



Minutes

March 8, 2023

12:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Courtney Cameron (Chair), Christina Tassopoulos, Julie Choi, Melissa Paglialunga, Shahbaz Khan, Ayesha Khann, Quinn Stevenson, Hillary Song, Rose Wong, Zamir Fakirani, and Danielle Landry

Regrets: Jaylene Olson, Damiana Pavone, and Jessica Li

Call to Order (12:35pm)

President's Items

Courtney: Faculty have asked us to attend a meeting that's a review of the law school. Some Deans from US Law schools that are going to ask us questions. It is very academic. It is not about student life, but that meeting is only 45 minutes from 1:30-2:15pm. It is during out meeting time. The Deans specifically asked us to attend. I wanted to flag it at the get go.

Updates Round Table

Courtney: I have one big one that might require some input; it is regarding our actions after the Facebook debacle. The comment document is pretty much done – the thing I have created where folks can go in and see what we deleted. As reminder, when we release that information was when we were going to make our more fulsome statement. It has taken a while because I have been having a lot of conversations about how to productively do this. I spoke with Karen Drake and her recommendation is that we have a physical copy. She recommended this to address the specific concerns about antisemitic or racist comments. If digital, people can screenshot and reproduce information that we have tried to remove from the law school atmosphere. I understood where she is coming from. Even without names, we are still producing stuff we don't think should be out there in the community. We could have a physical copy and students can email one of us and see the copy or pop by office hours and we can go through it with them. That makes sense to me – not sure how many students are going to do that. We would get more engagement if it was a click. We just need to have a way for people who are concerned to see it. I also spoke with the division of student groups at York; I spoke with Jer specifically because Jer oversees all the student groups at York. Jer suggested that going forward, we tell the Israel trip they can't post anymore – that's tricky too. Not sure if this suggestion works for our group. I am thinking that the best way to deal with the trip next year is to have a frank conversation and just say, you know this is how it has gone year after year and we're not able to respond to Facebook disputes at a quick speed. We can caution them more.

Courtney: To reiterate, we have a few options:

- 1) The idea to reproduce but only in physical form
- 2) Not telling the Israel trip group they can't post but cautioning them about what's going on.

Courtney: Keep in mind that we are updating the rules to draw reference to the student code of conduct, which will have stronger protection. This way, we can reiterate that this is a pseudo-school space. Any thoughts?

Melissa: Can they take pictures of the physical copy?

Courtney: Karen Drake suggested no.

Hillary: What if we are asked to bring the physical copy somewhere else like to the JCR? I would suggest saying no because it would be exposing it to other people who might not want to be exposed. I think we should make sure it stays in the L&L Office.

Danielle : I think makes sense to do physical and say no to pictures.

Julie: Do you think it would be helpful if we announce that this was Dean Drake's recommendation? That way the student body knows there was an authoritative member involved in the decision.

Courtney: I think that's a great idea. I have to confirm that Dean Drake would want that. If she would have it, it would be great to add some more meat to our decision because people have concerns about internal decision making. This is not the last time you will be hearing about this. I am thinking that all this will be passed by motion at next meeting.

Hillary: Mental Health Awareness Week will be week of March 20th. I am partnering with the Mental Health Law Society and the Peer Support Centre. Basically, I want to boost marketing and at the end of the week, I want to have Osgoode merch to hand out. Nushrah did the tumblers last year but some ideas I have are beanies, reading socks, baseball caps, tote bags, or another water bottle. If you feel strongly, let me know. It's going to be a really fun week. I am going to bring an e-motion to make that happen.

Rose: I don't have many updates. I am going to pass an e-motion soon for the venue for the 2L informal formal after approval from Courtney and Damiana.

Julie: Regarding the 1L formal, it is looking good. Only have 1 ticket left – we're at 249 tickets sold and we're going to cap at 250. We might open another 10 or so because the venue can handle more. Dean Condon, Mya, and Karen have all confirmed their presence. 1L reps are meeting later today to go through some more logistics to divide up tasks such as table arrangements. We have thought through a Google Doc request process for tables.

Zamir: I think Julie covered everything. We are now focusing on the decorative pieces, but we are looking forward to it.

Ayesha: I have three main updates:

1) Period Project – The Period Project is mensural products in all the washrooms. McCarthys sponsored for \$250, and they are so excited we're partnering and are donating another \$750. It will make the rest of the year go well and for the incoming executive, McCarthys would be very willing to sponsor again next year to keep it going.

2) Regarding the Health Plan, there was a post in our Class of 2023 Facebook Group about how the York U Health Plan is inadequate and discussion of students voicing their concerns with it. I had sent a message to Courtney about it as students were concerns about L&L's role in advocating for it. The health plan changed from last year. I reached out to the YUGSA. I asked if we could be involved. L&L was previously consulted in the past, but I don't believe any of our current exec were consulted, including me given it's my first year on L&L. In light of the feedback we received, I would love to have us involved in the Health Plan negotiations for next year. Since I am in 3L and will not be here next year, it might be most beneficial for a 1L or 2L who plans on being involved with L&L next year to be looped into the discussion as they sent out some potential meeting times.

If anyone is interested, I will send those times along.

Julie: I'm happy to go!

Ayesha: 3) Regarding the JCR, we had OISA Trivia Night and raised around \$275 or \$280. Coffeehouse also went really well. The final JCR night will be on March 15th. It will be St. Patrick's Day theme. There will be free green beer and St. Patrick's Day floats.

Danielle: We had Pub Night last week that was really fun! More came out from Osgoode than U of T which was great. I've been approached by TMU, and they wanted to do an event mid-April at the Rec Room, but I don't think it's going to work. I am going to go ahead and say that's a no. The only other thing – there is no Pub Night this week, and next week is our 3L formal so we have to decide whether to do a Pub Night on March 23rd.

Melissa: It is a very busy time so it might not be worth it.

Danielle: I am going to say that we will not have any more Pub Nights. If anyone asks, please communicate that we are not having Pub Nights those weeks because of the formals.

Rose: The 2L informal formal is the March 23rd.

Christina: My update is that I am almost done planning for the formal. It's next week! That is really my only update. I have to work on the yearbook; I am waiting on the grad photos that have been taken so far.

Melissa: There's not much on my end to report. Things have been going well with the newsletter and all of the meeting minutes approved by consent.

Quinn: I attended a meeting with Student Services to discuss methods for student services to connect better with the student body.

Shahbaz: I have the same updates as the other 1Ls.

Elections Update

Courtney: It's elections! The reason this is on the agenda is that we are in a unique situation where we are a very heavy 3L year and all our 2Ls are going on exchange. Essentially, what that means is that we don't have a current 2L who will step into my role. There are no hard rules on who becomes President and VPs but usually they are 3Ls and usually, the President has been on L&L before. Going into elections, and 1Ls I'm talking to you, if we are to have any institutional memory on L&L, we need the 1Ls to stay involved. If you have other things going on, I totally understand, but I encourage all of you to return to L&L. Chat amongst yourself and see who is running for what. 1Ls and 2Ls, excite your friends about L&L too.

Move Meeting to Cyclical from 1:30-2:15pm

Zoom link:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/94515071495?pwd=ek0xeU5nUHNNMXdZenJNUnk5cnNIQT09>

Other Business

**There was no other business to be discussed. **

Adjournment (1:08pm)

Motion: *THAT* we adjourn.

(Cameron / Choi) CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 22 March, 2023 was deemed approved.