
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Present: Iain Walker, Kathleen Cloutier, Scott Meyer, Steve Morrison, Ariel Lekas, Mark Jordan, Hersh Gupta, Dharam Dhillon, James Park, David Foster

Regrets: Winta Asefaw, Draya De Klerk, Greg Prizent

Meyer called the meeting to order at 12:10pm

1. PRESIDENT

a. Dean of Students meeting

Meyer and Morrison met with the Dean. She said she will approve Carbolic. We have to present a report on improvements we will make, which will be presented next week.

b. Office Hours

People should be there for office hours.

c. Flex Meeting Next Tuesday, Feb 10

Will be held at noon to discuss LSA Savings account, constitutional changes and AGM.

d. Carbolic Smoke Ball – LSA Video

House of Cards would be too complicated. Old Spice might be tough to do. Super Bowl Halftime Show with Jefferies shark references seems to be the winner.

e. LSA Award

Keep sending nominations, vote should be next week by ballot.

For LSA meetings, try to be here and provide a reason if you can't.

2. VP GENERAL

a. General Update

b. Clubs/Committees Grants

Club funding will be discussed next Monday.

c. Clubs/Committees meeting

The meeting went well, people learned about risk management requirements.

d. LSA Elections

Jordan is working on timeline.

3. VP SERVICES

a. Who's Who

PDF has been put up online but there is some problem with the link.

b. Thank You Cards

Everyone should sign them.

c. Weekly Updates

Asefaw can't come but any requests should be sent to her.

4. VP FINANCE

Low attendance at Carbolic is due to current events that could not have been foreseen. We will have to cut from end of year party.

5. VP ACADEMIC

a. General Update

Prizent is in ongoing search for CANs.

b. Jeopardy Tournament

Prizent wants members to send Jeopardy ideas to him.

c. LFC/Curriculum Committee

Faculty aren't fans of deadline for marking papers/exams. The Dean is putting forward a policy to admit up to 10 NCA students. They are foreign graduates who are coming back and want to be accredited. There are two types: Canadian students who got their law degree abroad and returned to Canada, and foreign students who got their law degree abroad and want to come to Canada to practice. The faculty is giving them a stream to do it through U of A, they will be charged to take first year courses and be accredited here. They could do the certification process on their own anyway. 700 people nationally are given NCA certificates. They would still have to article in Canada. There are some concerns that this is a way to get around the enrolment cap and that they would compete with U of A students. However, it would help with funding issues and could stave off any future tuition increase. We will not advocate strongly in favour or strongly opposed but will raise concerns and monitor the situation.

6. VP SOCIAL

a. Carbohic Smoke Ball

We have traditionally had 300 to 325 people sign up but we have significantly less this year so far. It seems there will not be any faculty tables although we have typically had two or three in the past. We need to reduce costs elsewhere in the budget. We can reduce cost of Jeopardy and end of year party. Look at getting promotions from the bar for end of year party to reduce subsidization. May have to eliminate some free drinks from end of year party.

7. VP EXTERNAL

Signed up some students for call day.

8. VP SPORTS

a. General Update

b. Curling Tournament

Planning is going well, people are signing up. We're asking people to donate for prizes. We might be able to cut down on food.

c. Water Fountain

Lekas will ask Jefferies what is happening with the water fountain.

9. 1L REPS

a. Kids Movie Night

Foster will discuss with De Klerk.

b. Constitutional Changes

Will have a special meeting on the topic next week.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 12 pm in LC 157

Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm

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