



Minutes

27 January 2021

12:30 – 2:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Karin Kazakevich (Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Sydney McIvor, Jordan Crocker, Alex Mulligan, Nushrah Amod, Aiishwariya Haran, Mario Lofranco, Danielle Landry, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron

Regrets: Akshay Aurora

Call to Order (12:34PM)

President's Remarks & Items

1. Updates Roundtable

Reilly: Club budgets and replying to emails now. Focus on elections will be coming up as there was lots of time.

N. Amod joined the meeting at 12:35PM.

Alex: doing the passive socials. Posting cocktail event today. On Friday, planning on posting a quote on Friday for some mental health reminders. Was approached by the Schulich GBC board for charity speed dating event.

Aiish: is that event just within Osgoode?

Alex: unsure, just bringing it up here as something for interest.

Aiish: looking at options for 3L Formal. Best way is probably through Zoom. Dinner boxes with a drink to send out to people. Trying to figure out composites.

Sydney: many things happening. Piles of requisitions from last year. Club budgets are done. Christina helped. In contact with the new bookkeeper and getting her onboarded. Stalemate with our auditors right now. Will give them a call this week and have the audit done by the end of the term. Refunds are happening, most efficient might be to have people fill in a Google Doc and might need support. Would need to also cross-reference for people who we have given a refund to. We will also be refunding more than we got in. Will be taking a loss because the money to the third-party hosting site is gone. Got the refund from the 1L formal venue.

Jordan: nothing much to report.

Rachael: had the first meeting of the Professor Appreciation Committee. Probably will make a video and Osgoode will post. Talking about what gifts we want to do, will keep L&L informed. Summary database is working well. Our site is now hosted by Blacksun in Saskatchewan.

Nushrah: Student Caucus side updates really. Creating equity roundtable to fill gaps in the Faculty Council Equality Committee. In terms of speed dating, will probably be like asking interview questions.

Courtney: Section D is riled up about the copy/paste debacle. People upset about the grades.

Sydney: what is the underlying situation? What happened?

Courtney: in the section people thought you could copy and paste notes and others did not think you could. People who didn't copy and paste felt cheated. Managing expectations right now.

Karin: has the admin responded?

Courtney: not really. People keep asking us for updates. Cooling down now though.

Jessica: had a little social in the first week. Tried to run a Movie Night. Over 10 people showed up, but they just wanted to talk so we did that. Still thinking of different ideas. Osgoode Community Engagement Forum had a meeting and another one is scheduled. Looking into faculty/student talent show. Will keep L&L updated. Attended the Student Representative Roundtable on the Human Rights policy.

Christina: section has been quiet. Helped Syd and Reilly and still doing Oz.book with Danielle.

Danielle: Oz.book and A has been having some drama in Discord.

Rachael: a note on free speech. We are a government, but not the government. We're not censoring people. Sometimes people don't get along unfortunately. Sections every year are a little cliquey. Issues did get resolved.

Sydney: normal in second semester for people to settle into cliques. Tiring being with the same people every day. Big picture is that everyone will be fine.

Alex: if you want to connect offline, Danielle, we can put together a social with upper years.

Danielle: might be a good idea.

Alex: offer stands for all of the first-year sections.

Sydney: did people post their grades?

Danielle: that did happen, but other people from other sections came in to assist.

Karin: have been helping and monitoring situation.

Mario: echo Karin's sentiments. Reilly handled things well last year. If you need to lean on any of us, please do. Not in this alone.

Reilly: Sometimes can use things from Student Code of Conduct.

Rachael: in my year, we did bring it up to Dean's Office. Student Code of Conduct exists for a reason. I can also step in and remind folks if you want as well.

Jessica: would be helpful. The reacting aspect isn't great. People don't also seem to understand that these actions can be brought to admin.

Karin: Tuition Working Group is finally going through, and something will be done by the end of the semester. Two admin matters are coming up. Open House for Admitted Students on March 1st. Inspired by Club Fair and are doing the Zoom rooms. March 1st from 7 – 8.

Rachael: most of your time will be explaining L&L isn't a book club!

Karin: any volunteers?

Christina, Reilly, Danielle, and Mario volunteered; Sydney will be around.

Karin: Student Roundtable is looking for 2-3 students this term to advise President Lenton. Anyone have capacity?

Courtney, Danielle, and Mario volunteered.

2. Year at a Glance

Karin: like to visualize how the rest of our year will look like. Major L&L milestones. February will be Mock Trial and Wendy Babcock. Typically falls under L&L and we help fund. For next year we should discuss how the funding will work. Welcome Day in March. Diversity Week is TBD. 1L/2L/3L Celebrations and Spring Elections. Yearbook and grad photos are ongoing. April will be Grad Toast and End of Exam Celebration which is TBD. Transition meeting and the manual. Unfortunately, lots of things are TBD at the moment.

3. Yearbook/Composite Update

Karin: these were sent out for the Class of 2020.

4. 3L Toast

Karin: need to nail down a date for this. Used to be at Gowlings and admin folks would say congrats. Last year was Zoom. Around 15 minutes. Dean's Gold Key Awards happens. 10 Gold Keys for contributions to Osgoode for 3Ls. Tentatively, April 7th for now. Is that too close to exams? March 31st will be our last meeting and will be a transition. Can also be the 5th because there is no Faculty Council.

Rachael: usually not the last week.

Jordan: usually does happen earlier, Student Caucus does miss 3L reps at their meeting.

Karin: 31st then?

Rachael: if we can do the toast on the Wednesday and have our meeting on the Monday that works.

Karin: okay, so will have on March 31st and will move our meeting around.

5. Health Insurance

Karin: company still trying to push services. Mental health and wellness we already have. Probably will not move forward with the mental health one. Telehealth is also being pushed (Dialogue) (\$50/year/student). Legal services one so that you are insured for housing disputes and such (\$20 or so per year).

C. Cameron left the meeting at 1:23PM.

Karin: I think the move is to have this be pitched to YUGSA. Don't like the idea of having Osgoode students paying more.

Rachael: pass off to YUGSA. Better deal with larger group of people.

Karin: have a meeting with them later today so will relay that. Next year's board can still look at this before September.

Vice-President External Items

6. Mock Trial

Reilly: Context = we give Mock Trial some funding every year. This year they don't need the same amount, but they would like some help with audio mixing, so we'd still be helping with tech things. Can reimburse around \$500. In favour of helping them and it's one of the only events that brings everyone together. Anyone on Mock Trial should abstain.

Karin: \$500 is probably a little bit more than what's needed. Usually security and tech, but to keep in the spirit of what happens we can keep similar.

Jordan: Approve of giving the funding, though we need to ensure there isn't a conflict of interest. So, if you handle money on the L&L side or are a signing authority (Treasurer, VP External) and are a cast member, you should abstain. If you are an Executive on Mock Trial, you need to abstain here.

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approves the use of up to \$500 for Mock Trial funding.

(Everitt-Cunningham/Crocker) CARRIED

Mario: what's the limit on a gift by the way?

Sydney: \$10 for a gift card. If you want to do something that is not money, it's more flexible. Issue is only with giving out student's money.

Mario: CIAO wants to do three panels. \$10 Uber Eats each and for another one in March hoping to give a more sizable gift.

Sydney: can speak after but have your budget so that is also kind of set.

New Business

7. End of Year Idea Brainstorm – Karin

Karin: Not a lot of time before the end of March. Would like to nail down the dates. Care packages idea has been floated. We can do that and have less money for other formal things, or every year gets a version of something. Is there an appetite for care packages? If not, what do those end of year things look like. Can try gift cards for food on formals or a really cool piece of Osgoode merch. Or like a frame for 3Ls. If we do swag bags it will impact the budget.

Jordan: not opposed to care packages, but if we can give more money out at formal events then we should do that because we have done care packages before.

Sydney: we should also consider if we do a virtual event and if giving gifts to people who are not attending.

Nushrah: a gift would be better, especially for 3Ls with something like a grad hoodie.

Sydney: does not have to be merch, plague or something else might be better. Trophy or something along those lines. Sweaters get worn out. Want something that students can have on their desk in 30 years.

Aiish: like the idea, Sydney. O-Week was hard to get numbers, but if we advertise as a way to dress up with friends might get more take up. Zoom breakouts are like tables. People can choose their 'tables.' There should be something as a celebration and awards first with Zoom rooms later might be something people want to do.

Karin: not also mutually exclusive. Can have a cool gift and do Zoom.

Aiish: have had people asking about 3L Formal and would be nice to give them that night.

Karin: can still do the awards and use the Dean's funding.

Aiish: they happen on Thursdays, right?

Rachael: last year's was March 12. Don't care about order but can't have 1L and 3L Formal on the same night. Doesn't matter this year because you can just switch your Zoom room. Keep on a Thursday.

Aiish: 11th is the Fashion Show this year, I think.

Alex: yeah, they are doing an event, like a showcase.

Karin: So 18th or 25th? Is still flexible.

Aiish: can figure it out.

Karin: going to 1L and 2L Informal Formal. Is there appetite to do an event?

Christina: I would like to, but I don't know how it would go.

Karin: typically, there are section awards. Could this happen?

Christina: section would be interested.

Danielle: food delivery Secret Santa.

Sydney: usually \$10K for 3L Formal and \$2500 for 1L. \$7K closer to get everyone a meal.

Christina: like the idea of dressing up just unsure if it would get people interested.

Sydney: if we charge no one will show.

Karin: could give everyone a package. Things don't really happen for 2Ls anyhow. 3Ls can just have the special treatment.

Mario: want to do something though because we didn't have a 1L Formal. Should have something for 2L Formal.

Sydney: you should have some funding.

Mario: might try and get people to rally to do something virtually.

Karin: go full steam ahead. Big question is the funding and if we fund food or if we fund a swag bag.

Nushrah: like the idea of a swag bag, what's the funding? \$5K last year.

Karin: we have at least that much.

Sydney: also depends on the money from the Dean. Money not the barrier.

Mario: do people need to be on the L&L Exec that can help, or you can have a mini team.

Karin: you can make a Committee and put out a call for people to help.

Sydney: also, if you need more money, we can probably work something out.

Karin: aside from the Dean's Funding for the 3Ls, everything is open. Should come to the next meeting with ideas. Ordering things and shipping takes time. Have to get going on this. The call to action is to Aiish, Mario, and the 1Ls. Nail it down.

Aiish: is it worth reaching out to the 3Ls and asking people to form a Committee? Need more voices because I don't hear much.

Rachael: A Committee could work.

Karin: go forward with that sooner rather than later. Get more people involved. If you have people you want to reach out to 1Ls, then please do. Next meeting come with some ideas and nail down what is happening.

Nushrah: like the idea that Sydney posted in the chat as a gift. We can also look at options as well. Like a grad ring.

Sydney: whole class should get the same thing.

Rachael: agreed and it would be cheaper.

Danielle: could we get a picture of the Exec on Zoom next meeting? Need content for Instagram.

Christina: running low on content!

Aiish: I'll also start to have people think about submitting things.

Rachael: booked for our special meeting this Sunday. 2:30PM this Sunday, please be ready to discuss. Reach out to me if you have any questions about rationale.

Karin: also, here if anyone needs help because this is a tough time now.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Kazakevich/Crocker) CARRIED

Adjournment (2:06PM)

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2021, were deemed approved.

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, 10 February 2021, 12:30PM EST