

MLSA | MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 26TH, 2021 12:00 PM ZOOM

1. Call to Order

Silas Koulack called the meeting to order at 12:02 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- Braeden Cornick- Celyna Yu- Darius Maharaj-Hunter- Dion Cheng- Evan Podaima- Jilian Stefanson- 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- Anisha Sahta- Daphne Comegan- Lewis Waring

1. Reports

- 1.1. 1L Representatives – Dion Cheung, Aiyana McKenzie, Housam Jeha**
 - i. Virtual Fall 2021
 - a. 1L Representatives conducted a survey of 1L student attitudes on virtual school in Fall 2021. The majority of students were interested in in-person learning in some capacity.
 - b. 1L Representatives met with Dean Asper to discuss student concerns regarding a virtual return to school in Fall 2021.

- 1.2. 2L Representatives – Celyna Yu, Shawn Singh**
 - i. Changing Spaces: Dismantling Racism and Discrimination in the Legal Profession
 - a. A panel will be occurring on January 27th. Students are encouraged to attend.
 - ii. Exam Period
 - a. Students had problems with accommodations. 2L Representatives spoke with the Associate Dean to resolve these problems for Winter Exams.
 - iii. Advocacy Mock Trial
 - a. The Mock Trial will not be taking place this semester.

- 1.3. University Senate Representative – Evan Podaima**
 - i. Compassionate Grading
 - a. Compassionate grading is now available to select on D2L. This will not remove the grade from student transcripts, but the grade will not be included in your GPA.
 - b. Members are encouraged to reference Evan’s report for FAQ’s or contacts for questions they may have.
 - ii. In-Person Classes for Fall 2021

- 1.4. Social Committee – Micky Levi, Alexis Alevizos, Kelsey Thain, David Barbour, Alan Lempert, Alexandra Broggy**
 - i. Bingo
 - a. This month’s Bingo Night was successful. The Committee is looking into hosting a third Bingo Night later this semester.
 - ii. Carboolic
 - a. Tickets are on sale from January 25th to February 5th. Carboolic will be a virtual wine tasting and dinner on February 27th over Zoom.

- 1.5. Clinical Experience Committee – Amber Harms, Keira Hasenack, Ryan Johnson, Keith Murkin**

- i. Mini Moot
 - a. The Mini Moot will take place on March 3rd and 4th. The case is *Law Society of British Columbia v Trinity Western University*.
 - b. An information session will be held at noon on February 10th. Zoom links will be sent out to interested participants.

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

- i. MLSA Website
 - a. The Log-In feature has been removed for everyone except for the Executive and the Communications Committee Chair. This should not affect students’ ability to access website resources.
 - b. The Committee is looking into a new web-posting service. The current subscription is paid for until 2022, but the next committee is encouraged to prepare to look into other options.

1.7. 3L Class Representatives – Alexa Smith, Jilian Stefanson

- i. Nothing to report

1.8. Manitoba Bar Association Representative – Michael Badejo

- i. Nothing to report

1.9. Gender and Sexual Minorities Representative – Madison Parker

- i. Nothing to report

1.10. Students Living with Disabilities Representative – Andrew Fenwick

- i. Nothing to report

1.11. Women’s Representative – Allison Kilgour

- i. Anyone with ability in photoshop is encouraged to reach out to Allison. The Feminist Legal Forum is seeking to do their “Law Needs Feminism Because” virtually and is seeking assistance with superimposing quotes onto student selfies.

1.12. Visible Minority Students’ Representative – Anisha Sahota

- i. Nothing to report

1.13. Part-Time Students’ Representative – Tasha Ellis

- i. Nothing to report

- 1.14. Students Providing Care Representative – Mark Packulak**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.15. UMSU Representative – Zachary White**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.16. Sports Committee – Faheem Kamran, Elly MacRae, Bennett Ulrich**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.17. Academic Committee – Alexa Smith, Amy Scribner, Shawn Eisler, Jess Humphries, Dane Kingdon, Shira Brand**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.18. Community Outreach Committee – Marie Gravoso, Suraj Lakhi, Steven Dressler, Jill Klassen, Brooke Mowatt, Emily Lisi, Adele Lee, Kayleigh Robertson**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.19. Accessibility Committee – Amy Scribner, Merissa Stewart, Allison Kilgour**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.20. Constitution and Policy Committee – Jayelle Friesen, Madonna Markaj, Elly MacRae**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.21. Spirit Committee – Sue Ahn, Melina Venuto, Anna Siemens, Reid Girard, Dominic Peña**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.22. Grad Committee – Erin Tramley, Meghan Leung, Victoria Nash, Carter Suski, Merissa Stewart**
i. Nothing to report
- 1.23. MILSA – Daphne Comegan, Peyton Delaurier-Smith, Jenna Jeffrey, Alex Philippot, Victoria Davies, Binesi Boulanger, Antonio Barraza-Luna, Samantha Myran**
i. Nothing to report

- 1.24. 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
- 1.25. Chief Returning Officer – Lewis Waring**
- i. Winter Election
 - a. The nomination period for the Winter election is February 5th to 19th, the campaign period will be February 22nd to March 5th, the Candidates’ Forum will take place on March 1st, and voting will take place on March 8th and 9th.
 - b. Members with suggestions for how to improve the process for the election are encouraged to contact Lewis.
 - c. Election policies are on the MLSA Website, and those interested in running should check those out and speak to the person currently in the role they are interested in.
- 1.26. Governance Coordinator – Kyla Kavanagh**
- i. Nothing to report
- 1.27. Council Chair – Silas Koulack**
- i. Nothing to report
- 1.28. President – Nick Noonan**
- i. General Updates
 - ii. Upcoming MLSA Election & Next Year
 - a. There will be more information forthcoming about the Winter election. Students interested in running for a position are encouraged to reach out to the student currently in the role they have interest in.
 - iii. Pathways to Law for High School students
 - a. Planning a panel of current law students talking about the pathway to law school looks like.
 - b. A mentorship program with high school students matched with law students or professionals. Students interested are asked to reach out to Nick.
- 1.29. Vice-President Internal – Meghan Bjorklund**
- i. Nothing to report
- 1.30. Vice-President External – Braeden Cornick**

- i. Nothing to report

1.31. Vice-President Finance – Darius Maharaj Hunter

- i. Nothing to report

2. New Business

3. Old Business

4. Announcements

5. Notice of Next Meeting

The next MLSA meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 23rd 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.

6. Adjournment

Andrew Fenwick moved to adjourn the meeting. **Michael Badejo** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.