

MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MINUTES
March 20, 2014
1:00pm
Room 308 - Robson Hall

Attending:

Peter Anandranistakis – *President **
Zoe Abreder – *Treasurer **
Blair Vincent – *Executive Director **
Brynne Thordarson – *Chair*
Serena Ehrmantraut – *MALSA Representative*
Josh Bokhaut – *MBA Representative*
Zachary Courtemanche – *Senator*
Sarah Thomson – *3rd Year Representative*
Jaclyn Lawrence – *3rd Year Representative*
Jena Colpitts – *2nd Year Representative*
Adam Gingera – *1st Year Representative*
Jesse Epp-Fransen – *1st Year Representative*

Connor Levy – *Professional Development Committee (Chair)*
Stephanie Chan – *Professional Development Committee*
Stacy Senkbeil – *Community Outreach (Chair)*
Danielle Barchyn – *Marketing Committee (Chair)*
Miranda Grayson – *Social Committee (Chair)*
Heather Wadsworth – *Social Committee*
Benji Greenberg – *Graduation Committee*
Aaron Maister – *Sports Committee*
Megan Smith – *Graduation Committee (Chair)*
Kevin Mehi – *Sports Committee (Chair)*

Regrets:

Melissa Cattini – *Vice-President**
Rob Prokopanko – *Communications Director*
Kyle Emond – *Strategic Relations Committee (Chair)*
Nicole Drayton – *Social Committee*

Absent:

Geoff Schneider – *2nd Year Representative*
Agapi Mavridis – *1st Year Representative*
Matthew Carvell – *UMSU Representative*
Bryton Moen – *Professional Development Committee*
Kevin Schulz – *Strategic Relations Committee*
Tashia Dreger – *Yearbook Committee (Chair)*
Jordan Smith – *Strategic Relations Committee*
Shasta Benaim – *Yearbook Committee*
Ambre Anjoubault – *Community Outreach*

* denotes members of the Executive Committee

1. Call to Order: at 1:15pm

1.1 Approval of February 13, 2014 minutes: Bokhaut/Courtemanche **Carried**
Courtemanche abstained

1.2 Approval of Agenda: Anandranistakis/ Courtemanche **Carried**
Courtemanche abstained

2.1 President – Peter E. Anandranistakis

- i. MLSA Elections
- ii. Career Services Student Positions
- iii. Faculty Council
- iv. Tuition Fee Proposal
- v. UMSU “Wall of Crests”
- vi. “Five Days for the Homeless” Donation

Questions/Comments:

Stacy asked what the reception to career services was when Peter met with the Dean. Peter answered that initially the group was not on the same page, however they eventually got there. He believes the two groups look at career services differently. However, it sounds like both groups want career services to improve. He thinks that it will get brought up at the town hall.

Kevin added that the two positions that were created in the Career Development office were a result of that meeting. The payment for those positions would be in bursary in September and approximately \$4,000 cash payment in the summer.

Peter noted that it is a “win” in the sense that they created the jobs quickly and found the money for them.

Josh asked what the etched plaques in the HUB would look like?

Peter stated that it would be a MLSA logo and the name MLSA on the plaque.

2.2 Vice-President – Melissa Cattini

- i. Hand-over Packages

Questions/Comments: None

2.3 Treasurer – Zoe Abreder

- i. Received last of UMSU Funding
- ii. Budget Update
- iii. Student Groups
- iv. Preparing Handover Package

Questions/Comments:

Zach asked what we have spent over the course of the year?

Peter noted that approximately we spent \$100k. Last year’s council left this year’s council with under 50k, and we will be leaving a balance of approximately \$50k.

Heather asked what the deadline for submitting receipts for this year’s council?

Zoe noted that the signing authority would likely not be handed over until May so that she can continue to reimburse people.

2.4 Executive Director – Blair Vincent

- i. CGC Additional Club Funding

Questions/Comments:

Stacy asked whether if they had extra funds a group could donate their amount?

Blair answered that the funds are supposed to be distributed on a reimbursement basis, so they could not ask to be reimbursed on funds that they had not applied for.

Peter noted that if they had raised the funds through membership fees then the MLSA would not tell them what to do with them, they would be free to donate them.

2.5 Communications Director – Rob Prokopanko

- i. Nothing to Report

2.6 MALSA Representative – Serena Ehrmantraut

- i. MALSA Round Table Event
- ii. Wine and Cheese at Pitblado
- iii. Kawaskimhon Moot

Questions/Comments: None

2.7 UMSU Representative – Matt Carvell

- i. Nothing to report

2.8 MBA Representative – Josh Bokhaut

- i. Nothing to report

2.9 Senator – Zachary Courtemanche

- i. Senate Meeting – March 5, 2014
- ii. Farewell

Questions/Comments: None

2.10 Third-Year Representatives – Sarah Thomson, Jaclyn Lawrence

- i. Nothing to report

2.11 Second-Year Representatives – Jena Colpitts, Geoff Schneider

- i. Exam Cram

Questions/Comments:

Jena asked if they would receive the same amount of funding as last term?

Zoe answered that most likely it would be the same.

Jena wanted to know what people thought about the food from last time?

There was no opinion.

Jena also asked about the dates that they were thinking?

Adam answered that he would be looking at the 1st year exam schedule.

Stacy noted that extended library hours for exams have not been confirmed so it might help that the MLSA express their opinion on that.

2.12 First-Year Representatives – Jesse Epp-Fransen, Adam Gingera, Agapi Mavridis

- i. Nothing to report

2.13 Marketing Committee – Danielle Barchyn, Sean Restall

- i. Nothing to report

2.14 Social Committee – Miranda Grayson, Heather Wadsworth, Nicole Drayton

- i. Coffee House
- ii. **Questions/Comments:** None

2.15 Community Outreach Committee – Stacy Senkbeil, Ambre Anjoubault

- i. Nothing to report

2.16 Graduation Committee – Megan Smith, Benji Greenberg

- i. Nothing to report

2.17 Sports Committee – Kevin Mehi, Aaron Maister

- i. Nothing to report

2.18 Yearbook Committee – Tashia Dreger, Shasta Benaim

- i. Nothing to report

2.19 Professional Development Committee – Connor Levy, Bryton Moen, Stephanie Chan

- i. Nothing to report

2.20 Strategic Relations Committee – Kyle Emond, Kevin Schulz, Jordan Smith

- i. Nothing to report

3. New Business

i. MOTION #1: UMSU Wall of Crests

BE IT RESOLVED that the MLSA contribute \$240 to the UMSU wall of crests.

MOTION #1: Anandranistakis/Colpitts

Not Carried

Questions/Comments:

Peter noted that this came out of nowhere and there seem to be consequences if we don't pay the money. The budget is in good financial standing and we could afford it, and it may be useful to show that the MLSA is being more inclusive with the rest of

Zach noted that there is a similar wall of crests in Helen Glass, and if there was a cost associated with that? Also what happens if we do not pay, do we go up in a different round?

Peter answered that he doesn't know the answers to those question.

Jaclyn asked how big the wall is?

Peter answered it would be wooden crests on a wall in the HUB.

Danielle asked if we made a crest could it be updated?

Peter answered that they stated

Aaron would it be so bad if we just pushed back the vote on this issue?

Serena noted that if we did move forward with this it might make more sense.

Jena noted that it just seems silly. It might not make sense.

Jaclyn asked how many other associations would be on the wall?

Peter noted that every faculty has a student association and they may or may not have a crest on the wall.

Vote:

In favour: None

Opposed:

Peter Anandranistakis

Zoe Abreder

Blair Vincent

Josh Bokhaut

Zachary Courtemanche

Sarah Thomson

Jena Colpitts

Adam Gingera

Jesse Epp-Fransen

Abstained:

Serena Ehrmantraut

Jaclyn Lawrence

ii. MOTION # 2: Five days for the Homeless

BE IT RESOLVED that the money raised by the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament be donated to 5 days for the homeless.

MOTION #2: Anandranistakis/Coutemanche

Carried

Questions/Comments:

Jesse noted that the charity that was discussed earlier might be a better cause to donate the money to that charity which would be closer to law students.

Anandranistakis noted that this is a good way to put the funds to use for a worthy charitable purpose.

Vote:

In favour:

Peter Anandranistakis
Zoe Abreder
Serena Ehrmantraut
Josh Bokhaut
Zachary Courtemanche
Sarah Thomson
Jaclyn Lawrence
Adam Gingera
Jesse Epp-Fransen

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Jena Colpitts
Blair Vincent

4. Old Business

5. Announcements

- i. Stacy asked about where the money from the Keurig Coffee sales should go?
 - a. Zoe suggested the Humane Society
 - b. Heather asked about whether Legal Aid might be a better choice since it is closer to law students
 - c. It was determined that Stacy she should pick the charity.
- ii. Jena noted that the incoming exec sent out a call for applications for the 2014-2015
 - a. The deadline is Sunday at 5:00pm
- iii. Benji noted the end of year party will be April 25th at the Pemby.

6. Notice of Next Meeting:

- i. Rob Prokopanko will contact MLSA Members with notice of next meeting.

7. Adjournment: Anandranistakis/Lawrence at 1:43pm

Carried