



Joint Minutes

28 October 2020

12:30 – 1:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: For L&L: Karin Kazakevich (Co-Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Sydney McIvor, Jordan Crocker, Alex Mulligan, Nushrah Amod, Aiishwariya Haran, Mario Lofranco, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron; **For Student Caucus:** Akshay Aurora (Co-Chair), Chloe Duggal, Corey Fletcher, Brittany Town, Faiza Tariq, Gabrielle Pellerin, Tomislav Milos, Priyanka Sharma, Viktor Hohlacov, Aya Fahmi, Jaylene Olson, Herman Wong

Regrets: Danielle Landry, Arielle Masur, Chai-Wei (Annie) Hu

Call to Order (12:33PM)

1. Icebreaker

Akshay gave a land acknowledgement

Viktor Hohlacov left the joint meeting at 12:35PM

Jessica Li joined the joint meeting at 12:37PM

2. Initiative/Advocacy Updates

Karin: General updates – clubs have been active and doing events online. Reimbursement system is up and running. E-Transfer now. Grad photo information have been released, working with students who need alternatives. Happen throughout the year and can take them in the Winter. Clothing sale is happening through York's website. Social events on Thursdays are running. Posted on Pub Night Facebook page. Ozbook is now live, please submit things. 1L Reps taking over. Mental Health and Wellness Week (MHWW) updates as well.

Nushrah: decided to make 450 care packages by sign-up. Won't spoil what's in there. Have a variety of events planned as well as contests on social media. Things posted through L&L. Week of November 9th.

Aiish: are we going to monitor and make sure people aren't gaming the system and signing up twice?

Karin: when they sign up, we'll use Oz email and address. Can put some checks and balances in the form.

Rachael: L&L book sale page, have the YorkU number inputted.

Corey: are you giving some to students who have registered for accommodations from school?

Karin: admin is sending it out, but we can look into that.

Nushrah: you mean prioritizing students who are maybe on leave.

Rachael: probably next to impossible because admin will not share with us who is on that. Reasonable expectation of privacy. We can discuss but admin is not likely to be helpful.

Corey: not an L&L thing, maybe something to say to admin.

Karin: to clarify, the labels we are doing, but Oz can send a link and then Oz sends it out so we don't know who the students are.

Corey: could ask admin to send out 30 packages or so.

Chloe: could ask for students to self-identify in the form, maybe not perfect.

Nushrah: I understand what Corey is asking, I can email Nancy Sperling to ask if she can reach out to those students and/or ask to reserve some packages for these students. Will go with what she says.

Karin: will have our Constitutional amendment committee, hopefully get it approved for next semester. Equity consults. Newsletter sent out every week. Events Calendar is live and summary database is on a new platform. Overall, people haven't lost hope. Mock Trial is happening. No golden solution, but our outlook is still positive.

Chloe Duggal left the meeting at 1:01PM

Akshay: starting an Equity body. Being more proactive. Tuition related survey. 460 respondents. Want to flag that 80% of students thought the price of Osgoode negatively impacts their mental health. Been having discussions on the Tuition Working Group. Have a roadblock, but there is a conclusion and just need to implement. Faculty Council Committee process. Survey and will conduct an analysis to make sure we are being representative. Have some exceptional representation this year. This year we want to have sensitivity training for professors, bringing to the Teaching and Learning Committee. Passed a new Conflict of Interest Policy relating to the recruitment of faculty. Other than that, dealing with things come up.

3. 1L Town Hall Review & Issues Brainstorm

Karin: . Make sure to choose a date that works. Could brainstorm now for any thoughts. One issue we know is profs going over time in classes.

Akshay: don't want to put you on the spot but reach out if there are questions around dealing with some issues.

Rachael: we almost always get questions around ELCG – don't engage with those. Just went through a reform 2 years ago and admin is not looking at changing.

Akshay: Just a caveat APPC is discussing around discussing ELGC and the modules. So please ask for that feedback.

Corey: Town Hall could bring some discontent with online learning. Spin positively if you can. Shouldn't create an atmosphere where people feel bad.

Akshay: something that will come up: why is law school the same price even though it's online? Don't go down that road. People would want to know, but not for you to have an intense discussion. Out of your hands at this point. Maybe direct them to the fact that UofT is charging 44K.

Karin: tough question. Most you can do is not engage.

Jaylene: expecting questions around some professors have adapted and others are stuck in their ways.

Akshay: end of the day professors are professors and even if this was a year in-person, profs teach differently. One thing to say, "don't do 6 hours when you're allotted 4' versus 'this is too heavy' That's law school. Draw a line between what we do on student government versus things that are annoying

Karin: Osgoode also takes Academic Freedom very seriously. Fair to validate the concerns but draw the line that there is only so much we can do. Another thing is to get feedback on O-Week. Possible it's virtual next year. Have one of you take minutes as well. Bring up O-Week if no one says anything about it.

Akshay: some issues are also sensitive. Respect the privacy of the students. Inform them at the beginning that they can speak off the record but don't make it a nasty session. Already have got concerns from profs who don't think students are respectful. Make sure that there isn't any disrespect. Reign it in if necessary.

Karin: up to you how to run. If you want to open the floor or be more formal, up to you.

Akshay: invite anonymous feedback in advance. Can give you the report that I said at Faculty Council so you can update what Caucus is doing.

4. 2L Town Hall Review & Issues Brainstorm

Karin: there is a date.

Tomi: November 2 at 12:30PM. Arielle sent out a call for feedback. Chloe will probably be getting the comments because she set up the form.

Akshay: send any flags to Karin or I so we can look over.

Corey: you thinking you'll get questions around 2L recruit?

Tomi: think people will figure it out. Probably negative feedback for Akshay.

Pri: Town Hall is at 3:30PM.

Akshay: if you get any recruit questions, Karin and I sit on LSSO. Chloe is Vice-President so we can maybe help answer those questions.

Karin: firms aren't necessarily being told to do in-firms in person. Just encouraged. So could be that firms hold in-person.

Akshay: any questions around that just let Karin and I deal with it.

Karin: might be relevant is the 1L formal. We are not making a firm call on that until January because we don't know the public health situation. Holding off for a couple of weeks. Will talk about refunds if we cancel.

5. 3L Town Hall Review & Issues Brainstorm

Akshay: 3Ls might get questions about licensing. Same advice re: 2L recruit for 2Ls.

Aiish: was going to bring up those concerns.

Akshay: pushing an online bar exam and am not happy with the articling reduction to 8 months. We would push for things online. Convocation wants it to be in-person, but government will make the ultimate call.

Gabby: only question that I got had to do with grading scheme.

Akshay: maintain the position that we'll be going bac to 'normal' there. Will be going back to grading this term and not P/F.

Aiish: Town Hall will be November 9th.

Brittany: thinking 12:30PM – 2:30PM. Anticipate questions around convocation. Maybe around law prom (but we know that won't be a thing). Don't know if there's an official stance.

Akshay: stance should be that Osgoode will take it as it comes. Don't even know what will be happening in the Winter. Perspective Options in person but it also depends on who applies.

Aiish: 3L Prom we will operate like it will happen.

Corey: push that Ozbook thing. Looks like a nice thing for the 3Ls.

Jordan: To Brittany's point, York sets convocation dates, not Osgoode. Won't be in person anyhow, but the Senate Executive has not made an official decision on this yet. Can update if I hear anything from Senate.

Akshay: final bits of advice — if something is confidential then don't say. If something hasn't been decided at a Caucus meeting, don't make any promises. Choosing not to attend any of these Town Halls. Asked Chloe and Corey to maybe not be there. Want to have a casual thing. Text me immediately.

Karin: stay positive. You are the Reps. Be there to support and let us know if you have any questions.

Mario: Are we making sure to make it evident that people cannot record the Zoom calls? Karin/Akshay: Wouldn't record.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Crocker/Everitt-Cunningham) CARRIED

Adjournment (1:30PM)

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Next Joint Meeting

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