

MLSA

MANITOBA LAW

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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August 30th, 2016

6:00pm

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Attending:

Melody Burke – *President*

Abram Silver – *Vice-President Internal*

Stephanie Savoie – *Vice-President External*

Kyle Mirecki – *Vice-President Finance*

Erin Lawlor Forsyth – *Governance*

Coordinator

Samantha Wong – *Communications*

Director

Sharu Ratnajoithy – *Council Chair*

Melanie Wire – *Chief Returning Officer*

Heather Maxted – *Media Coordinator*

Denby Mclean – *MALSA Representative*

Maddie Pearlman – *MBA Representative*

Rhoni Mackenzie – *UMSU Representative*

Bonnie Schott – *Senate Representative*

Jesse Gietz – *2L Representative*

Kelly MacWilliam – *Grad Committee*

(Chair)

Jessica Hersey – *Marketing Committee*

(Chair)

Mercedes Ayala – *Marketing Committee*

Amy Gelhorn – *Social Committee*

Kelsey Schade – *Sports Committee (Chair)*

Nichole Mirwaldt – *Sports Committee*

Jason Macleod – *Community Outreach*

Committee

Laryssa Bogucki – *Tuition Review*

Committee

Errick Beaulieu – *Academic Committee*

(Chair)

Krista Clendenning – *Spirit Committee*

(Chair)

Tyler Stilwell – *Photo Journalist*

Not Present:

Elizabeth Czynnyj – *Desautels Representative & Academic Committee*
Rachel Wood – *3L Representative*
Dave Grohmueller – *3L Representative*
Rebecca Heller – *Grad Committee*
Amrita Sidhu – *Grad Committee*
Nikki Evans – *Grad Committee*
Julie Yan – *Grad Committee*
Sharna Nelko – *Grad Committee*
Kaitlan Buchko – *Marketing Committee*
Kara Moore – *Social Committee (Chair)*
Robyn Fraser – *Social Committee*
Brittney Fehr – *Social Committee*
Brittney Hoyt – *Sports Committee*
Danielle Dubois – *Community Outreach Committee (Chair)*
Daniel Reimer – *Community Outreach Committee*
Bryn Rieger – *Community Outreach Committee*

Bobbi Jo Henngiar – *Community Outreach Committee*
Jill Giesbrecht – *Community Outreach Committee*
Andrew Konopelny – *Professional Development Committee (Chair)*
Adam Meyers – *Professional Development Committee*
Erin Evans – *Professional Development Committee*
Ashley Kaufmann – *Professional Development Committee*
Morgan Lawrence – *Professional Development Committee*
Ben Wickstrom – *Tuition Review Committee (Chair)*
Renato Di Lorenzo – *Tuition Review Committee*
Victoria Perrie – *Tuition Review Committee*
Alex Favreau – *Academic Committee*
Mark Alward – *Academic Committee*
Karas Elbardisy – *Spirit Committee*

1. Call to Order: at 6:15pm Burke/Silver	Carried
<i>1.1 Approval of May 2nd, 2016 Minutes:</i> Burke/Mirecki	Carried
<i>1.2 Approval of Agenda:</i> Silver/Mirecki	Carried

2. Reports

2.1 President – Melody Burke

- i. Please see VPI report for an overview of the goings-on over the summer and the plan for Orientation Week.
 - a. You can look to Abram's report and if you have any concerns, you can feel free to come to myself or Abram.
- ii. Inform Sam Wong, Communications Director, of important dates that need to be added to the MLSA calendar to avoid any conflicts.
 - a. Basically send any important dates to Sam Wong the minute you know so there are no conflicts.

Questions/Comments: None

2.2 Vice-President Internal – Abram Silver

- i. Summer Summary
 - a. Mel and Steph were out of town and Kyle was employed.
 - b. Two law faculty council meetings over the summer. Kelly and Dave attended. Nothing huge to report. There was concern about our representation changing. That did not happen. Thanks to the faculty for saying summer was an inappropriate time to make changes. Nothing too drastic has changed. Seven representatives from the MLSA is still good.
 - c. Two academic affairs meetings. We looked at accessibility. The school has started the process of making changes. Automatic doors, etc.
 - d. One endowment fund advisory meeting. Pro bono got what they asked for; employment club did too. Allotments also approved for MALSA and academic support. The MLSA made a request with the aim of subsidizing carbolic. We had to provide more info which we've done. The fact that these groups have requested more funds doesn't mean it draws, it just means they have the ability to use it. We can decide later if we'd like to draw from it.
 - e. Met with the new Dean and it was productive. He emphasized a student centered approach. Faculty is important, which is nice, but student centered approach is important.
 - i. Tuition increase – look for efficiencies rather than raise tuition. Create a better dialog. Monthly meetings with executive.
- ii. Orientation Week
 - a. There are some significant changes from last year. On the first day we will do the buddies again. We will not do the huge procession of student groups to do the pitch. Its overwhelming for first years. I expect the MLSA committee heads to address the first years. You are expected to be there and introduce yourself.
 - b. Social committee has done a ton of work over the summer. Trivia night moved to the Wednesday. 441 Main on Friday. MLSA has one less lunch to do this year because Friday is spent entirely downtown.
 - c. I will need help for lunches for set up and take down tables. Expectation is that at one point on one of the three days, MLSA members will help. MLSA is expected to be helpful. I want to thank everyone for their work over the summer. Thank you for your correspondence.

Questions/Comments: None

2.3 Vice-President External – Stephanie Savoie

- i. Sponsorship
 - a. Done and Pitblado and Aikins have gone up a level. New this year – TDS asked if they could send lawyers to their sponsored lunch. If you're a diamond sponsor, you can. We also told them its also the students first day – purpose is to welcome them.

- ii. Firm Wine and Cheeses
 - a. Uploaded in the MLSA calendar.
- iii. Orientation week sponsored lunches (TDS & Aikins)
- iv. Reminder: Firm contacts should be through myself

Questions/Comments: None

2.4 Vice-President Finance – Kyle Mirecki

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.5 Governance Coordinator – Erin Lawlor Forsyth

- i. Member Reports
 - a. Its important that all MLSA members submit member reports by the deadlines set to ensure I have enough time to compile all reports and distribute them before each meeting.
- ii. Buddy Program
 - a. So far there are 56 students who have emailed me and volunteered for the buddy program. If you have not done so but wish to, please email me to volunteer. We could always use more buddy volunteers.
 - b. I will be contacting Rosa Muller for an updated list of the incoming first year students this week, pairing buddies and sending out an email with this information and more details for September 6th.
- iii. Orientation information tables for Robson Hall student groups on September 6th and 7th at lunch (12:30-1:30pm).
 - a. I've contacted all the Robson Hall student groups to offer them a spot at the information tables on September 6th and 7th at lunch. I've heard back from most groups and will send Sam Wong the schedule once I've heard from everyone.

Questions/Comments: None

2.6 Communications Director – Samantha Wong

- i. MLSA Calendar
 - a. New MLSA website that has every single event that the law school is doing. Calendar is all MLSA events and all others in total. Just need everyone to send in event dates ASAP; even before you've finalized rooms. That way if anyone else wants to book on that day, we will know of conflicts, which happened a lot last year.
- ii. Official Gmail Accounts
 - a. We are using official Gmail calendars. Please use that and pass on Gmail account to the person who has your position next year.
- iii. Make sure to CC mlsa.robson@gmail.com once you've finalized room bookings.
 - a. Erin will send buddy and group table schedule soon. What is the calendar? It's the same calendar but you have permission to post for the group/position that you're

in charge of. Let Sam know that we have an event scheduled this day and have put it in the calendar. If you are in any groups, let the exec know. They each need to ask permission to access the group calendar. That way don't have to email Sam all the time. More efficient.

Questions/Comments: None

2.7 Chief Returning Officer – Melanie Wire

- i. Fall Election Periods
 - a. The periods for the Fall Election are:
 - i. Second week of September (12th-16th) – Nomination Period
 - ii. Third week of September (19th-23rd) – Campaign Period
 - iii. Fourth week of September (26th-27th) – Voting Period
- ii. We're doing an election for 1L reps and also the 2L vacant position. Send Sam the dates.

Questions/Comments: None

2.8 Media Coordinator – Heather Maxted

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.9 MALSA Representative – Denby Mclean

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.10 MBA Representative – Madison Pearlman

- i. Champagne Reception
 - a. Tuesday September 6th. We got an extra 100 bucks for the event. If you are on campus around 11-11:30am and want to help bring the wine in from the car, that would be great.
- ii. Fall Mentorship Event
 - a. Wednesday November 16th from 5:30-7pm at TDS.

Questions/Comments: None

2.11 UMSU Representative – Rhoni Mackenzie

- i. U-PASS
 - a. Available for pick up in the MPR of University Centre.
- ii. Consent Culture
 - a. The only one there is still room in is September 6th. We have to meet our quota by December. There will be more dates available later on though.
- iii. Mandatory Meeting for Association Treasurers
 - a. Mainly for Kyle.

- iv. Orientation Week
 - a. Orientation on the larger campus also going on. Frosh tickets available.
- v. Health & Dental Office
- vi. There will be a student census sent out by email.
 - a. Try and respond. It would be helpful.
- vii. UMSU is working towards online voting this year.
- viii. Last Meeting – August 18, 2016
 - a. See member report for more details on all topics.

Questions/Comments: None

2.12 Senate Representative – Bonnie Schott

- i. First senate meeting is not till October 6th.

Questions/Comments: None

2.13 Desautels Representative – Elizabeth Czynryj

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.14 Third-Year Representatives – Rachel Wood, Dave Grohmueller

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.15 Second-Year Representative – Jesse Gietz

- i. Vacant 2L Representative position
 - a. Melanie answered question about how we will go about electing new person.

Questions/Comments: None

2.16 Grad Committee – Kelly MacWilliam, Rebecca Heller, Amrita Sidhu, Julie Yan, Nikki Evans, Sharna Nelko

- i. Planned Fundraisers for the Fall Term
 - a. Paint night in the common room.
 - b. Rumors comedy night and also end of term probably also at the Good Will again.
- ii. Update on Separate Convocation
 - a. No updates.
- iii. Update on Graduation Party
 - a. 3Ls – maybe at Convention Centre this year. Either June 3rd or 10th. Haven't booked yet cause also not sure when grad ceremony is yet.
- iv. Proposal – Organizing a winter Reading Week Resort Trip
 - a. Want to gauge interest before spend any more time looking into it. Budget would be like \$1500-2000 more realistically.

Questions/Comments:

Silver: What is the latest date before we need commitments and deposits?

MacWilliam: From talking with the med students who did it last year, the deadline might be like early November for us. For you 3Ls here how many are a solid maybe? 8 maybes to a yes. We would like to get like 50 people interested but we're not sure if we can do this.

Mirecki: Why not post this on Facebook and gauge interest that way too.

2.17 Marketing Committee – Jessica Hersey, Mercedes Ayala, Kaitlan Buchko

- i. 1st Year Orientation T-Shirts
 - a. They've been ordered and paid for.
- ii. Aikins Diamond Sponsor Placard
 - a. Aikins completed more or less. Just sent in Myers Weinberg and hope it gets done in time.
- iii. Wristbands
 - a. All done and will bring first day. Frosh tickets done and posters done.

Questions/Comments:

Silver: Can we get the wristbands ahead of time?

Hersey: I would need a key to the MLSA office or for the executives to put them in the office.

Burke: We can or you can go to the main office and they will let you into the MLSA office. Just for everyone to know.

2.18 Social Committee – Kara Moore, Amy Gelhorn, Robyn Fraser, Brittney Fehr

- i. 1L Meet & Greet
 - a. Tomorrow at La Roca. Come out if you're available, good to have MLSA members meeting 1Ls. Starts at 7.
- ii. Welcome Night
 - a. At the hub at 7.
- iii. Trivia Night
 - a. Wednesday at Kings Head and its fully accessible.
- iv. Frosh Party
 - a. On the Friday. Please come.
- v. Carbolic
 - a. February 11th and same room as last year at the Fort Gary.

Questions/Comments: None

2.19 Sports Committee – Kelsey Schade, Brittney Hoyt, Nichole Mirwaldt

- i. Pitblado Gold Tournament
 - a. Its at Falcon West but previously called Fantasy Lake. T-off is at 1pm. And dinner later on.
 - b. The bus is picking everyone up here at 11:30am and then picking up from course at 6 and bringing people back.
 - c. We're selling tickets for this event September 14-16th.

- ii. Intramurals
 - a. Sign up is the second week of September; the 12-16th.
- iii. Bomber Game
 - a. Booked for Friday September 30th at 7:30pm and also going to do a pizza party somewhere on campus beforehand and then walk to game together.
- iv. Bootcamps
 - a. We want to do it outside or if we can or get a room booked at the active living centre. Still looking into it.
- v. Moose Game
 - a. November or January. Not too close to exams.

Questions/Comments: None

2.20 Community Outreach Committee – Danielle Dubois, Daniel Reimer, Bryn Rieger, Jason Macleod, Bobbi Jo Henngiar, Jill Giesbrecht

- i. Summer Activities
- ii. Conclusions
 - a. Used textbook sale happening first 2 weeks of school. If you really can't make those times message Jason.
 - b. Motionball already have 10 volunteers signed up. At John Taylor on September 18th. And looking to raise \$1000. Contact Jason if interested.
 - c. We're continuing our commitments to the Children's Wish Foundation. Dress up nice and nice to take part in group.

Questions/Comments: None

2.21 Professional Development Committee – Andrew Konopelny, Adam Meyers, Erin Evans, Ashley Kaufmann, Morgan Lawrence

- i. New Student Recruitment Guide
- ii. OCIs
 - a. Robson Hall wasn't keen on doing them. But we still will be.
- iii. New CDO
 - a. Kristen Fogg.
- iv. Law Banquet
- v. Orientation Week
- vi. See member report for more details.

Questions/Comments:

Savoie: We've mentioned law banquet. Not in October this year. Its going to be around January 12th. It previously conflicted with 2L recruitment. The firms seem to be on board with that. Melody put work into making a new recruitment guide, which is also posted on the website. This includes updated resumes and cover letters from students who actually found jobs. There's also updated dates. The guide also says when things typically happen and when to apply, etc.

2.22 Tuition Review Committee – Ben Wickstrom, Renato Di Lorenzo, Laryssa Bogucki, Victoria Perrie

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.23 Academic Committee – Errick Beaulieu, Alex Favreau, Mark Alward, Elizabeth Czynryj

- i. Meeting
- ii. Drafted proposal for review by MLSA President.
 - a. We are updating sections of the website and organizing information on third party scholarships. We are working with faculty to clarify policies, including deferrals and appeals. Going to run a few surveys to gather feedback. One thing we want is to organize exam prep sessions for first year students. Previously, there were exam prep sessions run by faculty that were not very helpful.
- iii. Began preliminary discussions to complete items in proposal.

Questions/Comments: None

2.24 Spirit Committee – Krista Clendenning, Karas Elbardisy

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

2.25 Photo Journalist – Tyler Stilwell

- i. Nothing to Report

Questions/Comments: None

3. Motions

3.1 Motion re: Timely Circulation of MLSA Meeting Minutes

- i. WHEREAS the MLSA is committed to increasing transparency and efficiency in its communication with the student body at large; and

WHEREAS the MLSA is committed to providing all members, including those who are unable to attend a meeting, with an accurate and timely account of what transpired at a given MLSA meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the MLSA Governance Coordinator make his or her *best effort* to circulate the minutes following a meeting to all members of the association within **seven days** of the meeting.

Questions/Comments:

Silver: To provide a bit of background about this, I've spoken to Erin about this. If we're trying to be more transparent, people should have the ability to find out what takes place fairly soon after each MLSA meeting. We need to make sure we get this information out in a timely way.

Approval of Motion: Savoie/Burke

Carried

4. New Business

4.1 None

5. Old Business

5.1 None

6. Announcements

6.1 None

7. Notice of Next Meeting:

7.1 Samantha Wong will contact MLSA Members with notice of next meeting.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Savoie/Mirecki

Carried at 6:55pm