

L&L Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2019 (Room 2008)

Present: Mahir, Ashley, Alannah, Alex, Phoebe, Rachael, Reilly, Shvata, Bobby, and Aiishwariya

Called to Order:

12:34pm

Regards:

1L Projects

Gen: we're going to go over the special projects that people have put forward, and 1Ls you can decide which you would like to sign-up for. Ideally, sign up for 2 but if you have a lot going on then 1 if fine.

Ashley: One is for Obiter and writing an article for or about us after some big events we host or maybe who are and what we do. It would help spread our message so people know what it is we do. You can do something like "A day in the life of a 1L Rep".

Gen: there's also alternative events with Karin. You would be helping with sponsors for mental health week as well.

Alannah: if you have any ideas for what should be included that wouldn't otherwise be included, I'd love to hear those as well.

Bobby: can you speak to things we did last year?

Alannah: therapy dogs happened, basically an event a day. There was a speaker from counselling at CDO.

Gen: Ellen did a mindfulness session.

Alannah: I want to keep it relevant to the law school experience, rather than having activities for the sake of activities.

Rachael: we had alternative study rooms that we could promote better. We could put pillows in there and dim the lights – a chill place to study that's not the library.

Gen: another project is the yearbook.

Aiish: it would be help with getting photos, nothing needed right now. It would be ongoing for the year.

Ashley: Anita Herman has strongly requested we do yearbooks much earlier than we do. Ideally, give them out while classes are still going on.

Gen: we would need to talk to our company right away then.

Aiish: a lot of the main work happens in May, but maybe we push that earlier.

Ashley: every year there are lots of yearbooks not collected and money is wasted.

Bobby: will we be charging a fee?

Gen: we were thinking about it.

Bobby: it might make more sense to charge a fee if handing them out earlier.

Gen: the timeline gets planned like a year before.

Aiish: a lot of it is next semester.

Ashley: we're still talking to the Class of 2018 to pick up yearbooks. It's better to order more and get people to pick them up.

Gen: so we could form a yearbook committee and work on these things? Another project is a designated JCR liason who would work with Andrei and possibly make a calendar? Also, did we would look into if the pool table is functional and if we need a new one?

Bobby: pool table is fine but the balls need to be replaced. It's part of the budget I placed for Law Games.

Ashley: I don't think I put that in their budget.

Bobby: it might make more sense for L&L.

Gen: another project is overall what we can do about climate change. Gus Van Harten is very keen on this. It would be great to have a 1L involved and a project to carry through your term at Osgoode. Are there any projects that jump out to the 1Ls?

Alex: JCR I can help with.

Phoebe: I can help with the Yearbook.

Reilly: I can try to help with the Climate Change initiative.

Rachael: Discretionary Fund is also something we need to consider right now. There is nothing in my manual on how to use it. Any ideas for how to use the discretionary fund? Maybe use it offset that things students spend money on outside of school like TTC passes? Although, I'm not sure how we would coordinate that.

Gen: how much money do we have in their right now?

Rachael: no idea.

Gen: it only started last year?

Rachael: we've always had discretionary funds it just got lessened last year.

I would like to do a spin class this year. Easy to get insurance for this. If anyone wants to help plan this activity it will probably be next semester so that people will want to warm up.

Phoebe: I'll help.

Gen: we should know how much we have before spending.

Rachael: before promoting the event, we should market what we are using it for.

Bobby: what have we used it for in the past?

Rachael: we didn't use it. There's always been some money on the side. This is a way you can use it to benefit the student body.

Gen: we could use it for the pool table.

Reilly: I remember talking about our Instagram account. I think I could do well with that for marketing.

Rachael: I can get together with you and we can work on that.

By-Stander Training

Alannah: as part of understanding campus health, it is a teaching tool so people know what to do if they see something that could escalate. Almost a sexual-harassment intervention training. Things you can do to help advocate for people who can't do that for themselves and help people in the community who are vulnerable. I contacted the Toronto helpline center who have not responded. I called another center who didn't respond. I'll keep trying.

Gen: as Exec who host a lot of social events with alcohol, so it would be important for us to all go through this training. The idea for us to all attend was provided by Alex.

Rachael: last year they had good points, but the person who ran it could have done a better job. It is good to have this training.

Gen: we discussed this with the Deans yesterday. We want to make sure there is an on-campus center availability awareness. The concern is that it won't work in October, Reading Week, Remembrance Day, so maybe the Wednesday of Mental Health and Wellness Week.

Alannah: Remembrance Day falls in the same week at Mental Health and Wellness Week.

Remembrance Day

Gen: I was approached by administration to see if we were going to do something this year. It has happened in the past, as there was a veteran who was a student. Apparently, all classes stopped at 11 am that day. It is often aligned with Reading Week or the weekend, and usually York runs one. But there has been good turn out in the past. It wouldn't cost us anything, it would just be a timeline consideration.

Ashley: it is a good idea. Doesn't make sense that if York does one we shouldn't do one.

Rachael: there is controversy that I've heard about it. Some people find selling poppies and celebrating it is not appropriate. I don't know if we would be inviting controversy, so maybe we need to tie it into remembrance more strongly.

Ashley: I get that some people would feel that way. But sometimes it is too sensitive.

Gen: generally speaking, we're not here to take a stance. The ceremony can be neutral.

Rachael: I can reach out to some students who are active in the military. It would be appropriate to involve them.

Bobby: also contact professor Janet Walker because she is a former member.

Gen: I have contacted the Legion who has helped with L&L ceremonies in the past.

Ashley: we don't have to sell poppies, that way we could avoid the controversy.

Gen: they were sold in the bistro so we might not have to do that.

Rachael: I don't want to glorify war. I want to make sure the message is that we trying to remember.

Budget

Gen: we don't entirely know the amount we will receive from the Levy. We have an estimate of \$64,000. We have enough money in our bank account to cover this year.

Mahir: a lot of the same budgets have applied from last year.

Ashley: I gave each semester \$14,000 for clubs.

Mahir: with the income from the JCR we assume we will have \$18,500. Special Events is different things happen in JCR so total bar sales of \$21,000. We made more than we budgeted last year for bar sales.

Mahir: we have advertising money for agendas, etc. There is an income we are expecting for certain events. A lot of them are break even except for 1L and 3L formal. The 2L formal we make money off of. We also make money off of Wendy Babcock.

Ashley: Wendy Babcock is for charity. Shouldn't it be clear that we send that to the charity? We should not make money off of the ticket sales.

Mahir: it could just be bar sales. But \$7000 is a lot for bar sales, so probably not.

Ashley: the essential levy from York – what is that to cover?

Gen: our audit.

Ashley: is that it?

Gen: that is \$6000. But this is what they quoted us.

Ashley: I thought intramural fees are essential if it comes out of the essential fees?

Rachael: they should be essential, but it depends on how York calculated it.

Ashley: technically it is not a club expense so it shouldn't be included there.

Gen: you're right it should be a separate line.

Mahir: we have \$28,000 for club expenses. Some for this semester some for next. These all match up except for 1L/3L Formal. Wendy Babcock also noted as a difference. We have our audit.

Ashley: the diversity week revenue – what money is that?

Rachael: sponsorship.

Gen: we don't make any money off yearbooks besides CU advertising.

Ashley: what is the honorary expense?

Gen: for O-Week co-chairs and chief electoral officer. Normally we have chief officer for website but this year Rachael is doing it.

Ashley: why does student caucus need \$1000?

Bobby: we are looking for a sign. All of the town halls come from L&L budget.

Gen: not sure if it does. I might have been wrong about that.

Bobby: we're also buying tables for just student caucus. We're working on this right now, and I will create a list.

Gen: I can check with the old-treasurer on town hall expenses.

Ashley: where did parking expense fall under?

Gen: that comes out of the OEO account. Not sure if they put money in that account last year. The budget last year is messy and unclear. There are question marks for what happened last year.

Ashley: maybe we should account for the OEO cost. If the auditors ask questions it will look weird. I'm not sure how to do it. It is a club expense, so maybe it is under that heading. This year they budgeted for it.

Mahir: I will ask the old-treasurer how to account for that.

Rachael: there's some discussion about putting the budget online. Some clubs think it would be transparent. But it is confusing and I don't want to post it without being able to explain it. Should we put the effort in creating a minimized budget?

Alex: maybe a written summary.

Bobby: transparency is good but not useful for the student body. Maybe a graph instead to show percentages.

Ashley: I would say a hard no on everyone seeing the budget.

Bobby: if you want to see the budget then join.

Gen: until we solidify the budget I'm not going to put a motion forward. But for the 1L/3L/Student Caucus budget work with the estimate for now.

Phoebe: just clarifying we don't get anything for charity month?

Gen: there's never been a budget for it.

Rachael: after you have allocated your costs, the rest goes to the charity.

Gen: what would you need money for?

Phoebe: supplies for pancake day possibly.

Gen: for any fundraiser people know some of it is going towards the supplies used for it.

Ashley: before you get your costs, you need to buy supplies.

Gen: but that would be the cost either way. They would buy their supplies and then get reimbursed.

Ashley: but there's the possibility that you don't make the costs and then you are out what you spent.

Gen: it hasn't happened in the past.

Ashley: it wouldn't be fair if you are out the money.

Gen: there hasn't been an event that is out of cost. We're not in a position to put forward the money.

Alex: the aspect of buying supplies is a little worrisome.

Reilly: it should be fine; it will be low risk.

Alannah: me and Rachael bake so if you need to borrow stuff that is ok.

Bobby: even with the cocktails, if people don't buy them then I'm out of the money as well.

Rachael: you could ask people to donate things for charity month.

Gen: you're still doing the feminine hygiene box and the movember event. It is just pancake day that would have a cost.

Ashley: if you lost money then we can take it out of the discretionary fund.

Rachael: for the dance-a-thon last year we did have a loss. But I haven't seen the budget.

Gen: we can all chip in on things needed if you want.

Alex: just waiting for the Movember event to be finalized then we can start marketing it. I haven't gotten a date yet from the JCR.

Aiish: it would be good to ask the professors and people who would be interested first.

Ashley: if they say no, then the date wouldn't matter.

Alex: we're still trying to figure out where and when we will do it and then figure out who will do it.

Bobby: you should get this out soon.

Gen: Viktor was confused thinking it was the whole night not in conjunction with JCR night, so definitely clarify with the JCR.

Yearbook

Gen: Aiish and Chadd can coordinate with grad photos to see when we could get things ready at the earliest.

Rachael: we get our photos taken and so do student caucus for the yearbook.

Gen: we have nice professional photos already this year, we could just use those instead in a frame. If it is \$25 per executive then that's a way to cut cost.

Aiish: Ashley, could you send out the email to clubs about photos?

Ashley: I did tell them there will be a clubs section this year so they know.

Ski Trip

Gen: update from Karin on this, still waiting to hear from FUME. We're still waiting on Karen for the final date. Also, on November 13th there will be a joint meeting with Student Caucus and L&L.

Adjournment

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