

Manitoba Law Students' Association
Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Robson Hall – Room # 309

MINUTES

1.0 Approval of Agenda

J. Wood

S. Eng

Approved

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 January 19, 2010

2.2 February 2, 2010

2.3 February 23, 2010

Tabled to next meeting.

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Event updates

3.1.1 Coffee House – March 10, 2010

Kevin Eng needs help with taking tickets at the door

HB Guest asked if there was going to be a silver collection this year.

K. Eng said no.

3.1.2 Robson Hall Idol – March 19, 2010

Booked - challenges communicating with manager at Lo Pub

Need a back up plan if no Kereeoake – rent one

Back up if no venue - Shannon Patterson offered her house

Council noted the great posters for the event

All years are invited and there are prizes for several categories

3.1.3 MLSA Elections – March 24 – 26, 2010

Encourage all to vote

3.1.4 Sponsored Lecture Series and Networking Events

Aikins – March 25 Networking wine & cheese – There will be small group breakout sessions during the event

Aikins indicated that they are not interested in delivering a lecture at Robson Hall this year

TDS – has declined to do a lecture or a networking event this year

Taylor McCaffrey has already completed a lecture at Robson Hall, but has declined to hold a networking wine & cheese event

Fillmore Riley will deliver a lecture on immigration and cross border issues on March 16.

Fillmore has been asked several times if and when they would like to do a networking wine & cheese but has not confirmed their decision yet.

3.1.5 Dinner & Dance at the Fort Garry – April 26, 2010

Studnets must purchase tickets by end of this week
Breena Murray is scheduling a meeting at Fort Garry
Need a plan for ticket sales – after next week
Tickets sold so far – 40 out of 200

3.1.6 Pre-Convocation Reception at the Four Points Sheraton – June 3, 2010

Grad committee is signing people up while selling grad tickets
Numbers are about the same as grad so far

4.0 Reports

4.1 President

E-mail from Prof. Hilder – 2nd year Negotiations are March 23 & 24

4.2 Vice-President

Thanks for committee reports that have come in so far

4.3 Treasurer

HB Guest switched our / software package to Quick Books
If anyone is interested in running for treasurer position – talk to HB Guest

4.4 Executive Director

Compiling and submitting Law Student Endowment Fund Applications
Working with the CRO to organize the MLSA Elections
Coordinating with the sponsorship committee and Fillmore Riley on Sponsorship commitments
If you actually read these minutes and you are the first to e-mail James Wood he will buy you a Starbucks coffee.

4.5 Communications Director

NTR

4.6 MALSA Representative

NTR

4.7 MBA Representative

Golf dome event had good attendance 35 – 40

4.8 Senate Representative

NTR

4.9 UMSU Representative

UMSU elections done – 10% voted
Engineers w/o borders vote passed
Manitoban vote did not pass
Manitoban article re: assault involving Sid Rashid – not true – Manitoban printed a retraction

4.10 Third Year Representative(s)

NTR (NTR = Nothing to Report. You don't expect third year reps to actually do anything this time of year do you?)

4.11 Second Year Representative(s)

NTR (The controversial second years have NTR? That's a first!)

- 4.12 First Year Representatives(s)
NTR (NTR again!?...feeling the pressure of the end of first year young grasshoppers?)
- 4.13 Future of the Profession Committee
NTR (“When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.”)
- 4.14 Graduation Committee
Already reported
- 4.15 Sports Committee
NTR
- 4.16 Law Games Committee
NTR
- 4.17 Marketing Committee
NTR
- 4.18 Social Committee
Katelyn Clarke – started to recap the years events and was boo’d off stage.
- 4.19 Yearbook Committee
NTR

5.0 Question Period

Landon Miller asked – what was requested for the Law Student Endowment Fund and what is some of the background of the fund?

James Wood gave a brief history of the fund and the current requests:

Since 1995, all Robson Hall law students have paid a bi-annual fee into the Law Student Endowment Fund. This endowment fund was created by law students to supplement budgetary shortfalls within the Faculty of Law at Robson Hall. The current fee that you pay is \$98.50 per semester. The interest generated from the endowment is allocated each year by the Law Student Endowment Fund Committee. The committee, comprised of the Dean, several faculty and lawyers, and two MLSA representatives, review funding priorities and approve funding requests for projects, services, and investment in infrastructure or capital assets that serve Robson Hall law students.

The MLSA is responsible for canvassing the student body each year to determine student priorities and how the funds should be spent.

This past year students were asked to provide the MLSA with ideas about how the endowment money should be used and were asked to email James Wood by November 30, 2009 with their feedback.

At the last meeting of the Law Student Endowment Fund Committee in June 2009 the requests for funding were tabled until the MLSA could properly canvas the student body for requests for funding as per the original 1995 referendum which governs the use of the Law Student Endowment Fund.

The amount available for allocation (as indicated by the finance department of Robson Hall – Monica Fedorchuk) from the 2008 endowment interest is \$27,765.66. Requests for funding from faculty, staff,

and students totals \$25,815.30. If all requests are approved, the difference is a surplus of \$1,950.36 which will be capitalized on March 31, 2010.

The following list represents all requests and supporting documentation. Some events and or items are reimbursements.

No.	Requestor	Item	Amount
1	Monique St. Germain, Director, Professional Development and Alumni Relations / Acting Director, Career Services	Career Conference Brochure	\$444.00
2	Monique St. Germain, Director, Professional Development and Alumni Relations / Acting Director, Career Services	Etiquette Workshop	\$723.20
3	Monique St. Germain, Director, Professional Development and Alumni Relations / Acting Director, Career Services	Law Career Books	463.23 and (296.60 USD converts to 300.78 CAD)
4	Wendy Whitecloud, Director, Academic Support Program	Academic Support Program	\$4,000.00
5	Lorna Turnbull, Associate Dean (LL.B. Program)	Pre-Convocation Reception at Four Points Sheraton for 350	\$11,678.82
5A	Supporting Documentation for above item	Sheraton Banquet Services Invoice	
6	Manitoba Law Students' Association, Law Games Committee	Law Games	\$1,478.84
7	Manitoba Law Students' Association	Professional Development and Conferences	\$1,805.55
7A	Supporting Documentation for above item	Letter of Support from International Centre for Students	
8	Manitoba Law Students' Association	Trade Show Pop-up Display with Banner	\$2,070.88
9	Robson Hall Jets Hockey Team	Robson Hall Hockey Events	\$2,500.00
10	Robson Hall Jets Hockey Team	Team Hockey Socks	\$350.00
TOTAL			\$25,815.30

Cash Box Issue:

The MLSA executive brought to the attention of Council that money has been stolen from the MLSA canteen cash box. The amount is around \$180.00 and has not been misplaced or counted wrong, it has been stolen. The MLSA executive committee will be meeting shortly to discuss and implement new security measures for the MLSA office and the cash box.

6.0 Notice of next meeting - Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 6:00-7:00 PM

7.0 Adjournment