



# Minutes

7 October 2020

12:30 – 2:30 PM EST

## Zoom

**Present:** Karin Kazakevich (Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Jordan Crocker, Alex Mulligan, Aiishwariya Haran, Nushrah Amod, Danielle Landry, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron

**Regrets:** Sydney Mclvor, Mario Lofranco, Akshay Aurora

**Call to Order (12:32PM)**

## President's Remarks & Items

### 1. Updates Roundtable

Nushrah: started coordinating for Mental Health and Wellness Week. Christina and Jessica have been helpful. Planning on putting Committee together. Want to be open call but might be a bit too much.

Aiish: Finalized composite and yearbook last week. Slight issue: one of the students did not get their photo taken and now wants to be part of 2021 composite.

Reilly: budget took up a large chunk this week. Have been helping clubs setup on Events Calendar.

Jordan: sending out newsletters, everything is going swimmingly.

Christina: held after class Zoom session. 6 people. People keen to do more. Have been fielding adding people to FB groups and such.

Danielle: similar as Christina. Adding people to section groups. Coffee chats on Friday afternoons after class. Will probably do another poll.

Jessica: Similar to other 1Ls. Organized Zoom hangout. 6 people turned out. Set it before the LP Quiz was due, will make it after this week. Helping Nushrah with the event planning.

Courtney: wellness week. Planning on doing call. Many people are not free on Friday because of the long weekend but will hold next week.

### 2. Osgoode Updates

Karin: YU-cards — if people did not pick them up, they should have been sent by now. Library = not a lot of movement there. The Scott Library is open. It's there and is something if you're on campus. Exam registration will open soon. Should be similar but they aren't quite sure how it will work yet. Insurance is done at the cheaper rate. Events calendar is up and running. Are clubs doing it?

Reilly: added all general clubs. Not much buy-in yet.

### 3. Town Halls

Karin: 1Ls should connect with their Caucus Reps because it will be coming up in early November. Good to get the feedback and have a time where people show up. For 2Ls/3Ls = there will be a Town Hall for upper years and will be held with Caucus. Caucus would like to do around Reading Week. Will figure out a time.

Aiish: isn't the articling recruit around Reading Week?

Karin: yes. Ideally would be nice to have before or after.

Aiish: after would be better.

#### **4. L&L Social**

Karin: Did we want to meet up given case numbers and the weather? Would recommend a park instead of a backyard. Can also have an offline conversation. Any strong opinions? If not, will make a poll and go from there. Alex, did you want to give your updates?

#### **Treasurer Items**

#### **5. Bookkeeper Hiring — TABLED TO NEXT MEETING**

#### **Vice-President External Items**

#### **6. Club Budgets Ratification**

Reilly: in the Agenda materials should have got the club budgets for the Fall. Actual spreadsheet is pretty crazy, so this is simplified. Told Clubs to be creative so we have some weird ones. Gift cards are allowed at \$10 for raffles and such. Usually not allowed. One off for this semester. Many Clubs asked if they could do food or care packages. Maxed at \$200 for each club. Total this semester is just over \$9K which is under our \$15K budget. Hopefully can use the surplus to help students next semester and also allows for flexibility. Not every club submitted a budget and reached out, but not all wanted to. Anything to add Karin?

Karin: not much, there was some 'unique' requests and anticipates we'll get more requests next semester so other clubs know what they can ask for. It's a tough year and clubs are trying. Only issue might be clubs saying "I didn't know we could do that" but we have a max now and they can always request next semester.

Jessica: there is a big disparity between some clubs. Why?

Reilly: many factors that play into it. This semester it came down to what clubs asked for. Traditionally we look at past budgets, types of initiatives, and if there are any joint events. This semester nothing for in-person events. Most of it came down to what the clubs asked for this semester.

Karin: some clubs just have bigger asks.

Reilly: membership numbers also matter.

Karin: this is also an internal document because it is confidential to us.

***Motion: THAT the Fall 2020 Club budgets be approved.***

***(Everitt-Cunningham/Crocker) CARRIED***

#### **Second Year Representative Items**

#### **7. Clothing Sale & Advertising**

#### **New Business**

#### **8. Community Building Event Brainstorm – Karin**

*Rachael Glassman joined the meeting at 12:52PM*

Karin: strategy this year around attendance expectations. This is a tough year and Zoom is difficult to hold events. Some student governments gave up this year on running social events. It's okay that it's not always an overwhelming success. Just need to manage our own expectations. With that preface, I wanted to talk about some other ways to build community and attract the passive members of the Osgoode community. I have three ideas:

1) Instagram and type in handle "Oz.book" you'll see it. We don't content for the yearbook this year and this year is unique so it would be good to capture the moments as a living scrapbook. Opportunity to put in anecdotes and feelings. Can be anonymous. Make it in a cool graphic and post. General idea on what it is.

Rachael: I love it and how we can curate it to put the good and bad. Good for putting things in there from passive students.

Nushrah: also approve. Like the idea of students submitting it. Like a digital yearbook. Even with Fashion Law, I thought that was a good idea and can do that for Mental Health and Wellness week. If it turns into a meme page, I don't think people will be mad.

Karin: should pre-populate so we can advertise, and people can see what it's supposed to be. Is submitting something a barrier?

Nushrah: open to both. Circulate the hashtag and have people submit. Many meme pages work like this.

Aiish: if we aren't doing the hashtag and we're private can we see it?

Nushrah: no, can't see a public post with a private account.

Aiish: having a google link in your bio and having people add and can choose to be anonymous.

Karin: should we have it be a link and also just submit from personal account?

Nushrah: both.

Karin: will create the real version of it and if you folks can be the first submissions so that we have content. Second idea:

2) some clubs are doing raffles and giveaways and people like riddles and trivia but don't come to events. We can add to our newsletter 'Quizzly's Questions' like a weekly riddle and people can get prizes or they get entered into a draw.

Reilly: sounds easy and quick - why not?

Karin: something that engages students.

Jessica: something that is popular on Instagram is caption contests. Could have an image and have people submit a caption as a contest.

Karin: something we can easily post on our Instagram. Should try it and see if it works. Third idea:

3) Care packages at the end of November and could tie in with Mental Health and Wellness Week.

Nushrah: would love to tie it in.

Karin: logistically people would probably have to sign up for it. Have to figure out what goes into them and how much of a hassle it would be.

Nushrah: tea, candles, Osgoode branded gloves or tuques were some ideas. Study essentials like highlighters and sticky notes.

Jessica: talk about the postcards.

Nushrah: OPSC also did little postcards which could be included. If we were doing a mailout thing that could work.

Karin: shipping is the biggest variable here or Osgoode could ship it for free. Would need to see what they say. If we get the addresses ourselves and print the labels, all the admin needs to do then would be to pay the bill. Shipping can be very pricy. If we are going to do something branded, we need to get on it now. Would need to go through Bookstore if using the logo and would be pricy. Might be a better idea to reimagine a branding thing we could use on it.

Reilly: is the owl an official part of the branding?

Nushrah: unsure.

Rachael: could have a contest to design an owl and that way we're not using their branding.

Nushrah: what about Law Games with the "Osgoode' very own"?

Rachael: getting close to Drake then.

Karin: there are ways to go around.

Nushrah: like the idea of designing an owl – not sure how much time we have though.

Reilly: another thing for care packages would be stickers for laptops but also logo stuff.

Nushrah: also, a stress ball for the package. In terms of reaching out to firms, how would I email them?

Karin: have an external database and just tell them what you're doing and ask for interest. Some firms aren't giving much because of logistics.

Rachael: there are some places who are opening up, who might be good to reach out to and ask if they have any items laying around. Reach out to the Student Coordinator.

Karin: might be good then to figure out what to put in the packages and then figure out quotes and budgets. 1Ls can investigate pricing. Would also be a great addition to Mental Health and Wellness Week.

Nushrah: how many would we need if we do a sign-up format?

Karin: unsure, want to say probably half.

Rachael: also need to think about if we're shipping ones outside of Toronto because the cost goes up.

Karin: if Osgoode covers it won't matter. Big thing seems to have them say yes to it. Don't think they'll say no especially if we do the labels. Can even apply for Dean's Funding. Okay, so get a list of what should be included.

### ***Other Business***

Karin: Anything else people wanted to discuss? Anything you wanted to try for events, 1Ls?

Christina: profs have been going over time on Zoom and many are complaining. Not sure what we can do.

Rachael/Karin: that's a Student Caucus matter, should take that to ADS Drake because there are limits.

Rachael: would recommend looking at doing a film night similar to the book event but can be something to look at and have a chat afterwards.

Karin: might be good to change up and do on Thursday nights.

Karin: did you want to talk about the student and the yearbook?

Aiish: yes, student wants to be in the yearbook and hadn't had their photo taken. Student had some issues and didn't read the correspondence around grad photos. Asked to use different composite but couldn't find. Had to finalize and then today got a message and wouldn't have been able to use the photo submitted. Wants to be part of 2021 Class. Said would bring it up but couldn't make any promises.

Rachael: my thoughts are this is unfortunate, but we have made a lot of overtures, almost three or four sessions during the year and we have sent a lot of information. We have been more than communicative. He's not the only person missing either. Could reserve a page in the 2021 Yearbook that is like a page, but it also doesn't look like 2021 will graduate in person either.

Jordan: agree with Rachael.

Rachael: won't be the only person missing and names go in the composite.

Karin: part of me feels bad here too because I understand wanting to be included.

Rachael: but the communication has been there. It's a 3L responsibility. You either get your photo taken or you don't throughout the year. Chadd and Aiish were really active throughout the year about this.

Aiish: agreed.

*Alex Mulligan left the meeting at 1:28PM*

Karin: if they really want to be included then they can try and bring it up with Admin. Can bring it up with the Alumni who puts up the composite (have a meeting with them tomorrow morning). Actually — hold off Aiish and I'll reach out and let you know what they say on this topic. Also, now that Rachael is here, should we discuss social?

Rachael: it'll be nice on Saturday so we can do my backyard or park. Any thoughts about people getting together on Saturday?

Karin: also, Thanksgiving weekend on Saturday so if you need to get out then don't worry.

Reilly: can't this weekend unfortunately.

Nushrah: the numbers are high, so I won't be able to.

Karin: can also be online. Will make up a questionnaire and that way can collect the info and see what works best. Mario's item is basically to let people know that Osgoode is going to be doing their clothing sale soon and we need to start advertising for it. Can discuss it over Slack.

***Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.***

***(Kazakevich/Glassman) CARRIED***

***Adjournment (1:37PM)***

**Consent Agenda**

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 23 September 2020, were deemed approved.

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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, 21 October 2020, 12:30PM EST**