

**L&L Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2019 (Room 0014K)**

**Present: Adam, Steph, Matt, Ashley H, Manuela, Cory, Simi, Alina, Sarah, Kaitlyn**

**Regards: Chadd, Rachael, Karin, Ashley B**

**Call to Order**

**12:34 PM**

**Minutes Ratification**

Motion to approve minutes by Ashley, seconded by Matt, all in favour, motion passes.

**Budget**

**Matt:** Right now, we're ahead of what we projected, net income is \$3000 higher, club gifts will cost \$1500 so we're closer to \$1500. Profit over from last year is less. Difference is O-week. Surprising because O-week did better this year. Ski trip is lower because less people bought through us. Levy is also \$4000 less.

**Manuela:** The reason for the difference could be because they're holding some stuff, York wants to see bigger breakdown in yearbook levy and obiter dicta levy.

**Matt:** We get info from break down from York but they're asking us for breakdown. This year though we did better in bar sales, better clothing sales, and we've been doing better than the actual projected budget.

**Manuela:** For bar sales – great that we've had more JCR focused events. Shout out to Kaitlyn on trivia nights and Chadd on the dance marathon.

**Matt:** Lots of 3Ls liked it.

**Manuela:** We're in good shape for the end of the year.

**Summary of the Year**

**VP External**

**Matt:** We've had lots of new clubs this year, we're going to ratify the earth law club today. I've spoke to the Presidents of Environmental Law Society (ELS) and OISA, both said that the earth law club is different enough and their own clubs wouldn't be able to take on more anyways. For example, ELS stays inside Osgoode, whereas new club wants to focus on out of Osgoode stuff and mootings etc. so it's different enough. Let me know if there are any comments.

**Manuela:** Someone running earth law club is also on ELS.

**Matt:** Both ELS and OISA would like to work with earth law club.

**Matt:** Runnymede Society will also be ratified, they bring in lots of judges, and they're primarily a debating organization. I will circulate the constitution, member list, and e-motion over the weekend.

**Manuela:** It's also a national organization and lots of schools have it.

**Matt:** We will have temporary freeze on new clubs next year to determine how L&L will be affected by funding cuts. There are 57 clubs, about 10 new this year (see below for list). We've had too much this year, and next year each club would get less than \$250, and we don't know what's going on with fees/school funding etc. A lot of the clubs that we said were okay this year either had very minimal funding, or they were clubs championing rights we agree with. Although it is nice to have more clubs than less.

**Matt:** We're out of gifts so let me know if there are any more clubs running events. This year has gone well.

***New clubs that have been officially ratified so far this year:***

*Disability Collective of Osgoode*

*Osgoode Aerospace Law Society*

*Osgoode Charity Law Association*

*Osgoode Fintech and Blockchain Association*

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*Osgoode Hall French Club*

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*Field Trip*

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*Chess Club*

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*Osgoode Military and National Security Law Club*

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*Osgoode Earth Law Club*

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## **VP Internal**

### **Manuela (relaying for Chadd):**

Summary database – things running smoothly, lots of new submissions. Solicited feedback on missing summaries, called for summaries, many have been filled. Advise that next VPI do this. Kenny has done a great job implementing the events calendar and filling in the summaries. New President will hire new webmaster and CEO.

Dance marathon – have a sizable amount to be allocated to access education for L&L team. Had some hiccups but they can be avoided next year. With enough planning, the event can be held in first semester and will attract more crowd early on. Overall, this event has enormous potential and supports a worthy cause. Welcome all suggestions to making event bigger next time.

Working with all of you has been a pleasure! Manuela, you did a great job; Rachael and Karin, great to have you back next year; to everyone else, go be legendary.

Got lots of outside money from sponsorship and dean's funding from dance marathon – will go towards next year's L&L.

Discussion about how funds are disbursed will go to the transition.

**Sarah:** Comment re: dance marathon – great event! Next year we should do pledge forms and we can raise money via Facebook. Event was fun to run and it won't be hard to get people to run it again.

**Manuela:** I agree. In favour of dance marathon event continuing with suggestions.

**Adam:** For the summary database, we discussed incentives. There was pushback against throwing money at people effectively and we should look for other incentives. There's a legit concern about this and we should be brainstorming this more. Since it's the L&L database, there are concerns about using the Student Caucus (SC) budget, we talked about maybe asking directly to students. I wanted to throw it back to everyone for more brainstorming.

**Simi:** At the SC meeting, we talked about having a 3L event encouraging people to disperse their summaries. We could have a campaign that will make 3Ls give out their summaries. It's an easy way to get a whole bunch of summaries.

**Manuela:** I will relay this information to Chadd.

**Simi:** We could have a pizza party and have everyone bring in their paper summaries.

**Kaitlyn:** People could symbolically bring them in but also send them in.

**Manuela:** We could say – here's a place to dump out your summary after your exam. Could also do it via social media.

**Adam:** You can let Chadd know that can use the SC budget for this..

### **Equity Officer**

**Simi:** It's been an amazing year. It started out rough because of equity issues with the strike – students with accommodations negatively impacted so lots of meetings, and all new Deans so difficult to keep same messaging. Mental Health and Wellness Week (MHWW) was amazing, Manuela helped with bouncy castle otherwise would have had a deficit. Need to get more funding for Osgoode that they can take credit for, if didn't have Manuela as president wouldn't have worked this year. MHWW needs to come from Osgoode, and needs a budget. Osgoode doesn't have an Equity Officer. There needs to be a committee or a working group for the Equity Officer of L&L – equality committee doing equality resolution.

Diversity week – had to go to OEO the week before Diversity Week because they hadn't even processed the dean's funding form.

Only got \$750 on the Friday before Diversity Week. We got lots of money for anti oppressing training although only one day.

Diversity week was amazing. Will bring some of the ideas of diversity committee – the policy stuff – to the SC meeting.

Will pay for popcorn machine. Don't know which firms have donated yet.

**Manuela:** There was money left over from diversity week, thanks to Simi's sponsorship money, and we all agreed at the last meeting with Simi's idea to carry it over and keep it for the Equity Officer next year.

Simi brings a motion to carry forward the leftover money to next L&L Equity Officer, seconded by Steph, all in favour, motion carries.

## **Social Convener**

**Kaitlyn:** We've had 26 pub nights, 20 of them were accessible, so over 75% were all accessible pub nights, 2 alternative social events – trivia nights in both semesters, would be great if carried over next year, perhaps make room for it in the budget.

**Cory:** I know someone interested in hosting next year.

**Kaitlyn:** Ski trip – carried over from last year, wristbands are new, lost \$150 because refunded lift tickets.

**Manuela:** You've done a great job especially with accessibility.

**Kaitlyn:** I'm happy that I was able to achieve what I wanted to with my platform.

## **Treasurer**

**Matt:** Maybe some of the stuff should be taken off of treasurer and move to VPI. Either responding to emails etc., because too much is bogged down on the treasurer level.

**Manuela:** It's hard because Dan had the process very streamlined. Printing cheques is a big one – no reason why treasurer is the only one that can do this – just have to check with bank.

**Matt:** There's no process in place for how to take on some of the treasurer's responsibilities.

**Steph:** Would be better to have more flexibility.

**Manuela:** Other option for point person could be VPI, and could take on the bar stuff. Bar and cheques could be the beginning and then could expand further.

**Sarah:** Even taking one small responsibility would be one less responsibility. Would help the treasurer significantly.

**Matt:** Ashley did a lot of work in the summer, would be too much to have someone do it all. Also – only treasurer can update the signing officer for clubs, makes more sense to move that over to VPX, including the administrative and bar stuff.

**Matt:** Since Dan did this for 2 years and re-established everything, we don't know if it was just a problem this year or if it will continue being a problem every year. Will be even harder next year without Manuela, so we need more division of work so not top heavy.

**Manuela:** Can consider this in the transition.

**Simi:** Ashley did really well this year.

**Manuela:** Dan revamped everything, she did super well.

**Matt:** She did 600 cheque requisitions this year, which was a lot of work.

**Manuela:** We'll look at the transition manuals next time, it will be a longer transition.

## **Secretary**

**Ashley H:** Role this year has been consistent from last year. I've taken down and sent out L&L meeting minutes to the exec, sent the newsletter emails twice a week to the student body with club events and news items, and also directed general inquiry emails to the appropriate person.

**Ashley H:** SC communications email hasn't worked all year so I've sent those out as well.

**Manuela:** Perhaps SC needs to have an "at legalandlit.ca" email.

**Manuela:** Dufraimont also said faculty would like to receive the newsletter emails as well, so moving forward that is something that the Secretary can do.

## **3L Rep**

**Steph:** For 3L Formal, we sold way more tickets than anticipated, brought in lots of profit over last year, it was complicated table organizing but good to go for tomorrow. For grad photos, haven't heard much feedback about issues with our grad photographer, they also sent a free photographer for 3L formal.

**Manuela:** The photographer is great, he made a graduation bow for my cat yesterday during my grad photo.

**Adam:** I heard rumours that some peoples' partners' tickets were revoked.

**Steph:** That was just a rumour, I tried to take steps to correct it. I set up ticket sales anticipating a bit more tickets than last year. However we sold out of tickets the night before, there were 7 extra graduating students who hadn't gotten tickets, but I squeezed them onto another table in the end. I had to re-open the L&L finance website for them but it was the same link so anyone on Facebook with link could still go to buy tickets. So the link was organized for the 7 students, but anyone with the link could also get a ticket. 2 students went in and got a ticket, I told them that the tickets were sold out and it only opened for the 7 graduating people, but I tried to get them a ticket from a 3<sup>rd</sup>. One person took me up on the offer and did buy a ticket off another student. The other person didn't. I did as much as possible to ensure that anyone who wanted a ticket while tickets were open got one.

## **2L Rep**

**Sarah:** My responsibilities this year were the yearbook, agenda, 2L informal, and clothing. Yearbook is underway, thanks for photos, please send more and encourage people to continue sending them. Agenda went well. 2L informal – thank you to

anyone who helped and encouraged people to go, I hit the 100 sales that I wanted, I'm very happy and grateful as the amount covered costs. Thanks to the \$500 donation from Steph from 3L informal, people have somewhere to put their coats, and I'm excited for tomorrow.

**Sarah:** Question – should I be checking for tickets tomorrow?

**Kaitlyn:** I don't think you have to.

**Sarah:** My only concern is that I have 100 glasses of champagne and 100 tickets sold. I hope people don't take champagne if they didn't pay for a ticket. Maybe I'll have a list and warn people to bring ID.

**Kaitlyn:** Not everyone will drink and also people who sneak in will just come a lot later. I wouldn't stress too much about it because it's lots of work. Potential issue with people from 3L formal coming to 2L informal and vice versa?

**Manuela:** People should pick their formal. Unless people bought tickets for both, it's not fair.

**Kaitlyn:** There are 2 people I know who want to buy tickets to go to 2L informal – can they still buy a ticket if they don't have champagne?

**Steph:** Perhaps people could buy a ticket at the door but might not be able to get a glass of champagne.

**Manuela:** Although it would be hard to police and not fair to people who bought tickets.

**Sarah:** The only way I could do that is if there was someone at the front door to check names and sell tickets. If you all think that's of value I could.

**Manuela:** It's just 2 people so perhaps not worth it. How hard would it be to add a glass or two of champagne? Okay to just keep doing what you're doing.

**Sarah:** I've also had other people ask to come after ticket sales closed. I will think about it.

**Manuela:** Feel free to post questions or concerns in Slack.

**Kaitlyn:** You could also ask the Pint if the door person will cross off names if you give them an alphabetized list, they've had events before with a guest list.

**Manuela:** I just had meeting with the bookstore. Going to have to redo whole contract because losing a lot of funding, but won't affect you, said you can contact them to order new things for clothing.

**Sarah:** Will they tell me how much I can order?

**Manuela:** It's their money, we pay initially and they hold our inventory.

**Sarah:** Okay so I just pick how to spend money and clothing comes for next year.

### **1L Reps**

**Cory:** The year has gone well.

**Manuela:** I loved the way you did the awards at 1L Formal and the video was great.

**Alina:** Thanks Matt and Steph for helping with set up.

**Cory:** I also have money coming back from the security deposit for 1L Formal.

**Cory:** Charity month was good but could've been better. We raised about \$41 for Crohn's and Colitis because of weather issues. Next year we would recommend laying out a list for the 1L reps re: responsibilities for the year.

**Manuela:** When I came to L&L, I really liked the charity component but I wonder if it fits under the portfolio because there's a lot of stuff going on in 1L.

**Cory:** It was a lot so we ended up moving the fundraiser to second semester.

**Manuela:** The only thing is that Movember is super easy – just need to set up a website. Last year Chadd did a shave a date so might be easier in the end.

**Cory:** We did an all section mixer.

**Cory:** For the mandatory academic success session, people found it not that important. Would recommend not overusing the word "mandatory" because there's no way to enforce it and it shouldn't just be an empty threat. Perhaps could do the sessions in the beginning of the year and have it be a short presentation, for example, social media in something else.

**Cory:** Also, 2 students' laptops got stolen yesterday. One laptop was recovered because tracking device was on, but the other guy still doesn't have his laptop. He's asked to get accommodations, but perhaps should reconsider library security measures.

**Manuela:** Accommodation is very hard to get but we could go and advocate for the student specifically.

**Cory:** Also one of our courses isn't recorded.

**Manuela:** We could also talk to Maya about accessing the Dean's Scribe Program.

### **Other Business**

**(i) Ratify Earth Law Club**

Motion to ratify earth law club by Matt, seconded by Steph, all in favour, motion passes.

**(ii) End of Year Pub Night**

**Kaitlyn:** Wanted to get input for location of the end of the year pub night – either the Pint or Bier Market. Because it's on Good Friday, going to reserve a spot. Only thing for Bier Market is that it would be live music.

**Everyone:** Bier Market is better and live music would be cool.

**Adjournment**

Steph puts forward motion to adjourn, seconded by Cory, all in favour, meeting adjourned at 1:48PM.