Dean, Lorna Turnbull

- L. Turnbull (LT) answered questions and gave info regarding Convocation 2010 and participating in the University Convocation ceremonies vs. the MLSA fake grad
- Student issues mentioned: traveling back from other provinces for convocation
- LT
 - we have a nationally diverse law school same as other law schools – who all travel back
 - the U of M now has 6 instead of 4 grad ceremonies
 - 95 law students = 1/3 to 1/2 of a cohort to walk the stage
 - fake grad only funded by students – not faculty
 - University grad will be paid for by university

LT - Faculty have concerns about students walking across stage and receiving a symbolic parchment when they have actually not graduated

LT - If participating in the U of M Convocation the Dean has more legitimacy to require faculty to get grades in on time

LT - the Dean has committed to fund raise for a Convocation reception – a separate reception from the main University on the day of Convocation

Question from MLSA Council (QFMC): will faculty show up to fake grad?

LT – Faculty have concerns about attending rogue ceremony – especially for newer faculty
Last year 7 of 23 faculty attended the fake grad

QFMC: What other U's have national diversity

LT - UBC, Dal etc, very diverse

QFMC: what is faculty stance on advocating for separate Faculty of Law Convocation ceremony

LT and D. Ireland will be meeting with the U of M registrar to discuss and advocate for separate ceremony

LT believes professional schools should be treated differently

QFMC - do other law schools have separate convocations?

LT – doesn't know

QFMC - what kind of pull does Robson Hall / the Dean have to get faculty to attend the Official University Convocation ceremony?

LT – The Dean is pushing the issue with faculty

QFMC - Would we have profs speak, valedictorian etc.

LT - Not at the U of M Convocation as it is mixed with a few other faculties - but maybe at the separate Robson Hall reception

QFMC: What is realistic for this years separate Robson Hall reception on Convocation day

LT – It depends on the budget

End of Q&A and regular meeting started

1.0 Approval of Agenda – Added 5. 18 sports committee

Motion – D. Ireland

Second – K. Lamothe

Passed

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 July 2, 2009

Motion – H-B. Guest

Second – C. Williamson

Passed

2.2 August 6, 2009

Motion – D. Ireland

Second – C. Williamson

Abstained – J. Roberts

Passed

2.3 September 3, 2009

Motion – H-B. Guest

Second – C. Williamson

Abstained – J. Roberts

Passed

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Graduation / Convocation ceremonies (D. Ireland)

D. Ireland

- Fake grad is not sustainable and the MLSA is not responsible to move along path that is not sustainable
- The fake grad is not professional – i.e. two people that crossed stage did not grad
- Robson Hall should have its own grad – like med students – fitting of the faculty
- Solely focusing and participating in the U of M Convocation Ceremonies is a stepping stone to getting our own separate ceremony

Motion - D. Ireland:

As of September 24, 2009 the MLSA will only participate in and support official convocation ceremonies of the University of Manitoba

Second – J. Wood

C. Williamson – what is grad committee position?

B. Murray – We support a U of M Convocation ceremony – but we will still have the graduation banquet in April with the dinner, dance, valedictorian, faculty speakers, profession speakers, recognition for graduates – i.e. gift from dean or associate dean, photo ops, Fort Garry hopefully – which means no cap on number of guests

J. Roberts – Motion to amend – added: and will continue to organize and support a law grad banquet which occurs in April each year.

Second – B. Burns

S. Virji – concern about having to come back in May – need incentive for grads

C. Wong – It does suck to have to come back but agrees with D. Ireland – also agrees that we need incentive for grads

T. Petrick – echoed S. Virji – don't want to polarize parents / family – important to have valedictorian, etc.

H. Mackie – we can incorp. grad events into banquet – opportunity for parents of students that will not be coming in May

C. Williamson - lots of people have made plans – will people come back?

B. Burns – there's still incentive – two separate events both open to family

C. Sherbo – as years pass you will be able to add more to the convocation – such as valedictorian

S. Virji – we are not really supporting the official ceremony by having the enhanced grad banquet

C. Wong – agrees with S. Virji

S. Patterson – if we don't have grad – we don't have anything - we need something in middle

H-B. Guest – all other faculties and universities do this - it should not be a problem

K. Clarke – would like to see only one event for parents

D. Ireland – noted also that faculty does not like the gown ceremony at fake grad

J. Roberts –Motion: Refer amendment to the grad committee

Second – D. Ireland

Back to the original motion

J. Wood - Called the question

Second – N. Goodridge

Motion passes

4.0 New Business

4.1 Student Groups Committee

C. Wong- Confirmed that this is the same as the club governance committee (CGC)

H-B. Guest – It is related to student group funding so time is of the essence

D. Ireland – Committee members are D. Ireland, B. Burns, C. Wong, H-B. Guest and J. Wood

D. Ireland will send e-mail to group

4.2 Calendar of Events (J. Wood)

J. Wood - See calendar in MLSA office and on website

4.3 Sponsorship Committee (J. Wood)

J. Wood - Will send electronic copy of sponsorship and set date for meeting to group

4.4 MLSA Merchandise (Marketing Committee)

K. Eng – looking at doing clothing - custom inc.com - t-shirt Robson Hall logo on clothing

Hoodies, American apparel, more fitted

K. Brownell – sweatshirt is unisex

K. Eng – 7-8 days from order to delivery

K. Brownell - MLSA moving from order based to inventory based purchasing

D. Ireland – what about ads and posters?

S. Virji – There will be standard posters and ads

C. Wong – what is the timeline?

K. Brownell – Mid October

L. Miller – if taking advantage of economy of sale can there be special orders?

- Unsure

H-B. Guest – costs?...

K.Eng - \$9.94 (USD) per t-shirt

D. Ireland– asked the marketing committee to meet with H-B. Guest once numbers are worked out

4.5 “Open” sign for MLSA office (C. Wong)

C. Wong - Make MLSA office more welcoming

J. Wood - offered to make a sign

K. Brownell - we also need office hours posted

C. Wong - acknowledged K. Brownell
K. Clarke – we need a list of services
T. Petrick – Noted there are too many posters in Robson Hall

4.6 Position Reports (D.Ireland)

D. Ireland– made request to **ALL committees and council members** – make notes and keep track starting now – Your reports are due in April – exact date TBD
M. Jones – asked if each person on a “Committee” needed to submit a report
D. Ireland – No, only one report per committee

4.7 Marketing Committee (D. Ireland)

D. Ireland – Noted that the Marketing Committee is available for MLSA Council and Committee members to utilize for event promotion etc.
K. Eng – added that by using the Marketing Committee it helps give a uniform look to MLSA communications
S. Patterson – thanked the Marketing Committee for the Sobey’s posters
K. Brownell – I don’t know what my / our job description is as per this committee
D. Ireland – to help council and committees with design, etc. of MLSA communication materials
J. Wood – to send style guide to Marketing Committee from TDS

4.8 First year elections (CRO)

D. Ireland – Courtney Pope has agreed to be the MLSA’s CRO for 2009-2010
Election e-mails went out last week to first years
Elections are scheduled for Oct 1 and 2
We need volunteers to staff polling stations on Oct 1 and 2 from 11:00 to 4:00
Newly elected first years should be at the next MLSA Council meeting
D. Ireland will send Courtney’s e-mail address to Council

5.0 Reports

5.1 President

D. Ireland - Thanks to all for Orientation Week
- Orientation comm. will be meeting for debrief and to report back
- Wine tasting event Oct 8 for Diamond sponsor Aikins – invitations go out tomorrow and on the law lists

5.2 Vice-President

C. Wong - Will post office hours - office, office door, and in locker

5.3 Treasurer

H-B. Guest - Will report O-Week details within O-week committee report
- People doing office hours do not have to do daily cash out for canteen – but make sure you record the sales accurately each shift
- If you need a float for events coming up – you must tell HBG in advance, she needs: ticket costs, and two days notice to go to the bank. And for auditing purposes must have tickets numbered

5.4 Executive Director

NTR

5.5 Communications Director

NTR

5.6 MALSA Representative

J. Prystanski sent the following e-mail:

The orientation week went well and everyone from MALSA enjoyed the activities.

2. The 1st year student have met with both Professor Whitecloud and myself to introduce them to campus.

3. We are planning to meet with the group as a whole in the next week or two.

4. I am currently working on establishing a tri-weekly coffee lunch where all MALSA members can meet regularly to get to know each other and share experiences, leads, etc.

5. I are currently on establishing a pro bono program with the pro bono program on campus, the Manitoba Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce and the MALSA. The plan is to give members opportunities to work with members of the Aboriginal community and begin preparing them to work within the community. I will also be working to get practicing lawyers to be paired up with students to provide the legal leadership needed.

6. Other than that, now much.

5.7 MBA Representative

K. Lamothe – The MBA reported that they were happy with O-week

K. Lamothe is working on the MBA mentorship program

- Attended MBA young lawyers and President's reception

5.8 Senate Representative

J. Roberts - Went to Senate – reported that the U of M renamed a street in research park – service road now named – “Alternative Way”

5.9 UMSU Representative

S. Eng - Would like to see UMSU events page link on MLSA website

5.10 Third Year Representative(s)

B. Burns – Cliff Edwards Memorial Tournament – seeking funding for scholarship

Open to all students – all proceeds to scholarship

5.11 Second Year Representative(s)

C. Sherbo - still waiting for stats from L. Turnbull re: exam soft research

5.12 Future of the Profession Committee

NTR

5.13 Graduation Committee

B. Murray – Sobey's gift card fundraiser we get percentage back – orders due next Friday

We will be selling in halls at lunch

B. Murray – Re: J. Prystanski / Westland Foundation is holding a wine tasting – Grad committee will be selling tickets to event and will split the proceeds of ticket sales with the Westland Foundation. The exact % of the split is till to be determined.

5.14 Law Games Committee
Social on Oct 2 – please help promote
Amanda Faulkner – is co-chair
10 first years have signed up so far

5.15 Marketing Committee
As Above - Nothing to add

5.16 Social Committee
K. Clarke - We made 1560.25 on the Boat Cruise – note these are preliminary #'s
- We made \$400 on the Wiseguys Social
S. Bernard – Announced a personal event - Hustle for hunger – participants welcome

5.17 Yearbook Committee
2009 yearbooks are in

5.18 Sports Committee
NTR

Question period

T. Petrick – are there extra year books? – Yearbook committee will have to check
Law games – Is the law games social restricted to ages 21 and over? – no just need a ticket
Can C. Wong send out e-mail with office hours? It's on the MLSA website
Question to K. Lamothe – who is the new pres of MBA - Tony Kavanaugh
J. Wood will develop new Club Governance Ratification and Funding Applications

6.0 Next Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2009
5-7p.m.

7.0 Adjournment
Motion – J. Wood
Second – D. Ireland
Adjourned