

BCLA/CLA Student Chapter meeting: Oct 18/2016

12:00 pm, Trail Room

Chair: Michelle Spelay

Minutes recorded by Kaya Fraser

Also present: Sara Ellis, Reba Ouimet, Kayla Hilstob, Jennette Chalcraft, Allison Comrie

Regrets: Kate Shuttleworth

Called to order at 12:00 pm

1. Motion to accept the first proposal sent out by Kaya to the Chapter via email on October 11, 2016. Namely:

“That, due to the dissolution of the CLA, the name of this group be changed officially to the "BCLA Student Chapter," that all mentions of the CLA be removed from the constitution, and that the CLA representative position be deleted.”

Comments:

- We will need to check how to change the name on the Chapter's bank account
 - o Action: Jennette will look into this
- Clarifying question from Jennette: remove all references to the CLA in the constitution? Kaya: yes, because it no longer exists and the BCLA is part of the CFLA, so mentioning the CFLA separately would be redundant. [No objections to this.]

Vote:

Moved by Michelle. Seconded by Kaya. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to accept the second proposal sent out by Kaya to the Chapter via email on October 11, 2016. Namely:

“That Article V of the constitution be amended as follows:

Officers and Leadership

The Officers of the organization shall consist of: Secretary, Treasurer, Tour and Events Co-ordinator, Webmaster/Communications Officer, plus Division Representatives of sections, committees and interest groups affiliated with the BCLA. If size and/or workload requires, Co-Officers may be elected to assist the regular Officers.

[Delete descriptions of various Division Reps. Replace with:]

There may be as many Division Representatives as student interest permits, and these may be connected to any of BCLA's sections, committees and interest groups. The

divisions represented in the Chapter may vary from year to year. Each Division Rep would have the same basic role: to attend meetings of their division, and liaise between it and the Chapter, reporting on any news, helping to organize events, etc. Each Division Rep will write a Year-in-Review.

[Faculty rep description remains the same.]”

Comments:

Kaya mentioned Jennette’s point, raised in an email, that the Freedom to Read Week (FTRW) event(s) have traditionally been an important duty of the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) Rep: what if there is not IFC Rep? Kaya proposed that the FTRW events be spearheaded by the Tour and Events Coordinator (formerly the Tour Coordinator), collaborating with the IFC Rep, if there is one, and striking a subcommittee as necessary. [No objections raised to this.]

Vote:

Moved by Michelle. Seconded by Kaya. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Any interest in positions? Or questions?

Discussion:

- Some clarification needed on which roles are most important (would that be the officer roles?) and what they would actually involve
- Possibility raised of new members taking on roles in January, after the core is finished, and/or of putting the group on hiatus until then. Jennette mentioned that we may need to stay active in order to get funding (\$50) from LASSA; also, if group wants to mount FTRW activities, it would be best to start early (although those could be done on a smaller scale this year, if need be)
- Michelle: we can hold a November meeting, after sending out some clarifications about roles, and see if more interest develops. [No objections raised.]
- Rebecca: Would stepping into an officer role be complicated? Michelle: not very. There are notes to follow from previous years, and everyone understands that we are all learning—high turnover of SLAIS students means no one in these clubs is very experienced in them
- Kayla: Can we try an interest group, eg academic libraries? Kaya raised the point that another SLAIS student, Simon Robins, is already listed as a SLAIS rep on the ALS webpage
 - o Action: Kaya will contact Simon to see if he is interested in participating in the Chapter
- Consensus: it would be fine for new members to try to attend a BCLA Section/Committee/Interest Group (SCIG) meeting to see if they are interested in it, before they step forward as a Rep. They would need to contact the SCIG and ask if this would be all right
- Rebecca and Reba may interested in sharing Secretary role, one term each?

Jennette stepped forward to be treasurer; voted in unanimously.

4. Next meeting

We will meet in November (last meeting of this term) and try to fill a few more positions. Beforehand we will send out a new communication to SLAIS, with more clarity around what positions we need and what they involve, and a suggestion of going to try out a group before stepping forward to be a Rep.

- o Action: Michelle will draft some wording around this to send to Kate?

Jennette will chair next meeting; date and time TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28pm.