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The Legal & Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13th, 12:30 pm (hybrid & Room 0014K)

In attendance: Julie, Robert, Kelly, Joyce, Zamir, Grace, Tania, Hillary, Armon, Jess

With regrets:

Agenda

Call to Order

President's Items

Note: The Secretary was speaking with their professor after their seminar, so the recording of minutes didn't begin until 1:03 p.m.

1. Motion to add by-law XX re the Facebook group

Tania: it's important to remember that we're not restricting anyone's right to post. If students still want to post about the trip (the JLSA-affiliated trip), they still can. I think it's just about making it clear when we create a graphic or rules for the Facebook group, nothing is changing except the frequency with which you can post. And that if you post things that are hurtful or harmful, they will be taken down.

Julie: Are we okay to pass the motion to add this bylaw to our constitution?

Hillary: Can I also ask you to expand a little more on 1.c of the code and what would happen if you break it? Sometimes people can go a little crazy online because they don't realize what the consequences can be. Some of the things we were seeing on Facebook were like, serious hate speech. When I discussed it with Professor Drake, she said there could be very serious sanctions on those things, like there could be a report to the law society when they have to get admitted into the law society or go through the York schools.

Julie: It's not like a black-and-white rule though, I don't want to say 100% this is what's going to happen if you break it.

Hillary: I think people can be careless online because they don't think it will affect their real life.

Julie: I tried my best to expand on everything, but at the end of the day we're not babysitting students to make sure they know every single line of the code. It's not our responsibility to say they should know every detail of what the code says before you post anything. We're not gatekeeping anything, we're adding the link to the Code to be put on top of the FB group.

Hillary: I think just a line, that it may result in a complaint being filed under the code. They should know.

Robert: I think the wording is a little ambiguous, it's not clear whether each person can post 3 times on the same event, or if only 3 posts can be made about a specific event.

Julie: How would you like me to define what I mean by post? The first comment before the definition of post – I will fix the language of that.

Julie: It's the choice of the equity club to vote on whether they want to take down something or not. But the vote is not mandatory. Anyone who's a valid Osgoode member can join the committee. If they couldn't be bothered to join, I don't know what to tell them. The most we can do is facilitate what we hope will be a productive environment.

Julie: If it gets tricky and there's a divide within the committee about taking down a comment or on certain topics, then we can consult other admin members or professionals. But it's kind of a case-by-case thing. We don't know what will come up.

Julie: So I will make these amendments that we've talked about and we can pass it as an e-motion later today, or do you guys trust me to make these amendments and we can pass it now?

Rob: Motions for e-motions.

Julie: Okay, we can do it as an e-motion.

2. Team's notes on the referendum for next week

Julie: I wanted to gather any comments before the wording of this is officially posted and sent to the entire student body.

Hillary: Did we discuss if we're going to allow clubs to reach out to VP Outreach?

Julie: I think that opens up the floodgates issue. The VP Outreach's responsibility, in my opinion, is already quite equivalent to the other executives on L&L so I'm not keen to opening it up even further. Keeping the sponsor package updated and keeping up with the communications of like 30 plus firms and companies throughout the year is going to be enough of a workload.

Tania: I think a lot of the feedback we've gotten is like, we recognize that there are tensions in the budget and like, not everybody can have as much as we want to do in our initiatives. At the same time, certain clubs have done an awesome job at building up their sponsorship materials and they have like big memberships...we feel like we want to do more so we can apply for more funding but at the same time we don't have the student power to do that so I'm wondering if maybe we could turn our sponsorship package into a template? For the clubs where it's like, they can slot in their initiative. So it's a resource that we're providing to them, but it's not going to be annoying them.

Julie: I just don't know if the specific language of that is necessary to be included in the constitution because a lot of this more like a nuance of what the person will do and what I'm excited about is that a lot of this is more included in the constitution.

Julie: Okay that's all the agenda items for me. Is it okay if we just go on with the remainder of the agenda?

3. VP External Update

Hillary: Can I just say something quickly? Julia and I need to set up a meeting preferably by the end of this week so we can go through the club budget.

4. Period Project Updates

Zamir: Just to let you all know, all of the bathrooms, including male and gender-neutral, will be stocked by Friday. You guys can keep an eye out, if you ever see a basket that needs a restock, you can let us know by using the form.

Joyce: So does this include every bathroom?

Zamir: Yeah. Should be every single one.

5. Website Updates

Zamir: The first thing I wanted to ask of you all is if you have any recommendations for what we can do differently and better on the website. The other thing is we need to upload your biographies and your photos to the website with contact information so that's your L&L profile. I'm wondering – should I just use what you guys submitted for LinkedIn or should I try to ask everyone to rewrite a new bio for the website? I just don't know what people want for the website bio.

Zamir: if there's a consensus that I can use your LinkedIn bios, can we do that?

Julie: If anyone feels super strongly about submitting a different bio you can just message Zamir privately.

6. JCR Event Booking Tips

Zamir: My last item is events booking in the JCR. This is information for you all to pass on to your club friends, etc etc. If you want to book the JCR for events, the instructions are at legalandlit.ca/events. You can also see the events calendar. It has a list of everything I need to know. I need a 2-week turnaround for events. Those are my three things.

Julie: Yay, I think that concludes the formal agenda portion of our meeting. Does anyone have anything else they want to share before we motion to adjourn?

Other Business

Julie motions to adjourn.

Hillary and Tania second.

All in favour, the meeting is adjourned.