



Minutes

9 September 2020

12:30 – 2:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Karin Kazakevich (Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Sydney McIvor, Jordan Crocker, Alex Mulligan, Aishwariya Haran, Nushrah Amod, Mario Lofranco, Akshay Aurora

Call to Order (12:34 PM)

President's Remarks & Items

Updates Roundtable

Reilly: Clubs Fair went well. 350 students used the sign-up sheet. Club Budgets on 27th September.

Rachael: In the past two weeks, had around 75 students giving summaries. Many to review. Dealing with lots of questions. No deadline — submit a summary whenever. Around midterms and exams will not be quick about looking over summaries. Usually aims for a week. Can email VP. Clubs Fair = Alex, Jordan, and Karin were in the room. Steady amount of people. All 4 sections. Not crazy busy, some interest in people joining as 1L Reps. Hoping for good candidates and contested elections.

Sydney: O-Week went well. Good engagement. After in-person, people met each other and started hanging out. 190 at closing ceremonies. Thank you to leaders and Rachael for Escape Room. Came in under budget, won't need loan from L&L. Monitoring bookstore page. Audit into auditors and then won't be in the middle of an audit. Will begin helping Reilly after. Budget sent. Hard to guess what is going on. Contingency Line added.

Alex: Patio Day (O-Week) went well. 32 venues across the country. Accessibility at every venue. Been in touch with Blue Mountain – will have to touch base again in October. Online social events with the wine night was fine. Trivia is tomorrow. Partnering with OISA on a book club. Showing movie on Orange Shirt Day.

Nushrah: in the middle of planning Mental Health and Wellness Week

Aiish: just got the photos for the Yearbook. Will be wrapped up soon. Nothing new to report for the coming year. Will start on the new Yearbook soon. Will contact the CDO to help the 3Ls and their questions.

Mario: Been asked about the formal a lot. Telling people that it's in March. Any updates come from York/government. Spoke with York Clothing people. October will be the time to meet to discuss other designs.

Jordan: Constitutional Review Committee is done. Summary document is being compiled to bring to an L&L meeting.

Akshay: Tuition Working group meeting. Student Committee placements occurring now. Will ask for general applications soon.

Karin: Agendas for 1Ls went out. Health Plan Session is happening tomorrow. Info is in the newsletter. Some updates for insurance: Looking to not pay \$8K this year. Working on negotiating that. Might go down to \$2K. Insurance ends on September 19th. In this context doesn't need to be immediate because no one is at the JCR. Tuition Working Group continues to meet and there will be updates coming soon. Jordan already touched on Constitutional Review Committee. Updates will be provided in future.

2. Year at a Glance

Karin: Events that we do. Will give overview. Many Winter things are TBD. If I am missing something, add the event. One thing I wanted to flag: Halloween. Would touch base. Another idea that we could do this year = Exam Package Revival. Something we can do. Anything to add to the document?

Rachael: Might be worth adding Clubs.

Karin: This is more L&L specific. Mock Trial is there because we help. Internal calendar as Executive Members.

Rachael: Nothing missing. One thing to add – probably better to not have a Charity Event. Have 1Ls focus on upper years with their duties might be more beneficial.

Karin: Should add Town Halls around November.

3. Office Hours

Karin: Two solutions – both are setting aside an hour. Should choose them now. 1) Hour is just an hour where you are available for L&L things. People can reach out and make an appointment during that hour. Doesn't mean you'll be sitting on an empty Zoom. 2) Same thing, but one dedicated office hour link where you hang out on the Zoom for an hour. Some benefit for a quick drop-in link. Believe if people want to connect, they will reach out to you. Thoughts?

Jordan: Option 1 (various agreement).

Karin: Just have to be available. Having said that, we go around in a circle and write down the hours that work. Can also be flexible. Will start next week

Aiish: Tuesday at 12:30 – 1:30PM

Nushrah: Monday at 11:30 – 12:30PM

Alex: Wednesday at 9:30 – 10:30AM

Sydney: Wednesday at 2:30 – 3:30PM

Reilly: Thursday at 2:30 – 3:30PM

Mario: Tuesday at 10:30 – 11:30AM

Rachael: *Ad-hoc* in Fall

Jordan: Friday at 10:30 – 11:30AM

Karin: Tuesday at 4:30 – 5:30PM

4. Upper Year Agendas

Karin: Osgoode doesn't want people in the building and don't want just a box to riffle through. Will bring on Friday. Any thoughts about how we should do it? Happy to hear thoughts. Can just be downtown and allow people to come and pick them up at apartment/lobby. Anyone willing to be a volunteer distribution centre?

Sydney: Fine with it.

Karin: Vaughan/GTA person. Can put emails and have people to set up a time to come and pick them up.

Nushrah: can also do it outside the building.

Sydney: so can I.

Karin: Quick note on entering the school. Clubs cannot get into the building. Might be laxer over time but for now it isn't.

Sydney: how to replace student ID's?

Karin: keypads are also not working. Best option is to contact the OEO. Unsure if people will be let in through the OEO. Club issue now, not L&L.

Reilly: no Clubs have asked yet.

5. 1L Elections and Mentorship

Karin: Alina is going around to classes this week. Next Wednesday is the election. Will have 1L Reps by the 17th. Remind people that there is no campaigning. Monday morning is when the nominations are due. Normally have at least one person per section. Tomorrow will be a Governance Session and answer questions and tell people this is what Osgoode governance looks like. Can come in support or speak to your experience. Happening tomorrow at 4:30PM.

This year we will do a mentee per 2 mentors. Will speak about more expectations once we have the 1L Reps. Also, projects = typically we have 4 projects that the 1L Reps would assist with. Not every role is good (such as Secretary). Can help with Yearbooks and helped Treasurer. Can help with Diversity and Mental Health Week. Choose 4 that the 1Ls assist with and take an active role in planning. Might look a little different this year and inspires them to do it in the future.

Rachael: Last year we were not great about assigning 1Ls. Next meeting = have an idea about what projects that you will ask for help. Can ask for show of hands to see who is interested. Helps get them orientated. After the 1L Reps are elected they will also have an Orientation session. Planned out already.

Karin: a project from every person?

Rachael: no, just be prepared to ask for project help at the next meeting.

Karin: Ideally each role does have something, so let Rachael know about the project you'd like to assign.

Vice-President Internal Items

6. Projects for the Year

Rachael: be honest if 1Ls ask what would be expected of them. Want people to do the work. Topic mostly covered by Karin.

7. Summary Database Changes

Rachael: Unwieldy site. Found an alternative – give people access to the OneDrive. 1L one is not password protected and upper year on the same drive and password protected. Let me know if it's working. Ton of new summaries added. 75 in the last couple of weeks. Some 2019/20 ones added. Definitely some old ones. If a prof hasn't been updated, it's because they haven't taught it for a long time. 1Ls should add and change as much as they can. Need to add old notes as law changes every year.

8. New Calendar

Rachael: L&L used to have an events calendar but wasn't updated. Especially important this year with everything online. Hoping it doesn't lead to Zoom bombing. Set up Google Calendar and add anyone with a Gmail account so they can begin adding in their own events. If you want to add, send your Gmail to me or tell me. Won't be responsible if there is a sudden cancellation. Alex can add in Social events, Reilly can help with other Club events. Will be diligent to have accessibility information there. If people are hosting in-person, we can post things about accessibility at the event and are following guidelines. Can remove an event if not complying.

Reilly: Good idea because Facebook is overwhelming.

Karin: What's the best means to share with students?

Rachael: On our website. Haven't added to the menu yet but should be on the site now. Can promote it on Facebook as well as promote the website for people to use. People need to know they can access information. Students can also subscribe to the new calendar. We can put in our events first and then open to the Clubs. Not useful if it's empty. Hopefully helps 1Ls with knowing what is going on.

Social Convenor Items

9. Post Class Zooms

Alex: 1L Post Class Zooms. Approached with an idea: a lot of the social value comes from organic interactions, in the JCR. How to recreate. Could have Professors hand off Zoom controls to a student at the end of the class. Would be a space without the professor to communicate. Don't see much utility for upper years. Contacted Drake, who is interested. Logistically it's easier because the 1L Reps will be the ones who get control. Two hurdles to get over: 1) Get Profs to consent to it, could be fine to have 1Ls create their own spaces where the schedule permits.

Sydney: Wondering for 1L Reps, is this going to be too much on them? Especially as they get into midterms. Is it too much to ask?

Alex: Good Q. Wouldn't be every day. Would lose value in doing that. Would be as long as the Zoom host would want it to be. For respecting their time, they would be having less time than if we were in-person. This year there is no commuting. Once or twice a week after class for a TBD amount of time, whatever they think.

Jordan: One problem which could occur with taking over after a class is if the prof is recording and inevitably someone is going to say something inappropriate about the prof as students let off steam. Need to have safeguards to ensure faculty won't have access, so probably need to set up a separate Zoom with the 1L Rep as the host.

Alex: nitty gritty of Zoom will be top of mind. Will think about the challenges.

Rachael: really good idea. We don't have Gowlings anymore. Nice way of creating that atmosphere.

Treasurer Items

10. Budget Discussion/Approval

Sydney: Basically, have tried to add budget lines for what makes sense. Any events that doesn't have enough/too much budget?

Rachael: 1L Formal – is that the total amount you expect them to spend? The amount we're getting from them?

Sydney: Expecting \$20K and giving \$20K.

Rachael: We don't give a lot of money most of the time, get money from ticket sales more often.

Sydney: Budgeted for break-even. Mario, would you need money for the 2L Formal?

Reilly: For refunds we would have the money, the deposit would be the issue if we cancelled the event. Not much though.

Mario: Don't need much money. Will depend on COVID and the restrictions from the government.

Sydney: Alex, take the JackBox out?

Alex: Yes.

Sydney: Added \$10K for virtual events as a catch all contingency. Some money we can have in case we want to do something. Flexibility.

Reilly: is that for L&L events?

Sydney: Yes, gave Clubs \$20K.

Karin: as long as it's a catch all then should be fine.

Sydney: can add a line for the care packages?

Karin: Hard to say. Don't know what's going to happen. Like that it's general and flexible. Can work with that.

Sydney: Alex do you need any money for Thursdays?

Alex: not really. Maybe something for Trivia.

Sydney: can add separate line.

Alex: only one company that does live captioning for Zoom and they charge \$20/month for auto-captioning. Have to download the app on Zoom and only people with Zoom admin privileges. Emailed York but they haven't done anything.

Sydney: Ski Trip budgeted that maybe we'll get \$10K. Usually breaks even. JCR staff has \$4K which is half a semester worth. I suspect we won't have people working in Winter. Only in case JCR is open in Winter. Won't spend a lot or get a lot from JCR this year.

Rachael: \$5K from bar sales?

Sydney: assuming JCR is open in Winter.

Karin: usually supposed to budget using levy numbers you will get. To account for that we have put both levies in the budget. Normally wouldn't get this much money. Puts it on track for next year.

Sydney: do we want to up the Clubs budget or wait and see what comes in on the 21st and then decide how much we want to give Clubs?

Reilly: usually \$15K per semester. Practically will be closer to \$20K overall this year. Told them to try out new things so couldn't hurt to increase it.

Sydney: will put \$30K then.

Mario: how does this process work for Clubs?

Reilly: Clubs submit budget. Can use L&L funds on what is in their budget.

Sydney: any money from sponsorships is their money. Will up the bank charges from \$100 to \$1000.

Karin: for office supplies, took all the composites and will buy frames and has those dusty shirts and frame them to put back up. Maybe we'll be back in Winter but based on frames and such could go up over \$200.

Sydney: Office upgrades or office supplies?

Karin: composites are yearly. If York can be flexible, then it's fine.

Sydney: used some money for envelopes and other things so we can have \$500 for office supplies just in case. Is \$1000 enough for Wellness Week?

Nushrah: will have to update later, but we can get some good sponsorships.

Sydney: Diversity for \$500?

Nushrah: Not sure how to run this year. Will update later.

Karin: will not have the liquor license this year. Expires next November. Can take out. Next L&L President will deal with that one. Have to be flexible. If things come up, we can always edit. Good for now. If there are any questions, please reach out so that you can explain it to others.

Motion: THAT the 2020-2021 Legal and Literary Society Budget be approved.

(McIvor/Glassman) CARRIED

Secretary Items

11. General Member Attendance at Meetings

Jordan: Wanted to raise because I got a question from a student regarding if there is a way for them to watch L&L proceedings. Technically our meetings are open to students and we are student representatives acting on their behalf. Might also have repercussions for Caucus too because in their Constitution, Caucus meetings are open to all students as well.

Rachael: Don't mind students coming in, usually invite people when they have an issue. Would just need to be careful around in-camera sections.

Karin: How would we advertise? Would in the newsletter be a good way of doing it?

Jordan: Could do that, could integrate at the end of the newsletter where we will be putting office hours and such. We did that in previous years, would just let people know when we're meeting. Probably would not include the Zoom link?

Karin: Honestly, we don't want to have people disappointed. Our meetings aren't that interesting.

Rachael: Usually not really a question because Clubs run events during our meeting times. We can have students talk to one of us for the Zoom link.

Akshay: have to be careful on an 'off the record' for Caucus. Need to clear that students don't have rights to speak and no rights to record. Guidelines for attendance.

Jordan: Right, so what we can do is include the meeting times in the newsletter and if students want to come, they can reach out to us and get the Zoom link. When they get that link, we can stipulate some guidelines for meeting participation. Honestly, probably not something we will have to use very often because students are not interested in these meetings really at all and we probably won't need to go through these steps.

Rachael: random note: on strikes – there is a Scholar Strike happening which should be dealt by Caucus. General strikes should also be dealt with by Caucus.

Equity Officer Items

12. Mental Health & Wellness Week Planning

Nushrah: Need Committee to help plan. Similar to O-Week. Simi Solebo just messaged about partnering with OPSC. There is also a Mental Health Law Society. Pinpointed the Clubs which would be the most relevant. Happy to hear thoughts.

Sydney: Happy to be on Committee

Reilly: Willing to help

Nushrah: probably will have a 1L Rep too. If I don't get enough people, will ask for general applications. Timeline will likely be early November. Will reach out to firms to sponsor. Question about in-person events. O-Week was an exception, but so is this Week?

Karin: Depends on what happens in the next couple of months.

Nushrah: looking for a meditation circle outside or something along like that. Heard about a walk event that happened a couple of years ago.

Karin: mediation circle likely won't happen.

Nushrah: also getting cold already.

Rachael: walks would happen because Aashish Oberoi would also just do those things anyhow.

Nushrah: looking to collaborating with Alex for events and such.

Alex: can also sit on Committee.

Nushrah: will make a group so we can all collaborate. Let me know about any suggestions.

Karin: do keep thinking about in-person things. Can include in grand vision planning.

Alex: first meeting in October can we look at our Policy? By October we might have a better idea of what's going on?

Karin: Yes, we can do that. Also, final reminder that we have our Patio/BBQ event on Friday at 6:00PM.

Rachael: bring a blanket if need be, wear a mask when coming inside. BYOB.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Crocker/Kazakevich) CARRIED

Adjournment (2:10 PM)

Consent Agenda

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

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, 23 September 2020, 12:30PM EST