

**University of New Brunswick Law Students’ Society**

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, February 27th, 2018**

**11:30AM – Room 28**

1. **Call to Order—** Nushka Blais

The Chairperson called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 11:33am, and welcomed those present.

**In Attendance:**

Nushka Blais

Ben Lord

Desiree Duplessis

Genviève Gangné

Molly Murphy

Natalie Feltrin

Adam Foote

Ciara Jerrett

Jacob Greenslade

Dylan Coady

Joe Tracey

Hilary Perry

1. **Motion—**Adoption of the Agenda

*Nushka Blais (Chairperson) calls for additions. None offered*

Moved by: Adam

Seconded: Des  **Motion CARRIED**

1. **Robert’s Rules of Order Refresher (Nushka)**

* Our new Chairperson (Nushka) made an inquiry as to the extent that the LSS council meetings adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order, in order to ensure we are all on the same footing before moving forward.

1. **Executive Reports**

President - Ben Lord

* Welcome to our new Chairperson – Nushka. Thank you for stepping up on such short notice and executing the elections smoothly.
* We will discuss later on about the unfilled LSS position(s)
* Meeting with Dean regarding implementing further security
  + Metal grate front of window
  + Question of payment, Ludlow should not foot the bill.
* Law Ball was a success

Vice-President - Desiree Duplessis

* Planning for Legal Rights and Kangaroo Court (we don't know date yet)
  + Success depends on people submitting claims. It’s a great event, highly encourage everyone to attend.
* Intramurals and sports are running smoothly, in association with Ben Law and URec.

Treasurer – Geneviève Gagné

* Looking at securing LSS fees by including them with all other fees, through the registrar

*Ciara:* Could someone explain Legal Rights?

*Geneviève:* Legal Rights is an end of the year variety show put on by the students here and has different acts which are musical, theatrical, or anything else creative. There is also a ‘Ludlow Update’ which is essentially a newscast put on by one student representing each class.

*Jacob:* If you haven't used your budget for a society can you allocate it elsewhere?

*Genvieve:* A little bit of deviation is fine. Important to communicate with me on what you’d like to divest the funds toward as the answer largely depends on that.

First Year Representative – Molly Murphy

* Survey conducted the first Wednesday of January.
* 20% of class responded
* Three questions
  + Most enjoyable aspects
    - People, friendships formed, supportive community
  + Least enjoyable aspects
    - To-be-expected hurdles: learning how to write CANS, exams, feeling overwhelmed
    - A few comments wanting more casual non-drinking events, since most big events required buying a ticket
      * Comments like this spurred Game Night
  + Which social events would you like to see more of?
    - Opportunities for both sections to interact, free/low-cost, movie nights, sports nights
  + Additional comments section
    - Two dealt with orientation. Good activities but perhaps a more conscientious schedule. The other noted that shortening it to just the first week might be best.

1. **Faculty Council Report** – (Hilary)

* Problem of not knowing what committees exist, which are ad hoc, FC is working on a list of standing committees submitted to senate.
* They also discussed trying to align March break with Family Day next year as that would benefit students schedules’ more most likely.

*Dylan:* That would sync us up with the other schools

*Hillary:* The rationale was basically ‘would this benefit students more’?

*Jacob:* Starting back on a Thursday after the Winter holiday’s this year was nonsensical.

*Hilary:* The new academic calendar was approved at the last senate and we will be returning on a Monday.

1. **Mental Health Policy Discussion (Ciara)**

* Drafted the mental health policy as per previous discussions in association with faculty and counselling.
* Working with mental health and the law society, Matt Mclean came in from counseling serves and had a round table discussion on services.
* March 16th will be meeting with Dr. Moore and Bryce Fuller to discuss what things to do and what types of services of what she could provide for us.
* Getting in touch with Martha's contact, Ellen, wellness counsellor at Osgood, first counsellor to be implemented at a Canadian law school, to have a counsellor in the building on site.
* Including in orientation week to have a time management strategy workshop, survey results rated time management issues added stress to daily life. Perhaps including a tour of the counselling services.

*Geneviève:* Very important to get it through Senate, faculty, and has it included in orientation packages.

*Ben:* Suggested as an amendment - Changing instances of ‘Ludlow’ to UNB Law.

*Ciara:* Accepted.

**MOTION:** To propose the mental health policy be forwarded to faculty council with the proposed amendment.

Moved by: Molly Murphy

Seconded: Geneviève

That the draft mental health policy (with above amendments) be forwarded to faculty council for review.

**Motion CARRIED** *as amended*

**7) Spring General Election Discussion (Nushka)**

What should we do with vacant positions from this past election?

*Dylan:* After the election, I discovered I was accepted for an exchange. I have spoken with next year’s president as to when I should be stepping down, but this is to say that the position I have just attained will be vacant as well.

*Des:* We have precedent of a special election being triggered following an election with vacant seats. However constitutionally there is considerable room for discretion.

*Molly:* The triggering of a special election would ordinarily be reserved for filling an essential position to the normal functioning of the LSS. A non-executive position may not warrant the labour necessary to execute a separate and special election.

*Ben:* I would echo Molly’s statements. We are not constitutionally steered in either direction; therefore it is what makes most sense.

**Motion:**

That unfilled LSS positions opened again for nomination in the September by-election. Moved by: Des

Seconded: Ben

**Motion CARRIED**

**8) CAN Database/Website Integration Discussion (Molly)**

* We have a domain name reserved- unblss.com (unpublished)
* LSS at UVIC hosts their database publically
* LSS at DAL hosts their database under the same layout, but the page is password protected
  + We are using the same platform as DAL, this would be an easy thing to do
  + Drive would remain the same, I would simply mirror link.
  + Asking due to potential privacy concerns
  + Decisions as to posting roughly 100 CANS on a more public platform than what those who submitted had known would be the case should be made in consultation with council.

*Jacob:* In favor of password protection.

*Des*: Also in favor of password.

The manner in which the password should be distributed is by using the list serve rather than Facebook.

*Gen:* What is the renewal fee for the domain name?

*Molly:* Included in the overall price yearly package, 145$

**Motion:** To password protect the CANS page on the LSS website

Moved by: Ben

Seconded: Des

That the CANS page on the LSS website be password protected.

**Motion CARRIED**

**9) Motion—Destroying ballots from winter election (Ben)**

* We are constitutionally mandated to make a motion to shred the ballots from an election held.

**Motion:** To Destroy the ballots from the winter election

Moved by: Des

Seconded by Ben

That the ballots from the Winter 2018 election be destroyed.

**Motion CARRIED**

**10) New Business Roundtable**

*None offered*

**11) Motion—Adjourn**

Moved: Nathalie

Seconded: Joe

That the regular meeting of Council dated February 27th, 2018 be adjourned at 12:27 pm.

**Motion CARRIED**