

L&L Meeting Agenda – October 24, 2018 (Room 2009)

Present: Matt, Steph, Manuela, Ashley B, Ashley H, Rachael, Alina, Adam, Kaitlyn, Simi, Karin, Sarah, Chadd

Regards: Cory

Call to Order

12:35PM

Minutes Ratification

After amending – Ashley H puts forward motion to approve minutes, Kaitlyn seconds, all approve. Motion passes.

L&L Calendar

Manuela: CDO sent me an email asking if we can put their events on the L&L calendar, which is on the L&L website. CDO events are on the Osgoode calendar, while clubs events are not. CDO events can be helpful to students, but traditionally the L&L calendar has been a student run initiative.

Simi: Can they put our stuff on their calendar?

Manuela:

Adam: We've been trying to get on their calendar for years, and they are already reluctant for our events to be on there. I'm not in favour of crowding out students events on our own calendar.

Matt: I agree. L&L Calendar is for our clubs. CDO has lots of other resources, including their own calendar.

Everyone agrees.

Remembrance Day

Manuela: 3 years ago, L&L was in charge of the Remembrance Day assembly and bringing veterans to Osgoode. However because in our 1L year, reading week started and falls on Remembrance Day so no one was there. In the past 2 years, L&L has provided a formal invitation in the form of an email to York's Remembrance Day assembly. Tanya Bowes, Dean Condon's assistant, was wondering whether L&L is doing this. What are everyone's thoughts? It's a nice event but if it's during reading week, attendance will be low. We could do it on November 12th but there's a faculty council meeting that day and Remembrance Day will have already passed. Do people think that L&L should plan it or just continue with inviting students to York's ceremony?

Kaitlyn: Planning something like this is a lot of work. We could instead sell poppies.

Simi: We could also have a timed moment of silence.

Manuela: The moment of silence would have to be on Monday, November 12th. We would have to ask faculty to do it because don't know how we'd oversee it.

Adam: I'm reluctant to put additional obligations on students. This seems that it should be an admin responsibility since they could deal with faculty.

Manuela: I emailed Tanya, but there's no documentation about this, and no specific mechanism for contacting veterans. We would have to start from the ground up.

Sarah: I like the idea of selling poppies.

Manuela: I can look into that, and we could sell poppies before the upper year reading week and the 1L Reps could sell them again before their 1L reading week.

Rachael: In recent years, there's been backlash if people sell poppies.

Manuela: That could be possible but don't know how much backlash there would be at Osgoode.

Kaitlyn: The poppies also wouldn't be sold at a specific price and we would just be asking for donations.

Manuela: I will look into that. We could sell the poppies for 1 hour next week and 1 hour the following week.

Manuela: I have also posted everyone's office hours on the door of the L&L office. To clarify – there is no need to do office hours during reading week. I will put out a schedule for tabling for poppy sales once I confirm how to get them.

2018-2019 Budget *See attached

Ashley B: I worked with Manuela for the expenses portion, it is pretty much the same budget as last year that was approved.

Manuela: Is there any part where you want us to go more in depth into?

Adam: The net income difference between the one proposed for this year and last year?

Manuela: This was because of the strike. We were able to keep some money because some clubs didn't run events, but there were other factors such as the JCR being closed and clothing sales went down. Last year we lost a lot from O-week as well.

Ashley B: Last year we expected to get \$25K from clothing sales and got \$35K, so it depends on what they have in stock. 2 years ago, clothing store merged with York store so liquidated and got new stuff.

Simi: There's \$4K for diversity week?

Manuela: There was a big sponsorship for diversity week.

Simi: I get \$500 for mental health and wellness week. If I don't spend all of that, can I use it for diversity week?

Manuela:

Update on L&L finances for this fiscal year to date

Ashley B: This is how much we have this year compared to last year. Haven't given us the levy yet so down \$30K. Income until now is \$55K.

Manuela: O-Week doesn't show up now.

Mental Health and Wellness Week

Simi: Nothing has changed and everything is going well. There is a meeting today about marketing, so let me know if anyone here wants to help with this. Now I have \$500 to spend on the week and because of last year we saved money on the bouncy castle.

They were talking about how Peer Support Centre gave out free samosas and want to give out free food too. I'm looking for feedback on what food vendors are good, if you've used any before, and what days would be good to have the free food?

Chadd: Free food is good and Wednesdays are good to have them.

Simi: On Wednesday, during lunch there will be popcorn and cotton candy.

Manuela: We could also do a breakfast brunch and link that to mental health.

Adam: We could also have a fruit tray.

Simi: Can I bring in food?

Manuela: The food has to be from on campus caterers. I'm wondering if we can use the new grocery store that opened to bring food from.

Kaitlyn: It is expensive to feed fruit to so many people. Giving out samosas is more economically feasible and we could feed more people.

Manuela: We can do it on Tuesday or Thursday.

Simi: Has anyone used a caterer on campus that offers more variety? Such as Great Canadian Bagel.

Adam: York's food services was doing a big thing yesterday. There were giving out assorted salads and they're doing something today too.

Simi: Could I go to the mini cafeteria by the Tim's? I think it's called Market Square.

Manuela: Almost any restaurant on campus caters.

Chadd: There is also 15% off catering from Underground for L&L.

Simi: On another note, I want to start working on diversity week. I had an idea to do a social, or some diversity related event.

Chadd: Reading week is February 19 to 24. Having it post reading week would be better.

Manuela: There's a lot happening that week. Like Wendy Babcock show.

Chadd: Yes, there's too much happening before reading week in the winter.

Simi: Perhaps I could plan a diversity type pub night?

Kaitlyn: Wendy Babcock is having a pub night. We could have a JCR thing.

Manuela: For diversity week, they got equity seeking groups to do a pot luck in the JCR. There was music playing throughout speakers in Gowlings and everyone said it was a good vibe throughout the school.

Equity-Seeking Clubs Communication

Adam: These are some ideas from Student Caucus that were never followed up with. I heard that there were groups on campus in isolation from one another and duplicating efforts therefore we want to improve communication for clubs seeking equity. One

of the things I was going to do is invite club reps to the synergy meeting this Wednesday. Thoughts? I heard about this a lot last year – how groups were frustrated about not knowing what other groups were doing and I thought it would be good to facilitate this information in some way.

Chadd:It would be helpful for clubs to know what each other are doing.

Sarah:I agree

Simi:I was going individually to the clubs, but that is a good idea for them to come together. Perhaps we could have an equity seeking group town hall.

Manuela:I am not opposed to inviting groups to the synergy meeting and setting up the town hall.

Chadd:If they have specific issues about L&L and Student Caucus, they can bring it up at the synergy meeting, but we should let them know we're also doing a separate one.

Alina:What is the synergy meeting?

Manuela:Next week L&L is having a joint meeting with Student Caucus, which we're constitutionally mandated to have. We're going to see what they're doing, they'll see what we're doing, and we can see if there are any places where we can cross over.

Sarah:With the idea of people only coming to the synergy meeting for specific issues, we'd be diverging away from the point of having diversity groups talk amongst themselves.

Manuela:We can send out an email to address both meetings. Say that if you have a concern and want to have student government there, here is this time next week for you to do this. Then we can say that we'll also be planning a town hall for equity seeking groups to come together. Matt will have to help facilitate that with clubs emails. Simi can work with Matt and the email will come from Matt. If clubs want to come, they should reply to Matt so we know. Having them at the meeting near the end would be better, like the last half hour. If you have agenda items for the synergy meeting, send them to Ashley H.

Movie Night

Kaitlyn: I had an idea for a Movie Night this semester. For example, showing Legally Blonde in the moot court and facilitating it as a way to have another alternative event for the semester. Thoughts on when this should happen and whether it's a good idea or bad idea?

Chadd: What was the attendance at the Mean Girls movie night?

Rachael: About 8 people, but it was not a lot of work at all.

Chadd: No reason to not do it if it's not that much work.

Adam: Does York have a blanket license for showing movies?

Manuela: I don't know. What OEO has said to me is that there's only an issue if we start charging. I do not think that the moot court is necessary for movie night. We could do it in the JCR on a non JCR night. There are comfier chairs, and we could go get the popcorn or cotton candy machine.

Rachael: Is there a projector in the JCR?

Manuela: There's a monitor.

Kaitlyn: For trivia night, there was a flat screen TV so we didn't need a projector. We could show the movie on the flat screen TV, but it's just smaller. Is that worth doing?

Manuela: November is busy, and watching a movie is a big commitment.

Kaitlyn: Okay, perhaps I could do it right way after winter break.

Osgoode Spirit Day

Karin:This was an idea that 1Ls had. Everyone has Osgoode sweaters, and we thought there should be one day where everyone wore their Osgoode clothes.

Manuela:That's a great idea, especially in November time.

Chadd:It would also up the bookstore sales.

Karin:People can also just wear red and black.

Sarah:Is there anything we could combine it with something else going on the same day?

Karin:Bouncy castle day?

Simi:Bouncy castle day is November 14th. That day there's breakfast in the morning, paint night that week, and we can also have spirit clothes.

Sarah:I could also do a garage sale of Osgoode clothing for this Spirit day, which I had wanted to do.

Manuela:We can set it up beside CLASP.

Simi:I have clubs related to mental health week set up near there.

Manuela:To get the space, email OEO, the email goes to Kim Moore. The earlier you let them know the better. I'll bring you, Sarah, to the next meeting I have with the book store to set this garage sale up. I'm waiting on an email from them. If I don't hear from them, we'll just go talk to them.

3L Formal Venue

Steph: I wanted to get feedback from the 2Ls who went to the Eglinton Grand last year. Matt and I went to check out the venue and we loved it. We were taking note of accessibility. There was an elevator there but one needs to find a staff member to get the key. We've discussed the importance of autonomy, and wanted to get your thoughts on it, as well as what attendees from the 1L Formal last year said. This is more directed towards Chadd and Kaitlyn.

Kaitlyn: When we used the venue last year, people always had to go look for a man named Joe to take the elevator up and down. That would be my only complaint, otherwise it was very accessible.

Sarah: Perhaps you could ask if you could get the key for a couple hours and fill out a form beforehand.

Chadd: Since you have a bigger budget, you could pay to have someone operate the elevator, like a security guard. Last year, they didn't communicate this elevator protocol to us in advance.

Steph: I did really love the venue. It's really hard to find a venue that's available that day, within our budget. Fermenting Cellar was really pricey.

Kaitlyn: Chadd's solution seems to be the best solution – to just have someone specifically handling the elevator and sitting there all night. Might need someone at the top and someone at the bottom. It might also be more feasible to have a student handling the elevator, as that would be cheaper than a security guard.

Steph: Second thing, the quote she gave me, on the menu it said it was not an allergen free environment. Aashish said it might be a problem for people with nut allergies. Did you guys have any problems with that last year?

Chadd: They also said that last year, but said it was no problem as it's a contractual term and they actually operate as an allergen free environment. We had a spreadsheet where people put down their names and their allergies and dietary restrictions, and they accommodated everything, nuts included.

1L Town Halls

Manuela:For Town Halls, you get \$50 from L&L and \$20 from Student Caucus. You can talk about anything you think your section wants to talk about. O-Week is something we always want to get input on. Should preface it by saying that we don't have any control over the first day of O-Week. Admin. doesn't want to switch how things are done that day. So tell your sections that in advance. Everything else about O-Week we want feedback on and how people experienced O-Week. We also want to hear about learning styles with different professors. What did the 1L Reps from last year bring up?

Chadd:We got feedback on learning in a tech environment, which Dean Sossin was big on. Also talked about teaching styles and course concerns, and O-Week. We divided the time up so there's more structure and in the end saw what else needed to be discussed. So moderate it and take notes as you can.

Manuela:Just take turns taking notes. Also give a brief update on what L&L and Student Caucus are doing and you can ask them what type of social events they'd like to have, for example. Communicate this information to your Student Caucus reps as well.

1L Mixer

Karin:We're going to have the 1L Mixer in 2 weeks on Wednesday evening. We wanted to do a free event, as we were unsure about the money aspect.

Sarah:What are you doing?

Karin:We're just going to chill or go to archery tag or Spin.

Other Business

Adam: Can we get a blurb in the newsletter about keeping an eye on valuables in Osgoode and how there aren't cameras in the library?

Sarah:Are we going to talk about getting a camera in the library?

Manuela:Can we add it to the agenda for the synergy meeting? We can bring that up. It was a discussion at the last meeting, but we didn't finish the discussion.

Sarah:We could have a campus town hall.

Alina:Why isn't the library only for Osgoode students all the time?

Manuela:We're already an exclusive community. We're allowed to use other peoples' facilities so an argument is why they can't use our facilities. We should bring up this discussion at the meeting.

Sarah:Trivia night was great, question – I thought we talked last week about clubs not charging for pub night?

Kaitlyn:Only Athletics Association and Mock Trial and Wendy Babcock can charge for pub night.

Manuela:Athletics Association has a lot of costs so we let them charge for pub night, but that's the only club.

Sarah:Update – decided not to move forward with a meeting with Obiter as they were very receptive to our feedback and were putting in lots of efforts to make amends after publishing the article in the Obiter. There was a retraction and a statement in the Obiter paper about it today, which shows they're really trying to improve. I'm really happy with it and with Obiter. Connor has been great!

Rachael:We didn't want to do Movember this year because there's so much else going on. We wanted to do an event for cancer awareness but in February, such as the first week.

Simi:BLSA does black history month in February so they have priority over the date.

Rachael:We could also do it in January.

Chadd:January might be a little better.

Manuela:By the way, everything is submitted for the health plan referendum!

Adjournment

Adam calls motion to adjourn, seconded by Kaitlyn, meeting ends at 1:55PM.