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Minutes

February 25, 2022

12:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Alex Mulligan (Chair), Jordan Crocker, Nushrah Amod, Danielle Landry, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Valentina Galvis, Hillary Song, Imani Theodore

Regrets: Mario Lofranco, Kelly Tal Bilenkis, Armon Ghaeinizadeh, Jessica Li, Chloe Duggal

Call to Order (12:34)

Land Acknowledgement read by A. Mulligan

President's Items

Updates Roundtable

Christina: no updates

Val: will save for agenda items.

Nush: MHWW starts on Monday. Will be sending out an email. Prof Drake has booked Doron Gold for Friday. For 1Ls, a big part was a social media campaign where students would post their wellness activities for engagement and we will be doing this again. We will be sharing resources that students can use. Care packages will include a tumbler and fill it with tea and candy. They have been ordered and are projected to be arriving on March 7th. Also emailed Mya Rimon for mailing them to students who are remote and she said her list includes 20 people and I have asked for 50. I will let you know if I need assistance. I will be sending everyone a blurb to post on their class groups.

Alex: finally after years pushing for this, admin is launching the Headspace app as a pilot project. First years will have free access to headspace.

Nush: is that something I can post about on L&L page?

Alex: I don't know. I kind of want to roll it out because I don't want admin to take credit.

Nush: yeah I will post it as a pilot project and hope to extend it in the future

Alex: yeah and maybe we can say we partnered with the Deans.

Courtney: working with Mock Trial to plan a pub night after the online screening. It is going well and the contract should be signed this week. Trying to get some venues confirmed for pub nights this coming week.

Imani: got an email from the Drake hotel saying that it seems it can be in budget so we might have a venue.

Jordan: will speak later.

Hillary: also going to meet someone from another venue. The problem with this one is that the capacity limit is 200.

Danielle: We were also looking at the Drake Hotel to rent out the bar. Christina and I sent out a form to gauge interest and 79% said they are interested so I can likely go ahead and book.

Val: maybe if the 1Ls want to use the Carlu, we could negotiate a discount.

Elections

Alex: I sent everyone the handbook. There were no comments really. Elections start next month. Start to consider what you want to run for if you want to run again. Nominations open on the 7th. There is campaigning. Everyone now needs to start working on their transition manual. Can you get it to me by March 29th.

Nush: can someone send me a transition manual

Hillary: do the 1Ls need to make one?

Alex: yeah they should.

Update On Return to School

Alex: we have distributed masks to over 50% of the student body and the bistro staff. With regards to Law Students for Safe Learning, I attended their town hall. I spoke to an office called OSCAR about various policies at York with regards to freedom of expression and I told the group which actions they should take and which they wouldn't be protected for. Chloe and I drafted mock referendum language. It has been our idea to bring motions to faculty council on March 7th regarding digital summaries, and more accessible exam opportunities. York is now permitting instructors to decide whether they want to teach their class in a hybrid format. No longer in a position where we will see strikes and walk outs.

I have been asked to attend a meeting bc it seems there might be an emergency request for ratifying a Ukrainian Law Students Society at Osgoode. Not sure what they want but I will let you know.

Hillary: Are we allowed to do our formal on the same day of the 3L formal?

Alex: no, technically you shouldn't because the Deans get invited and you will need upper years to support you.

VP External Items

1014E Office Space

Jordan: I received an email on Friday from Fair Change saying that they want to use 1014E as their office. It is a hodge-podge room that many people share and we have been using it as storage. Fair change wants to revamp the room so that they can work there. If anyone is willing to help them clean out the room, please let them know. The problem is that it is not solely belonging to them.

Alex: we need to move our stuff out of there. I don't think much of it is ours. The rest is Mock Trial and O-week. Just let them know that we will move our stuff. But we need to remind them that they will have to share with MT and O-week and they will need to contact those clubs respectively.

Third Year Rep Items

3L Formal

Val: We got approval from Osgoode last week. Things are moving fast. I emailed approximately 20 firms asking for a sponsorship. So far 6 have said no. The ticket price structure: originally said \$85 but I think it will have to be closer to \$90. The dinner is \$66 per person. We were thinking of doing two drink tickets per person. Instead of having wine bottles on the table, it would be better to do drink tickets for those who don't drink. The final cost of each ticket will be known at the end of the event. They are estimating each drink to be \$11 dollars. So the \$90 dollars will cover the dinner, 2 drink tickets, and a fraction of the appetizers. Should we only do one drink ticket so that we can cover more of the venue costs?

Alex: is there a minimum spend for drinks?

Val: No. But if we do one drink ticket, we can incorporate other things like a photobooth and lights that also add to the experience.

Alex: it is your call. In 1L, we couldn't give drink tickets.

Jordan: I mean I already experienced all this.

Val: Yeah, so I think it might be better to do.

Christina: yeah I think it is better to only do one drink ticket.

Nush: also agreed because people will pre.

Val: Okay so for the contract: there will be a formal 3 course dinner, people can purchase drink tickets, there will be a dance floor and a photo booth with unlimited prints. The Carlu contract is just to cover food, have drinks available, and a licensing cost for music and dancing, coat check, and insurance.

Alex: not sure if we can transfer insurance to a 3rd party venue but I will ask.

Val: the total quote is \$27,674. Removing the extra drink ticket will bring it down by approx. \$2,000. They only expect a \$500 deposit and they won't expect the balance until after the event.

MOTION: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approves the contract with The Carlu to hold the 3L Formal on March 24, 2022.

(Galvis, Crocker) CARRIED.

Val: There's another expense. We need to approve the contract for the AV equipment as well.

MOTION: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approve the contract with Encore Event Technologies for the 2022 3L Formal.

(Galvis/Amod) CARRIED.

Val: Photobooth company: \$959.37 for the entire event and unlimited prints.

MOTION: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approve the contract with LOLPhotobooth for the 2022 3L Formal.

(Galvis/Crocker) CARRIED.

Val: I found a DJ for \$450 for the entire night. I don't have a contract yet. He said he is okay to just be paid the day of and I trust that he doesn't need a contract because he is a friend, but at a later meeting we can approve the expense. I hope the firms bite for the sponsorship package. Also, there has been a concern raised that it would be insensitive to start selling tickets on Monday with the world events. So I wanted to ask what others thoughts were because we are only 3 weeks away

Nush: It's not really an equity issue because there is nothing we can do about the situation. We need to get this done.

Alex: Maybe wait till March 1st?

Jordan: This is not gonna be over by the end of the week like who knows how long this situation will last.

Val: will table the discussion regarding L&L funding to me, Alex and Mario

Other Business

Alex: do you want to vote on the MHWW budget?

Nush: the budget is under 5K right now. For my contest, I allocated the proceeds for a 25 dollar Uber eats card or a book of their choosing up to 25 dollars.

Val: Alex, I am going to forward the contracts for 3L Formal to you.

Val: I also got an email from the Bar Exam Crackers. We have advertised them. Am I able to advertise again?

Alex: Yes. Christina include in Newsletter.

Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Adjournment (1:33 pm)

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 9 February, 2022, was deemed approved.