

L&L Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2019 (Online)

Present: Genevieve, Ashley J, Shvata, Rachael, Alannah, Baiqing, Chadd, Karin

Regards:

Call to Order

9:30pm

L&L Awards

Plaques for Convocation

Genevieve: We need to decide on the final candidates for the L&L Awards. We also need to decide on the Faculty Award. To prepare the plaques there is the option of choosing between ones that cost \$45.00 and ones that cost \$25.00.

Rachael: I have a contact that could make the plaques for \$20.00. They would be ready in time for Convocation and the price includes engraving.

Genevieve: we can go ahead with that.

Rachael: I will forward a quote with a contract later on.

L&L Student Award Nominations

Chadd: What we did last year for the process of nominations was to first talk about the nominations we feel strongly about.

Genevieve: we'll follow that process again this year.

Chadd: I feel strongly about Manuela Morales – the former president of L&L.

Genevieve: any issues with that?

Chadd: I also feel strongly about Kenny Hildebrand. I'd also like to support Aashish Oberoi. He's done great things for the school – including organizing Orientation Week. I also think Heather Donkers is worth considering.

Ashley: I want to put forth Adam Varro. He was the Captain of Osgoode's Hockey Team, who led them to the Playoffs. He was also the Director of Fair Change, Christian Legal Services throughout his time at Osgoode. He also committed well to Mock Trial. I'd also like to support Ilona Agivaeva. She's done a good amount for this school.

Genevieve: I don't think she's received recognition with any other awards.

Ashley: I also highly endorse Matthew Umbrio. He did a lot with L&L.

Karin: I also highly endorse Matthew as well.

Baiqing: I'd like to support Kat Snukal. I also think that Adam Varro is a strong candidate. I also want to support Robel Sahlu. It looks like they have a strong qualification for the awards.

Rachael: I'd like to support Laura Sharp. Her contributions look great.

Alannah: I'd like to support Angela Yenssen. She looks like a good candidate.

Rachael: I also want to support Stephanie Tassopoulos. She was a great mentor and very deserving because of what she did for L&L.

L&L Faculty Award Nominations

Genevieve: No one is nominated for just faculty. We only have a nomination for the equity award. So, we can either give 13 students an award or give out a faculty award if someone wants to nominate one now?

Rachael: I want to nominate Karen Drake. She's a really great professor and she contributes a lot outside of school.

Gen: she already won the faculty equity award last year so she's not eligible, because we don't want to repeat the recipient 2 years in a row.

Baiqing: I would like to nominate Adam Parachin. He's a great Professor.

Karin: He just came from Western. Good Prof.

Genevieve: I'm fine with that as long as someone writes something.

Ashley: I support him as well- he's a great tax law professor.

Rachael: we should keep in mind that we supported all L&L candidates. That could be a problem.

Genevieve: these awards are not handed out at graduation so it shouldn't be a problem.

Ashley: Ashley Hsu was on L&L last year and she did not receive one.

Chadd: speaking to that – Ashley Hsu has been on L&L for all three years of her time at Osgoode. Maybe she should be recognized.

Rachael: I didn't see a lot from her this year, but I wasn't here for the other 2 years.

Chadd: she was more behind the scenes because of her role. She did a lot for L&L with the bi-weekly newsletters and taking minutes, etc.

Ashley: I also value Ashley's commitment to L&L and her role.

Genevieve: we could nominate her instead of Adam Parachin with the faculty award.

Rachael: I believe the faculty equity award is going to Daniel Del Gobbo.

Genevieve: Ashley's nomination was done ahead of time.

Ashley: I think it's a good thing to have faculty involvement and recognition through the awards. It might set a precedent if we chose to give out more student awards by taking out the faculty award which is a concern.

Karin: I also think it's good to keep a nice bridge with the faculty award.

Genevieve: What we can do then is give the award to Ashley instead of Stephanie. Stephanie will probably win other academic awards.

Chadd: I have no problem with that.

Rachael: I'm happy either way.

L&L Staff Award Nominations

Genevieve: we only have the Bistro Staff nominated. They are not technically staff, but we do interact with them everyday so it's ok. It's a nice way to recognize people that we interact with every day.

Rachael: There's other staff who might do more. For an example the IT staff or student services. The Bistro staff are not technically Osgoode staff. But, there's no one else I want to put up instead.

Genevieve: Mya Rimon won last year. I'm not keen to deem the Bistro staff as 'not staff'.

Genevieve: and we're all good on the faculty equity award.

Motion to approve the selected nominations for the awards put forward by Rachael, seconded by Karin, all in favour, approved.

Summer Responsibilities

Genevieve: is anyone able to hand out the awards and yearbooks at Convocation on June 21st?

Rachael: I can do it. I have a flexible schedule.

Shvata: I can do it as well.

Genevieve: There might also be a June welcome day.

Rachael: all we would have to do is work the booth and talk about L&L.

Genevieve: We can talk about that more once we know if it's happening.

Advertising Budget

Rachael: I talked to Sophia from the advertising company. We signed a contract to get 500 copies of agendas and 300 yearbooks. We pay to produce them and our revenue from them is not neutral. We do it as a perk for students. We don't go through 500 copies of agendas and we maybe give away 100 yearbooks.

Genevieve: We give the agendas to the 1Ls in their 'swag bags' during Orientation Week and the remainder to high school students. We ended up getting rid of all of them.

Karin: if we don't have to get rid of them, we shouldn't. People are thankful that they are available. Maybe we should just reduce the number of copies to it becoming just a first year perk.

Rachael: Sophia also wants us to recommend any businesses she can contact. If anyone has any suggestions please email me and I'll pass them on to her. We can negotiate a smaller number of copies for next year because we are still under contract.

Genevieve: we will talk to Aiishwaria about that later.

Other Business

Genevieve: Student Initiative from Doug Ford and people's choice to opt-out of fee. I spoke to someone from York about this. Tuition is not going to include optional fees. Our club funding is listed as an optional service. Something we should discuss when it comes into action. We should think about how to encourage students to not opt-out. O Week will be opt-in. For now, clubs will be getting regular funding. We're not going to know our budget till October. Certain clubs that contribute to academics will be deemed essential.

Adjournment

Gen puts forward motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30pm, meeting ends at 10:31pm.