

MLSA Council
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Robson Hall – Room # 309

MINUTES

Attended:

Davy Ireland
Cameron Wong
Heather Belle Guest
James Wood
Natasha Penner
Neil Goodridge
Loren Braul
Rana Bokhari
Joel Myskiw

Mike Jones
Brendan Burns
Connor Williamson
John Prystanski
Kyle Lamothe
Jason Roberts
Selena Eng
Landon Miller
Heather Mackie

Breena Murray
Shannon Patterson
Amanda Faulkner
Kevin Eng
Katelyn Clarke
Adam Nathanson
Sarah Rossman

1.0 Approval of Agenda

D. Ireland
C. Wong

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 November 19, 2009 Minutes

C. Williamson
S. Eng

3.0 New Business

3.1 Interim Year-End Reports (C. Wong)

There are two types of report templates, Cam will send them to council. Please complete by suggested date – March 1

3.2 Carbolic Smoke Ball (S. Bernard & K. Clarke)

K. Clarke – Please buy tickets.

C. Williamson – Is there a limit for the event?

K. Clarke - Max for the event is 250 tickets.

C. Wong – Inquired when table arrangements could be made.

K. Clarke – will send email

L. Miller – Are firms invited

D. Ireland - So far, just students

K. Eng – What's the end time?

K. Clarke – 1:00 a.m. - Tickets on sale this week and next

3.3 Second Year Incident (M. Jones & C. Sherbo)

M. Jones – disciplinary essay as a result of the directors meeting – issue of sharing information - some students shared info - Dean Turnbull decided to assign additional assignment in middle of exams – 500 word essay on professionalism & Ethics – miscommunication on both sides – 2nd year reps will be drafting a letter - should letter come from MLSA or 2nd yr reps?

- D. Ireland – It should come from the 2nd yr reps
- L. Miller – Brought up the issue of changes to remedy after due date
- L. Braul - Is there a policy that allows the Associate Dean to do this?
- D. Ireland – The faculty can create new remedies
- J. Roberts – Mentioned the syllabus as a contract reference
- L. Miller – Anytime there is a discussion or issue involving this many students, the MLSA should be informed.
- D. Ireland – the faculty said that was an oversight in this case
- M. Jones – letter is draft and he will send out for review and last draft to D. Ireland

3.4 RH Clothing (K. Brownell, K. Eng & S. Virji)

We are ordering the sample sizes - samples arrive in two weeks
Then we can sell them – order will arrive two weeks after submitted.
Approximate numbers - 40 hoodies and 15 t's

3.5 JD/LLB (D. Ireland)

There will be plebiscite question during this years election to re-poll all students on whether or not they are in favour of changing the degree designation from LL.B. J.D.
The MLSA Executive Committee will draft the question.

- B. Murray – we need an info session
- D. Ireland – ok - choose a day that gets best possible turn out
- Encourage people to come forward who have strong opinions either way

3.6 First year students organized a BBQ event - Haiti Fundraiser – S. Eng / R. Bokhari

Question: Selena – concern – is it open to rest of university – logistics – and possibility of increased traffic / security concerns
Noted that future events can occur in UMSU facilities if available, and this would minimize these concerns

3.7 Media and Comms – J. Roberts

They will no longer be taking photos for events like coffee house and grad banquet
Suggestion to assign a student to each event / volunteer to take pics

3.8 Motion:

The MLSA will provide up to \$300 to support the Haiti Fundraiser

Motion - D. Ireland

Second – H.B. Guest

Note: the money will be used to sponsor part of the alcohol being purchased for the fundraiser

This is not a recoup cost – all profit goes to Doctors Beyond Borders

1 abstention – L. Brault

Motion passes

4.0 Reports

4.1 President

D. Ireland - Next faculty meeting – U of M President Barnard will be at next faculty mtg

Met w. Jen Chlopecki – she requested timetable of events

4.2 Vice-President

C. Wong - Dates for office hours – sign up – will be posted

4.3 Treasurer

NTR

4.4 Executive Director

J. Wood - Planning final sponsorship commitments with firms, specifically the MLSA Lecture Series and Networking Events

4.5 Communications Director

NTR

4.6 MALSA Representative

J. Prystanski - Approached Aboriginal Chamber about doing an event with MALSA - forthcoming

4.7 MBA Representative

K. Lamothe -

Dec mtg w. law society – mandatory professional development courses not coming anytime soon

MBA Golf dome event on Feb 25

Attend - Mid winter Awards luncheon

Next MBA mtg on Saturday – issue – law society regulating paralegals

Faculty hiring committee – looking at research chair for human rights

4.8 Senate Representative

J. Roberts - student access to final exams – official exam policy – changed

4.9 UMSU Representative

S. Eng - UMSU approved match to Haiti relief by law students up to \$2000
Continued work with UMSU policy and bylaws committee

4.10 Third Year Representative(s)

NTR

4.11 Second Year Representative(s)

NTR

4.12 First Year Representative(s)

R. Bokhari – grad students donating cheque for \$1000 to Haiti Fundraiser
Professor Irvine donated \$500
A person from Aikins called to donate gift basket for fundraiser

4.13 Future of the Profession Committee

L. Miller - law society – Need feedback on draft rules for articling recruitment

4.14 Marketing Committee

Coffee house - gas station theatre
March 10 - tentatively

4.15 Social Committee

Buy Caribolic tickets!

4.16 Graduation Committee

University announced Convocation date for the Faculty of Law – June 3rd, 2010 – other faculties involved - dentistry, public health, pharmacy.

We will have a grad social near the end of march – please notify of any issues with dates

4.17 Sports Committee

A. Nathanson - Intramural registration for winter term successful

4.18 Law Games Committee

A. Faulkner - very successful – everyone liked the uniforms

4.19 Yearbook Committee

Grad photo retakes next Thursday

5.0 Question Period

6.0 Notice of Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 from 6:00-7:00 PM

7.0 Adjournment

M. Jones

J. Wood