



## EXECUTIVE MEETING - Sep 13, 2023

**Location:** LSA Office, in person

**Attendees:** Olive, Shina, Rider, Shina, Stephen, Mason, Rory, Hamza, Alanna, Chris (online), and Josh

**Regrets:** -

Meeting called to order by Olive at 12:02

### GENERAL: Director Brainstorming

**Time:** 5-10 minutes

**Description:** Discuss the best process for recruiting and organizing directors. Please take a look at the director form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRHqJFtKUQKUI1X6b7trBE1tX\\_6F\\_5OZJE7UIgeu6-dCveFA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRHqJFtKUQKUI1X6b7trBE1tX_6F_5OZJE7UIgeu6-dCveFA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

#### Action Item(s):

- Ongoing: monitor the Director page when you make a posting
- Discuss amendment

## EXECUTIVE UPDATES

**Time:** 30-45 minutes

#### Description:

- President:
  - Elections materials to be release in Weekly blast
    - Director positions; if you have them ready I will include in the elections materials
  - Lockers update: over 125 registrations thus far (aka ~375 unused lockers)
    - Student group storage space
  - We are officially approved as a student group (delay due to some COI & logo issues)
  - PJ Day (AKA Comfy clothes day)
- VP Governance:
  - [Proposed Director Policy Amendment](#) - shortening and consolidating notification process for ease of access, shifting from a 14 day timeline (1 week for announcing opening date, 1 week accepting applications) for to a 10 day timeline (10 days for accepting applications)
    - Rider motions, Alanna seconds to approve the amendment to the Director Policy via executive resolution

- 10 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain
- General Meeting update - tentative date of Monday October 23, 2023
- Academic Material Program discussion - Proposed new approach to buying textbooks from the bookstore that would require students to pay one flat fee to access textbooks (primarily online versions)
  - You may opt-out and buy separately
  - Some estimates indicate this fee could be \$200-\$300 per term (covering all textbook costs)

Pros	Simplify textbook purchasing
Cons	Undermine re-used textbook market, undermines flexibility
??	Could drive down textbook costs (especially in 1L), but could also increase total textbook costs if you do not opt out (where, if you only needed one textbook, you would still pay entire fee)

- [First Draft Academic Material Program position](#) - could return for approval next week based on discussion
  - Would be useful to run this past ELSA
- Clean Air Strategy discussion - Proposed ban on smoking enforced campus,
  - Stems from concern around public health and pollution
  - Some exceptions for cultural/spiritual practices around smoking tobacco, but concerns with implementation/policing ([Indigenous Students' Union \(ISU\) statement](#))
  - Opportunity for brief discussion on potential for supporting ISU, writing our own letter
  - Concerns about this policy; there are bigger fish to fry and enforcing this policy could certainly infringe in support of ISU
  - Mason motions, Olive seconds to affirm the Law Students' Association's support of the Indigenous Students' Union (ISU) statement (August 14, 2023) regarding the proposed Smoking Ban
  - 10 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain
- VP Finance:
  - FAMF Opt-Out stuff
    - We will provide students the option to opt out and there will be rules about how this is implemented and how students will be affected (e.g. can't be on an LSA subsidized intramural team, can attend events but at higher price, can still vote/run in elections but must pay for own materials, some materials will remain a benefit for all students such as CANs, students will still have influence over advocacy and EDI reporting tool)
      - The process will have two steps; they have to reach out to VP Finance directly and then they are provided with more information and the Opt-Out Form if they are still interested in opting-out.

- For MBA/JD students, we need to determine the process for folks who aren't opted-in
    - ITLP students do not pay and largely have communicated they aren't interested in being a part of it but we can provide the opportunity to opt in as well
- VP Communications
  - Weekly Blasts on thursdays now; deadline for submissions Wednesday
  - Weekly Blast not reaching certain 1Ls. Resolved
  - Email from LexisNexis reporter
  - No update on new TV screen system from Tim yet
- VP Events
  - First Friday Back Feedback
    - People loved the venue
    - Still some issues; hard to get students to use the whole space
  - Stikeman Elliott Icecream Truck - 19 or 27
  - Survey Results - Weekly Blast + socials
    - [Events Results + Report.pdf](#)
  - UALC - October 11, 2023 - black tie "semi-formal" mixer
  - Medical Malpractice
    - Date: October 13, 2023
    - Lots of funding to use and need to determine what to do with it
- VP JEDI:
  - JEDI Committee is coming together
  - Helping with QBIPOC BBQ (Olive attending as well)
- VP Community:
  - 1L mentorship form now closed, but can still reach out to me
  - Matches are slowly going out, and will probably be all sent out in the next 10-15 days. (Sep. 27)
  - Grants process will start after the mentorship process; may find director for this
- ILSA Rep:
  - ILSA Exec meeting tomorrow, ILSA Fall General Meeting on the 18th, more to report next week
- VP Academic:
  - CANs have been released, the chosen authors notified, cheques to go out next week
  - Meeting with Vice Dean Muir Current Agenda:
    - Fall reading week survey results: questions of where it needs to be voted on, when and by who?
    - Do profs have to post slides before class; is there any policy about this.
    - Timeline of meetings
    - Idea of surveying what courses people want
    - How we can support academics this year

- PASS sessions?
  - Academic concern form;
- VP Sports & Wellness
  - El Hacks Updates Sunday the 24th
    - Check in assistance and Go Cart
  - Dodgeball Tournament with U Calgary Law (perhaps more)
    - Nov 24th availability for sponsor planning
    - Suggestion to make it in Red Deer

**Final reminder: Dean's Dinner Next Week**

**Action Item(s) from LAST meetings:**

Task	Done?
Stephen to send Hamza the login information for EventBrite	Yes
Future: to determine sober supervisor process	TBC
Mason/Alanna/Bensler (sick) to act as sober supervisor at FFB	Yes
Alanna to direct Rugby to provide a sober supervisor	Yes
Shina to check in with Stephen about grants timeline	Yes
Rider to meet with Vice Dean (set for this afternoon)	Yes
Discuss Director process/brainstorm	Yes
Olive to discuss email overload with Dean	Yes

**Action Item(s) from this meetings:**

Task	Done?
Stephen to reach out to ELSA for feedback; to prepare letter for next week	
Mason to raise issue of Clean Air Strategy with ILSA and to contact Chris, Olive, Stephen if next steps needed	
Josh to chat with Olive about LexusNexus	
Everyone review the event results to be approved	
Everyone send feedback ASAP about FAMF strategy	
Follow up with Christine RMRF with Hamza	Yes
Rory to confirm volunteers from LSA	

Meeting adjourned by Olive at 01:06.

## **OTHER**

**Time:** ~

**Description:** Any other discussion items.

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