



# Minutes

**18 November 2020**

**12:30 – 2:30 PM EST**

## **Zoom**

**Present:** Karin Kazakevich (Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Sydney McIvor, Nushrah Amod, Alex Mulligan, Aiishwariya Haran, Mario Lofranco, Danielle Landry, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Akshay Aurora

**Regrets:** Jordan Crocker

*Due to the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-President, External, took the Minutes of the meeting.*

## **Call to Order (12:33PM)**

### **President's Remarks & Items**

#### **1. Updates Roundtable**

Danielle: OzBook is getting lots of submissions, low turnout for town-hall, had another coffee chat.

Christina: Good turnout for town-hall, good discussion about anti-black racism plenary session, hosted games night which went well.

Jessica: Decent turnout for town-hall, mostly about academic concerns, want more sense of community, want to get to know other sections.

Courtney: Had decent attendance for town-hall, mostly discussion about academic issues and mental health.

Aiish: 3L town-hall, discussed pass fail, tuition, course work, 3L formal. Nothing new on yearbook until January, reached out to CDO about info session.

Reilly: 2L townhall discussed mostly OCIs and academic issues.

Rachael: No updates.

Alex: Thinking about socials for next semester and working with 1Ls, want to host lives about OCI process, etc.

Sydney: Almost done reviewing for audit and almost ready to send to auditors, a lot of cheque reqs lately.

Nushrah: Mental Health and Wellness week was a big success, want to discuss mental health more, care packages sent out.

*M. Lofranco arrived later in the meeting*

#### **2. Yearbooks — Contract Renewal**

Karin: Contract for 2022, it's done far in advance. How do we feel about yearbooks? Do people still want them?

Aiish: I think it's just because we don't promote them enough.

Karin: Part of the levy goes directly to the yearbook.

Akshay: Could we do it digitally?

Rachael: I'm not sure if we would have to do a referendum to take less money from the levy.

Sydney: We would save money because usually it costs more money than the levy.

Rachael: 2Ls may not have enough picture since we are online.

Karin: We don't have to rush a decision; we can think about it more.

### **3. Health Plan – Information**

***Motion: THAT the meeting be moved In-Camera.***

***(Kazakevich/Mulligan) CARRIED***

***Motion: THAT the meeting be moved out of In-Camera.***

***(Kazakevich/Mclvor) CARRIED***

### **4. End of Year Initiatives**

Karin: 1Ls are still planning on doing end of semester videos.

Courtney: Yup, Section D is coming along.

Jessica: Yup coming along.

Christina: Yeah still planning, but students still want to do something after exams to celebrate.

Danielle: Yeah coming along just waiting to hear back from people.

Karin: We have a video plan to celebrate.

### **5. Alumni Questions**

Karin: Alum wants to do series where they answer student questions. Do you have any ideas for questions they could answer?

Akshay: Talk about life off Bay St.

Jessica: What are things you stressed about in law school, that they shouldn't have?

Sydney: How do you stay resilient and avoid burnout in law?

Karin: Thanks.

### **6. End of Semester Exec Awards**

Karin: In lieu of a holiday party, we should do a little celebration and I have awards for everyone. It will be a non-business social. When would timing work? I'll send a doodle poll and plan after exams.

### **Vice-President External Items**

### **7. MELSA Ratification**

Reilly: MELSA fulfilled ratification documents so I think we should re-ratify them.

***Motion: THAT MELSA be ratified as a Club for the 2020-2021 year.***

***(Everitt-Cunningham/Glassman) CARRIED***

### **8. Winter Club Budgets**

Reilly: Should I send it out an early budget to Clubs, so they have money early to run events?

Karin: I see no problem.

Reilly: I will let them know.

## **Vice-President Internal Items**

### **9. Website Hosting**

Rachael: For the last couple months people have been having accessing our website. It's because we don't have certificate. We currently use GoDaddy and the SSR certificate costs \$90 but other hosting sites are free. I have a chart of comparisons with other web hosts.

Sydney: what do you think would be the option? You work with it most.

Rachael: I would prefer to change web hosts because I have a web developer friend who can help me. We already paid GoDaddy for two years so we would have to leave it. I'll get quotes for new web hosts.

## **Equity Officer Items**

### **10. Mental Health at Osgoode & Survey Feedback**

Nushrah: Mental Health needs more than 1 week. I think we should do more all throughout the year. I think the student stories had the most impact. What could we sustain throughout the year to help mental health?

Akshay: I do think sharing stories is good and effective, people sharing failures but also sharing good news.

Alex: I think people want more response from the school, in addition to us doing more for students and out advocacy. We could make a summary of the data to show admin.

Akshay: Karin and I have a meeting with the Deans on Monday where we will discuss some of this.

Karin: What tangible goals should we bring up to advocate for?

Aiish: Maybe admin should put out their own survey to understand how students really feel.

Karin: I do think It's important admin knows how students feel.

Nushrah: yeah students need support.

Rachael: I think admin should make it easier to get an accommodation.

Jessica: I think it is also very important that we take into consideration the perspectives expressed in the townhalls.

Reilly: Communication from admin is important.

Nushrah: I think we need to express the systemic issues to admin.

Karin: I think that's a good point about the town halls, are there particular issues that we can move on which are not in the survey?

Jessica: yeah, a lot of people want ways to connect with upper years and people in other sections.

Karin: tell anyone else who has not done so yet to fill out the survey.

Mario: we can email it out again to students.

## **Other Business – President's Items**

### **11. L&L Feedback**

Karin: I'm going to be sending out an anonymous survey to all of you to get an idea of how L&L is running this year.

Courtney: does anyone have any ideas for study groups?

Karin: each section can decide for themselves what would work for study groups.

***Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.***

***(Kazakevich/Glassman) CARRIED***

***Adjournment (2:25PM)***

**Consent Agenda**

The items on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 28 October 2020, and the L&L/Caucus Joint Minutes of the meeting of 28 October 2020, were deemed approved.

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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, 13 January 2021, 12:30PM EST**