

MLSA | MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 27TH, 2020 12:00 PM ZOOM

1. Call to Order

Silas Koulack called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

- 1.1. Reconciliation Statement
- 1.2. Recognize Quorum

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

- 1.3. Approval of Agenda

Silas Koulack approved the agenda.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aiyana McKenzie - Allison Kilgour - Andrew Fenwick - Anisha Sahota - Braeden Cornick - Celyna Yu - Daphne Comegan - Darius Maharaj-Hunter - Dion Cheng - Evan Podaima - Jilian Stefanson - Alexa Smith - Madison Parker - Mark Packulak - Meghan Bjorklund - Michael Badejo - Nick Noonan - Peyton Delaurier-Smith - Tasha Ellis - Sam Jeha - Shawn Singh - Zachary White 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexa Smith

2. Reports

2.1. MILSA – Daphne Comegan, Peyton Delaurier-Smith, Jenna Jeffrey, Alex Philippot, Victoria Davies, Binesi Boulanger, Antonio Barraza-Luna, Samantha Myran

- i. IBA Conference
 - a. 18 students were able to attend the virtual conference with funds from the Endowment Fund.
- ii. Blog
 - a. The first blog post went up on October 30th for Orange Shirt Day. There will be more posts coming, including for Indigenous Veteran’s Day on November 8th.
- iii. Beadwork Sale
 - a. Will take place on Thursday November 12th over Instagram to fundraise for medical expenses.
- iv. Fundraising
 - a. MILSA is preparing for a sweater sale in support of the Mi’kmaq fishers in Nova Scotia
 - b. MILSA wrote a letter of support and held a raffle for 1492 Land Back Lane.
 - c. Connected with UMISA for Halloween candy donations.
- v. Six MILSA members were elected to the National Indigenous Law Students Association Executive.

2.2. 2L Representatives – Celyna Yu, Shawn Singh

- i. Exam Cram Progress Update
- ii. Policy Change – Race and Culture Warning
 - a. Students have raised concerns about the discussion of race and culture issues in class. The 2L Representatives have spoken with Associate Dean Shariff about implementing a warning before these topics are discussed.

2.3. 3L Class Representatives – Alexa Smith, Jilian Stefanson

- i. Exam Cram
 - a. 3L Representatives would like to give out gift cards to students so that they can get something to out of province students and avoid having students have to come pick something up, but there is not currently enough funding to do so.

- b. Braeden Cornick has been speaking with law firms and Michael Badejo has been speaking with the MBA about getting more funding.

2.4. Manitoba Bar Association Representative – Michael Badejo

- i. Welcome Event
 - a. Held in September for 1L students.
- ii. Mentorship Program
 - a. Approximately 65 matches were made last week through the Mentor City platform.
 - b. The mentorship mixer will be held virtually this year.
- iii. CBA Law Students National Section
 - a. Michael is on the Student Loans Committee, where they are looking at financial literacy for students and making sure that they have the financial tools they need to succeed.
- iv. Exam Cram
 - a. Michael has been in contact with the MBA discussing the provision of additional funding to assist with Exam Cram.

2.5. Spirit Committee – Sue Ahn, Melina Venuto, Anna Siemens, Reid Girard, Dominic Peña

- i. Yoga in the Park
 - a. The event raised \$105 for Klinik Community Health. Approximately 50 students attended.
- ii. Online Board Games Night
 - a. Will be held November 21st to accommodate the Articling timeline. The event will be facilitated using Board Game Arena and Zoom. Student sign-ups are due by November 4th.
- iii. Exam Break Yoga Day
 - a. Will likely be held in early December. More details to follow.

2.6. Social Committee – Micky Levi, Alexis Alevizos, Kelsey Thain, David Barbour, Alan Lempert, Alexandra Broggy

- i. Carbolic
 - a. Final attendance numbers are due to the venue by the end of January. The Committee is currently waiting to see what happens with COVID over the holidays.
 - b. Exploring the option of having a dinner alone rather than a dinner and dance.
- ii. Bingo Night

- a. Will take place on November 5th.

2.7. Clinical Experience Committee – Amber Harms, Keira Hasenack, Ryan Johnson, Keith Murkin

- i. Moot Tryouts selection process has been completed. Those chosen for a moot have been contacted.
- ii. Negotiations Competition
- iii. Solomon Greenberg
 - a. Will be held virtually on November 14th and 15th.
 - b. The CEC is advocating for the competition to count for credit hours.
- iv. Mooting 101
 - a. The Committee will be hosting a joint presentation with the Debate Society October 28th on mooting.

2.8. Sports Committee – Faheem Kamran, Elly MacRae, Bennett Ulrich

- i. Fantasy Football League
 - a. The league began in early September. 18 students are signed up, 9 of whom are 1Ls.
- ii. Fitness Challenge
 - a. Will take place over the month of November with weekly draws for prizes.
- iii. E-Sports Tournament
- iv. 3-on-3 Hockey Tournament
- v. Sports Trivia Night/Jets Viewing Party

2.9. Communications Committee – Madison Laval, Zara Kadhim, Larissa Campbell

- i. MLSA Website
 - a. The MLSA Website is back up following a virus attack. The Committee is continuing to monitor the situation.
 - b. Members who sent events to Maddy between October 12th and 20th are encouraged to check that those events are still on the calendar.
 - c. In the future, those who are sending documents to be uploaded to the website are asked to send them individually rather than as a Zip Files.

2.10. Academic Committee – Alexa Smith, Amy Scribner, Shawn Eisler, Jess Humphries, Dane Kingdon, Shira Brand

- i. Academic Presentation
- ii. Outline Bank

- iii. Mental Health Group
- 2.11. **1L Representatives – Dion Cheung, Aiyana McKenzie, Housam Jeha**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.12. **Gender and Sexual Minorities Representative – Madison Parker**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.13. **Students Living with Disabilities Representative – Andrew Fenwick**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.14. **Women’s Representative – Allison Kilgour**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.15. **Visible Minority Students’ Representative – Anisha Sahota**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.16. **Part-Time Students’ Representative – Tasha Ellis**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.17. **Students Providing Care Representative – Mark Packulak**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.18. **UMSU Representative – Zachary White**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.19. **University Senate Representative – Evan Podaima**
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2.20. **Community Outreach Committee – Marie Gravoso, Suraj Lakhi, Steven Dressler, Jill Klassen, Brooke Mowatt, Emily Lisi, Adele Lee, Kayleigh Robertson**
 - i. Movember is beginning November 1st. Members are encouraged to participate in any way they can. Please see Suraj’s Facebook post on the MLSA Facebook page for access to the Movember Mo Space to donate.
- 2.21. **Grad Committee – Erin Tramley, Meghan Leung, Victoria Nash, Carter Suski, Merissa Stewart**

- i. Clothing orders are now available and the clothing catalogue has been posted in the MLSA Facebook group and sent to students via email. Clothing orders are due by noon on Wednesday, November 4th.
 - ii. The Committee is still hopeful that the Class of 2021 will be able to hold an event for grad in June 2021, and have been in contact with a number of outdoor wedding venues to explore options.

- 2.22. Accessibility Committee – Amy Scribner, Merissa Stewart, Allison Kilgour**
 - i. Nothing to report

- 2.23. Constitution and Policy Committee – Jayelle Friesen, Madonna Markaj, Elly MacRae**
 - i. Nothing to report

- 2.24. Professional Development Committee – Alexis Bailey, Tyson Bannatyne, Devon Molloy, Rebecca Akong, Jordan Sinder, Taylor Antonchuk, Jack Powels, Janelle Gobin, Rachel Warner**
 - i. Nothing to report

- 2.25. Chief Returning Officer – Lewis Waring**
 - i. Nothing to report

- 2.26. Governance Coordinator – Kyla Kavanagh**
 - i. Nothing to report

- 2.27. Council Chair – Silas Koulack**
 - i. Nothing to report

- 2.28. President – Nick Noonan**
 - i. General Updates
 - ii. Student Engagement
 - a. The Dean is willing to use discretionary funds on virtual ideas: bingo night, fitness challenge, etc. Students are encouraged to reach out to Nick or any of the Executive with ideas.
 - iii. Homecoming will be hosted virtually starting at 5:00 p.m. on November 5th.
 - iv. Mental health resources are available to students through Robson Hall Mental Health Group and the Mental Health Group’s resource page.
 - a. Members are reminded that the U of M offers student counselling services. Students can request an intake counselling appointments through the Student Counselling Centre at 204-474-8592.

2.29. Vice-President Internal – Meghan Bjorklund

- i. Consent Culture Workshop
 - a. The second workshop was held last week. Everyone should now have attended the workshop.
- ii. Student Groups Funding
 - a. Groups who need funding throughout the year are encouraged to contact Meghan.
- iii. Zoom Bookings
 - a. Members are reminded to plan events two weeks in advance to avoid conflicts with the MLSA Zoom account.
- iv. *Motion to pass an Amendment Resolution for the MLSA Constitution*
 - a. **Nick Noonan** moved to approve the motion. **Shawn Singh** seconded. **Motion passed.**
- v. *Motion to adopt the updated versions of the MLSA General Policies, Election Policies and Social Media Policies*
 - a. The General Policies will not be voted on until next months' meeting to ensure that the Part-Time Students Representative position and Students Providing Care Representative are included properly.
 - b. **Meghan Bjorklund** motioned to amend the motion to have members vote only on the second and third parts of the *Motion to adopt the updated versions of the MLSA General Policies, Election Policies and Social Media Policies*. **Nick Noonan** seconded. **Motion passed as amended.**

2.30. Vice-President External – Braeden Cornick

- i. Nothing to report

2.31. Vice-President Finance – Darius Maharaj Hunter

- i. Nothing to report

3. New Business

Silas Koulack – New Committee Proposal

Silas inquired as to whether there was student interest in setting up a committee to look at Canada-wide processes and conditions for articling with the purpose of determining if there are any changes that can be made to improve the experience for students. Silas will continue to explore this as an option, and encouraged any interested members to contact him.

4. Old Business

5. Announcements

6. Notice of Next Meeting

The next MLSA meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 24th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kyla Kavanagh** will contact MLSA Members with notice of deadline for submission of RSVPs and member reports.

7. Adjournment

Andrew Fenwick moved to adjourn. **Shawn Singh** seconded. Meeting **adjourned at 12:55 p.m.**