

LEGAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 27th 2017 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Present: Alex, Manuela, Cory, Sarah, Ashley, Renee, Taylor, Jean-Nic, Chad, Galen, Genevieve, Meghan, Dan, Aashish

Call to Order

12:35pm – Meeting begins

Minutes Ratification

Someone aside from Alex will bring a motion and someone else seconds, then everyone votes.

Manuela brings the motion, Aashish seconds and no one opposes – motion passes

Associate Dean Remarks

Professor Ben Berger: Congratulations on being appointed. Discussion on communications contact for assistance.

Principal interface with the senior administration. Concerns about help or information, email Berger about issue and best contact for it. He is the Associate Dean of Students and the Associate Dean of Academics is Mary Condon. They work closely together – The principal go-to is Professor Berger NOT Professor Condon. A matter relating to administrations or student services, the person you go to is Mya Rimón.

Anything facilities related (rooms, infrastructure, space, etc) is the Executive Office – Kim Moore.

Mandate: Oversees student matters

Decision-making for the school goes to Dean Loren Sossin

Alex also has the contact information.

Ears to the ground: The administration (Mary, Ben, Sossin) capacity is that faculty do this or change this or behaviour of the following way. Outside of faculty council, there is not much else they can do. Everything up there is persuasive. The academic freedom and ensure governs the school.

Petition: Academic difficulty and write a petition to Academic Standing for relief. Ben's take on petition of people signing it, the signage does not alter his perception on an issue – he would still look at it reasonably and seriously. Petitions aren't a great use of time. It doesn't change an unweighty issue into a weighty one and vice versa. It is better to articulate an issue of concern rather than petition!

Student Funding link that provides a bunch of criteria that goes through the Dean. Uncertain about the "legs" of it because of new policies coming into effect. Is it advancing the strategic plan, etc. INDIVIDUAL FUNDING IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS FACILITATED.

Reconciliation fund is something to keep in mind.

Community engagement fund where students want to engage with community partners to work on justice issues. Run through Ben's office with funds up to \$1000.

News release about a reinstatement of student funding.

How licensing process will unfold: law school as a body didn't make a submission but SC did. Group of Ontarian law professors put a submission talks about the terminological gaps between law society means about experimental is and what law school clinics and intensives are.

Invitation to check in with Ben à points raised and issues that you might him to be alive to.

Community engagement Fund: Cant be the core activities of what they do instead it has to be specifically occasioned with a community partnership.

New Executive Introductions

Renee: VPI, in 3L, to successful get out of here alive.

Jean: transfer student from MTL, 1L rep for section B

Genivere: section D

Galen: Section C 1L Rep

Chad: Section A 1L Rep

Late Clubs Ratification

4 clubs for ratification

Need a constitution and membership list to be ratified.

Aashish moves to ratify the club budgets as found in the attachments sent to everyone, the ratification for ¾ clubs listed except for the Osgoode Peer Support Network to be ratified today. Seconded by Dan. All in favour. Motion passes.

Ground Floor Space Use Meeting

Renovations to the Osgoode basement (old bathrooms that are no longer in use), they want to prioritize the space for students. Its better to have one of the bigger space with tables and chairs than a similar Heliwell Centre space.

Working on it during the summer holidays.

New L&L Email System

Dan is transferring everyone over.

Want branding and cohesion.

Dan: Running us through Outlook.

You are able to customize it by clicking on the GEAR icon to set your settings up.

Groups tab on the left-hand side.

There is a shared calendar for office hours.

File sharing – OneDrive which is private to yourself but you can share with others.

First years have accounts now.

Obiter Dicta Structure

Historically, they are the independent newspaper. Obiter receives a levy. They would run an audit at the same time as us.

However, that is determinative of whether their relationship is one that is in connection with L&L. If not, we would need to have a referendum.

At the moment, it is for Obiter to look at their Constitution to see what their relationship is with us.

Aashish: Does their audit pose a risk with running it at the same time as L&L's? No.

Funding Opportunities: Community Engagement Fund

Annual General Meeting

We need 10% of our student body to meet corium.

Possibly have food there.

Dan: As long as we get through the first item of appointing the auditor and agreeing to the financial statements we are good.

We need to figure out the process of what it will look at and the timing.

What is the length of the meeting?

Its dependent on items.

Legal process is sometimes on Fridays so free lunch 15 minutes before.

Aashish is concerned about a Friday because we may end up in a situation where 2Ls and 3Ls aren't here so might not be fair.

Might be worth looking at right after the midterm and oci panic (Oct. 20ish)

Aiming for dinner or lunch?

Need to look at 1L midterm schedules

1Ls send midterms and final examination schedules and what resources we can provide at the AGM.

Legal Education Working Group

On **16 at 3pm** there is a meeting ran through the Dean's Office, the items at TBA with Cory and Alex there. It is more generalized on topics and student life.

Everyone is welcome to attend and you may ask others if they would like to attend.

Health Plan – Ashley

Adam 2L representative said how the graduate system is cheaper and more flexible so he wanted to bring the issue up about the costs and if its possible to switch the plan.

Alex: We are in YUSA but YFS provides our services.

Dan: originally with the grad students so then no longer were not in the plan. Then we had to buy in. Now this year we have to opt out if we needed.

Alex: This wouldn't affect students, it would be next year as we're committed to YFS

Other Business

Alex: Typically, 1L reps you are assigned a small portfolio. We will discuss what they are with you soon. It typically involves assisting another L&L member with their roles

Aashish: I need people to give me their availabilities still for tabling. While I am able to handle most of it alone, it would be good to have designated backups if I have meetings etc

Manuela: Sustainability committee

Just an update on the committee and on biodegradable cutlery

Will go to Aramark to see where they get biodegradable cutlery. Might try to partner with them

But they also went out and saw pricing and found some that are reasonable

Equity Sub-Committee

I have gotten five applications for mental health, four for diversity.

Would encourage 1Ls to reach out to their sections figure if anyone is interested in the sub-committee. Also to get involved themselves if possible

Alex: I met lawyerly.org, which does case briefings. They're working on a new system and are in close contact with UOttawa and Western. Talking to UFT as well. It doesn't seem like they're doing anything very new just yet.

I have bookmarks to pass around. If you could check the website and see if you have feedback, let me know

Jean: Is there any funding for 1L section reps

Alex: There is not anything available in terms of specific funding outside of town halls.

Manuela: If you give a date + time, people will usually come by. It's fairly easy.

Aashish: Building on that, I noticed that people will show up if you coordinate something. It's pretty okay – one big one I did last year was have my section at Shopsys after the citation quiz. Also ran a BBQ at 5 dollars/person

Cory: Does student caucus budget cover town halls? Do we pay for it?

Alex: No

Jean: Does L&L have a calendar on the website for activities?

Renee: We're working on it.

Alex: Renee is in talks to figure out how to link it, we were supposed to have one last year but it did not work out.

Jean: I believe this could help with club overlap in events etc

Aashish: We'll have some overlap regardless but this could potentially help

Alex: We need to do an oath of affirmation for the new members

Oath of Affirmation read out and was affirmed by all five new members

Movement to Adjourn: N/A