

L&L Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2019 (Room 2009)

Present: Genevieve, Ashley, Rachael, Shvata, Bobby, Aiishwariya, Karin, Alannah, Alex, Jacob, Phoebe, Reilly.

Call to Order

12:31 pm.

SCI (Student Choice Initiative) Update

Genevieve: I want to discuss the email sent to the student body about opting out of the levy. It was \$35 per term automatically in student accounts and we used it to fund many L&L events. This mandate is the Ford government's mandate to create a system to opt-out of non-mandatory fees. If opted-out, then you don't pay, but for everyone who didn't it was charged to their student account. 78% opted in and 22% opted out. We don't know what everything will look like. No exact numbers from the school yet. Not sure how it all will be distributed. Clubs have submitted budgets, but we don't know for sure what we can offer them. Other schools did a bigger push and were successful, but there are different natures, some students here may not have seen a benefit. You can opt back in by paying us \$35 directly per term. But administration is concerned about us restricting access to our services.

Ashley: when will York get back to us?

Genevieve: York will give us the list of people by Friday that only L&L Executive will access to. If people did not opt-out then they don't have the option to opt-out next semester.

Rachael: The Student Representative table discussed various approaches to make up the difference in budget. One option is manually being able to opt-in if we restrict access. We will have a membership list of who is opted in, and so we can give 2 prices for our events with a higher fee for people who have opted out. But, we still need to discuss these things and we're not sure if we want to go this route. We can give the ability to Osgoode to give students what we are giving them access to. So, for example, with the summary database – students get access to them by submitting their own summary. It's not always accessible so Mya Rimon has the password. We can do something similar for our events.

Special Projects

Rachael: upper years have additional projects that they take on. What events should we run to increase our discretionary fund?

I have thought of a potential spin class that the 1L reps can help out with.

Genevieve: we'll have a list of projects by the end of the week that the 1L Reps can pick from.

Rachael: one of the potential projects was regarding rooms next to the moot court that we have access to. They are empty and there was discussion last meeting if we should use them for storage or other purposes.

Genevieve: Ashley and I are going to meet with the OEO about the use. It hasn't been used in 9 years. OEO will help reconstruct the rooms and clean them.

Aiishwariya: I haven't started on the Yearbook yet, but that can be a potential special project.

Revitalizing the JCR and Club Relationships

Bobby: I've been brainstorming some ideas to help raise money for Law Games. There's a couple of ideas that involve the JCR. I had a question regarding the screens. Do we pay for those to get set up?

Ashley: I think we do.

Bobby: without getting too costly and just using something like Chromecast, if we use those screens then we can boost the attendance at the JCR. For Law Games, we've also been considering running a pool table tournament, but for that we would require \$175 for new gear.

Genevieve: do we not have the right gear?

Bobby: we don't have a full set of anything. We're looking for individual sponsorship for that. We might get a new table and put the sponsor's name on it. I just wanted to see if L&L has any funding to contribute.

Rachael: we have a discretionary fund so we can discuss this idea.

Bobby: I was also thinking of doing Holiday Cards and operating it as a partnership between Law Games and L&L. I know people who are able to do it for a low cost.

Ashley: I'm a little worried about it coming off that because you have a seat here, Law Games and L&L have a stronger relationship.

Genevieve: There is already a relationship because L&L runs the JCR and Bobby has been making special cocktails to still meet the standard income and contribute some to Law Games. Some of our pub nights and tournaments are associated to Law Games too. So, it is something that we can consider.

Student Representative for Accessibility

Genevieve: Michael is here to talk about accessibility for our events. He has a template for everyone who is hosting an event to help meet accessibility goals. We can talk about implementing it for different events that L&L is part of.

Michael: we want to establish a procedure so everyone knows how accessible your event is. We want to ensure a means of communication between L&L and students who need accommodations. Most important consideration is having an accessibility contact. Better to have the person who is organizing the event. There are certain considerations we want you to be mindful of like wheelchair accessibility, captioning or ASL interpretation, and the level of crowds attending. The clubs fair was very overwhelming and too loud for some people.

Ashley: with this form you are asking organizers to fill out, are you requiring everything to be accessible?

Michael: no. I just want the information to be able to share with people before they go to an event. We also just want L&L to do their due diligence regarding accessibility. It would be nice if more things were held at accessible places and not just 80%.

Rachael: most events are organized by clubs, so Ashley will talk to them about this.

Ashley: L&L can lead by example and then clubs can try to make their events more accessible instead of making this a requirement.

Motion to use the form for L&L events put forward by Rachael, seconded by Alannah. All in favour.

Alternative Social Events

Karin: we're doing a trivia night but the date is still to be determined. We don't want to replicate what other clubs are doing. another event people had interest in is archery night but that is cost associated.

Genevieve: we'll compare the costs of some ideas and see what works best.

JCR

Genevieve: JCR wants to buy the mason jars (around 60) that we use for cocktails. It would end up saving us a lot of money. Also, we're trying to cut down on plastic.

Motion to purchase the mason jars put forward by Karin, seconded by Ashley. All in favour.

Adjournment

1:26pm.