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Minutes

March 9, 2022

12:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Alex Mulligan (Chair), Jordan Crocker, Nushrah Amod, Danielle Landry, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Valentina Galvis, Hillary Song, Imani Theodore, Mario Lofranco, Jessica Li, Chloe Duggal

Regrets: Kelly Tal Bilenkis, Armon Ghaeinizadeh,

Call to Order (12:34)

Land Acknowledgement read by A. Mulligan

President's Items

Updates Roundtable

Christina: no updates.

Nush: care packages are done and I brought them to school and I will hand some out today and some tomorrow. Everything went well with MMHW. Doron Gold was there on Friday and the turnout was not too good but it was still an engaging conversation.

Val: 200 tickets sold for formal. Doing additional decoration planning. I realize I should've done a meal selection form during ticket sales but now I will have to send out a form. Thank to you everyone for voting on the motion last week because it has helped a lot. Yearbook is also coming along. 2 people from last year asked how they can pick up their yearbooks.

Alex: we will probably have to do a pick up.

Val: are there plans for graduation? People have been asking.

Alex: I asked admin and they aren't sure yet.

Jordan: people from last year got emails about attending graduation. But nothing being told to current students.

Val: are we allowed to comp the meals of the DJ and photobooth attendant?

Alex: yeah, if it comes from the budget.

Alex: I will bring up yearbook distribution next week at alumni meeting.

Mario: no updates.

Jess: The website is fixed. It was 141.25 and will send the invoice to Mario. Did do more research on L&L clothing. I went with hoodies, I will save it

Jordan: No updates.

Imani: Formal planning We found a kosher place but it is expensive. Getting people to buy tickets.

Alex: did you follow up with Drake about the forms?

Imani: I will email her.

Val: does your venue not have internal contacts to get a kosher meal?

Imani: yeah but Armon was dealing with that so I am not sure.

Val: I can send you info from my contact.

Hillary: yeah we sold 150 tickets so far. Today is supposed to be the last day of early bird ticket sales. Some tasks have been delegated to the formal committee

Chloe: On SC side, wanted to update. LSSL released an updated letter with updated demands with the help of SC. On digital summaries, we are facing an intense battle with admin on this issue. We will later today be releasing a memo to the student body that has been released to the Deans. Fully-open book exams will be the only ones likely where we might see digital summaries as a possibility. Compassionate grading for this term has been raised and will be pushed for.

Courtney: we have the pub night after Mock Trial. Currently in talks with Ryerson.

Danielle: people have bought 100 tickets so far for 2L formal and I am excited.

Formals

Alex: we have our own sponsorship lists so not sure why we asked O-week for their sponsorship lists. There have been issues with communication regarding how clubs have talked to potential sponsors. We cannot have snarky emails or multiple emails going out. So if you have questions about sponsors, you should be asking me.

Chloe: We were told it was the 1Ls who asked for the O-week contact list. Could one of the 1Ls speak to that?

Hillary: Yeah I asked Val. And she gave me her list and then someone suggested that I reach out to O-week.

Chloe: Yes, thank you. The only problem is that we have a lot of personal info from the O-week sponsors and we need to ensure those lists are kept private.

Alex: yeah we turn clubs down all the time for sponsorship lists so just go through us. Also, there has been a change in mask mandates. There isn't an update from York yet but don't assume that the mask mandate will not be in effect from your formals. It looks like mask requirements at York will continue to be enforced for the remainder of the term on campus. Not sure about off campus.

Val: yeah just wondering because the venue told us that we can have mask-less dancing if the provincial guidelines say so.

Alex: the York guidelines will trump the province.

The ticket sales are great! Everyone has done a great job with formals. We are one of the only organizations that have been able to execute formal planning so big congratulations.

Law Students for Safe Learning

Alex: Chloe covered this already. Only want to add that while Chloe and I are pushing for compassionate grading, don't assume it will apply. Remind people that all summaries will need to be hard copy unless told otherwise.

Jordan: can we see the second statement before we vote?

Alex: yes. They are asking for the use of digital summaries, compassionate grading, broader accommodation threshold, heightened safety measures on campus.

Chloe: in my view, this letter is different than the previous one. The objectives outlined in the previous letter we (SC) believed were unfeasible to advocate for and we didn't want to advocate for things that are not logistically feasible nor that the student body in general would want unilaterally. While these demands are ones that the student body in general would all benefit from because it does not preclude other students who do not want those demands.

Alex: this is what we have been pushing for.

Jess: I see that the first ask for the letter is to allow for students to apply for remote exams but is there not already a process in place for that?

Chloe: yes, so Osgoode administers accommodations and remote exams were typically not something that Osgoode would provide. But the threshold to meet the guidelines for the accommodations was very high and almost impossible to get remote exams if they were not able to prove they were pretty much in the hospital.

Alex: yeah the idea is to take a broader, more holistic approach.

Jordan: I think I will abstain because things keep changing from the doc.

MOTION: THAT the Legal and Literary Society sign the LSSL second statement.

(Mulligan/Duggal) CARRIED.

Mock Trial

Alex: MT came to us with a financial request. I will screen-share. Courtney worked with MT to host a screening and pub night afterwards. MT is hosting a screening of the event and then a pub night at the venue. They have done well with sponsorships and are asking for a bit more money. They have 4 options for what to fund: Option 1: cover part of venue costs (\$1892.97). Option 2: funding just the venue cost. Third: just funding popcorn (\$813), cast/crew appreciation drink tickets and Starbucks gift card. Option 4: They have asked to fund all of the above for \$3,502.67.

Mario: Yeah we have the funds to fund it entirely so I was in favour of funding all of it. I don't know what else to add because Alex said it all but are there any questions?

Jordan: We gave them 500 last year so why is it so much more now?

Mario: regardless of the precedent from last year, I think we have a lot of money coming in from the second half of the levy and we are sitting very comfortably and Alex and I both think it is better to spend because otherwise it just sits there. We have been very liberal with other clubs this year.

Alex: last year we gave them less money because they screened entirely online and this year they need to pay the venue. We would normally give more money when it is in person.

Jess: I was the person to find the venue and am very familiar with it. And I want to mention that we do have a lot of sponsors but MT is also charitable so any money we can provide frees money to be given to the Wendy Babcock bursary.

Jordan: We need to ensure there isn't a conflict of interest. So, if you handle money on the L&L side or are a signing authority (Treasurer, VP External) and are a cast member, you should abstain. If you are an Executive on Mock Trial, you need to abstain here.

MOTION: THAT the Legal and Literary Society funds \$3,205.67 to Mock Trial.

(Lofranco/Amod) CARRIED.

J. Li, A. Mulligan abstained.

End of year social

Alex: we need to celebrate our accomplishments.

Nush: we could just go to a restaurant.

Mario: yeah we have a lot of money

Alex: Courtney, Val, and Nush, and Danielle, and Christina will plan something.

Other Business

Jess: There are five different options for hoodies.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned

(Mulligan/Tassopoulos) CARRIED.

Adjournment (1:32pm)

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 25 February, 2022, was deemed approved.