



The Legal & Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School

Minutes

25th of September 2024
12:30-1:06PM EST

Zoom & In Person

Present: Julie Choi, Tania Kengatharan, Brandon Connor, Yuval Shilon, Shivaansh Khanna, Karel Peters, Hamza Shahzad, and Reagan Cockburn.

Absent: Joyce Gerges, Jamie Lynn Galley and Kelly Tal Bilenkis.

Call to Order (12:30pm)

Julie motioned to start the meeting, and Tania seconded.

President's Items

1. Motion to halt yearbooks & agenda production

Friesen's wants us to enter into another contract.

It costs a lot of money, most of the content ends up being from the same 3-4 people and a lot of the yearbooks are never claimed.

Discussed possibility of having them made anyways and people could pay personally – but based on quick survey of peers it is going to require just as much effort from the team to create the yearbook for very few people to purchase. At \$100 a book we don't think people will buy into it anyways.

Shivaansh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: THAT the Legal and Literary Society ceases to produce yearbooks in partnership with Frissens for the academic years 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.

(Julie motions/Shivaansh seconds) CARRIED 1L Reps + Mentorship

2. 1L Reps + Mentorship

Elected, will be officially ratified and welcomed by EOD today.

Thank you Michael <3

The plan is to pair 1Ls with exec so they can become aware of day-to-day tasks.

Call for volunteers (everyone but Tania – 3L Rep because her position isn't relevant for the 1Ls yet).

VPI, VPX, Equity Officer, Social Convener, 2L Rep, and Treasurer.

Brandon, Shiv, and Hamza volunteered (3/4).

3. Meeting with Dean Today

Meeting is happening later today.

Julie will raise current issues which include:

Funding.

Change in the Bistro – no more hot food so no more cutlery; concern for students eating their lunch; don't want it to become our problem.

YU Card access for the JCR?

OEO is on it.

Security issues in JCR – stolen items, etc.

4. Levy Referendum

Petition of 10% of student body needed to pass the referendum – we currently have about 100 people.

A much more onerous process than originally expected – might not be able to happen this term, but should definitely be in effect by next year.

Internally passed the referendum last week and it is already being talked about; anti-levy increase campaigns are being planned.

Levy is relative to tuition, so for as long as tuition doesn't increase (which has been the case recently with the tuition freeze), our levy doesn't increase either – hence why it hasn't changed in a long time.

We cannot continue to run a deficit because we don't have the contingency fund to absorb it anymore. Our current budget is unsustainable and we will need to cut services drastically, while charging a lot more for all the events we run such as orientation and the galas.

5. Cleaning the Office

It is packed.

Secretary's Items

6. From the student body: can we get rentable laptop chargers for the library/request that the library acquire some?

Can someone talk to librarian?

Reagan can talk to Billy.

We will start with raising the issues with the laptop chargers, and then maybe ask librarian if they can keep a hold of pool cues for the JCR.

VP Internal's Items

7. First JCR Night

Scheduled for next Wednesday on October 2nd. It's from 4-9pm – if you know anyone who has an evening class, try to get them to come out.

Anyone who wants to help can reach out to Reagan.

Equity Officer's Items

8. Wellness/Academic Success Session

Bhatia reached out to a bunch of people.

Professor Berger wants to do a wellness and academic success event in November.

Non-mandatory for 1Ls but they are the main target.

Collab with Western Prof + OPSC (Osgoode Peer Services Centre).

L&L is just facilitating the event – don't need to do anything in particular.

2L Rep's Items

9. Headshots – Tonight in JCR with OBLS and Fashion Law Society

No discussion, just an update from the 2L rep that the headshot event will be going forward as planned (tonight!).

It's a collab between L&L, OBLS, and the Fashion Law Society.

10. Jamie and Yuval were reached out to by the Osgoode Bookstore for 2 L&L events to sell merch in the hallways

Used to do it (but didn't do it last year), they want to bring it back.

Haven't had time to respond yet.

Thinking about collaborating on merch.

Will need some help to design.

Can negotiate a cut of the proceeds, or maybe a frame from the bookstore for our composite?

Can also see if we can turn this into a source of revenue via our negotiations.

11. Fundraising Idea

After the collaboration event with the other schools, Yuval met with the manager at Rendezviews who proposed two venues for us to use in the future.

Social Convenor at TMU wants to collab with us to do a combined Halloween event.

Could utilize for a Halloween party with ticket purchases + tickets for the bar.

Min. spend for the bar is \$2k.

Could get 1L gala DJ or live music (would be very demure, very mindful)

The venue is very nice and huge.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting (1:06pm)

(Julie motioned/Yuval seconded) CARRIED