

L&L Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2018 (Room 2010)

Present: Adam, Alina, Rachael, Cory, Karin, Steph, Matt, Ashley H, Ashley B, Kaitlyn, Manuela, Chadd, Simi

Regards: Sarah

Call to Order

12:37PM

Minutes Ratification

Ashley H puts forward motion to approve minutes (October 24), Kaitlyn seconds, all approve. Motion passes.

Formal Updates

1L:

Alina:We have the venue secured and submitted a cheque. It will be on March 14 at the Eglinton Grand.

2L:

Manuela:Anyone know anything about the informal?

Kaitlyn:Sarah had talked about doing it at Ballroom because her friend is an events manager there and it is fully accessible.

3L

Steph:Eglinton Grand is booked for March 21stfor the 3L Formal.

Manuela:Are they doing all the food and drink in house and will they have a person for the elevator?

Steph:Yes, we will do that.

Manuela:Is there a DJ and decorations?

Steph:Not yet, but there is \$9000 in funding from the Dean's office. Raaj also emailed me and expressed interest in djjing for 3L Formal so that is a possibility but there are no details yet. We will have a photo booth for sure.

Manuela:Is there any sponsorship for 1L?

Rachael:Yes, we have McMillan and 2 more.

Alina:Steph – how did you get Dean's funding?

Steph:There's a process for it every year, but you to apply for it, I can send you the link that you fill out online.

Manuela:You traditionally get \$1000 but they'll just do it through the process.

Ski Trip

Kaitlyn:We have 30 people booked for accommodations. It's good because the minimum was 20 people. We also having 20 people booked for a 26-person bus. Some people have contacted me saying they will tell me if they will ride on the bus closer to the date. The ticket sales are closing down for buses. There are also lots of people finding their own way up. Next thing to start working on is wristband sales. Ashley said it's best to take cash. Should I table one week and also open up sales online?

Manuela:Yes, we could do tabling like for the health plan.

Cory:In my undergrad, we would give members of the Exec a certain number of bracelets to sell for grad nights – this was super efficient.

Kaitlyn:That would be good, especially for 1Ls, because everyone has different friend groups. It would also be a great way to promote them. I would be happy with that idea if everyone is on board.

Manuela:Also if anyone is not comfortable doing that let us know and I would be willing to sell the bracelets for you.

Manuela:Is it one wristband for both nights?

Kaitlyn: Yes, selling it at \$10

Cory:Do you have to get it?

Kaitlyn:Yes, you have to get a wristband before ski trip and you have to have it to get into all the night events.

Ashley B:We should avoid selling them online because it's expensive.

Kaitlyn:However we have to make sure buying a bracelet is accessible for people who aren't on campus.

Ashley B:People can have a friend buy it for them.

Kaitlyn:Next thing – what should the wristband say? I was thinking we could have a logo on them – like “Osgoode Ski Trip 2019” – but I don't want people to feel like they're on a field trip.

Everyone: Customization is cute.

Kaitlyn:Okay, so it can say “Osgoode Ski Trip 2019”?

Everyone:

Kaitlyn:There could be a logo on it too.

Manuela: What about a skiing man emoji?

Kaitlyn:That works! Also I was thinking blue wristbands?

Everyone:Sounds good!

Kaitlyn:We can start selling them closer to the date in case people lose them and we will keep track of whom we have sold them to.

Steph:Are you going to keep a list of people who buy them?

Kaitlyn:Yes, it will be like ticket sales for Halloween pub night. People who bought the full ski trip package will be covered already.

Rachael:We can have a google sheet so we can all add whom we've sold tickets to.

Discretionary Fund

Chadd:I got the quotation from events at York this morning and it is \$1300 for the space – most of the cost is for security personnel. I will have a meeting with them to see if we can decrease the price but that is the price for now. Given the estimate for the number of participants, our estimated budget is just under \$2000. The expected revenue is that we're working with the expectation of 200 people at \$20 per person, which includes the pub night after. Question – Would it be possible to have JCR pub night proceeds go towards the fund?

Ashley B:From what I understand, the proceeds from JCR don't go to Wendy Babcock, for example. I can double-check this.

Manuela:I wouldn't be opposed to having the proceeds from JCR pub night go towards the fund.

Kaitlyn:Chadd were you not thinking of doing the pub night at underground?

Chadd:No, the event won't be at underground anymore so it will be at the conference area in the new student centre.

Kaitlyn:People will come to the event because it's on the most attended date of pub night. JCR will be tight but it has capacity of 200 people.

Manuela:We're also renewing the JCR's liquor license and trying to extend it to Helliwell for big events. Hopefully we'll have it by then.

Kaitlyn:So it will be like mock trial. Great idea!

Manuela:What do people feel about proceeds from JCR going towards the fund?

Everyone:Sounds great.

Chadd:The next step is to ask Robbie if he wants to be the DJ and also to contact Mock Trial for AV equipment. I have been talking to some dancers who can choreograph and dance, and can get them to lead the dance marathon part.

Chadd:The event centre also offered food platters but it is very expensive so we will get our own. The idea was to have an alcoholic bar at the event to transition people to pub night. So from 9-10pm the event space will sell alcohol and then people can move to the JCR.

Chadd: Question – Should we do tickets for JCR alone for people who don't go to the dance marathon part of the event?

Kaitlyn:Yes I think so, because that will promote people to go to the event. There should be a package deal and also just JCR pub night tickets. There will also be a security guard at the JCR for tickets, or even by the door at the entrance.

Chadd:Sounds good. I will sell the event as a package first, and then tickets for just the JCR pub night after to make sure the capacity is okay. Does anyone have questions? []

1L Town Halls

Manuela:Everyone – please send us your minutes from the town halls. However we will go around and everyone can bring up specific problems or concerns from the 1L town halls.

Cory(A):For our section, the health plan was the main focus; someone asked if we could leave being a constituent of YFS and go to YUGSA.

Manuela:We're not actually part of YFS because we're considered our own club. When I go to meetings with York clubs, there are members of YFS and then also L&L and also YUGSA, so they don't govern us in any way. Therefore they have no say in our activities.

Cory:A question I couldn't answer was whether the money resets every 24 months or every year?

Manuela:I think it's every year.

Cory:That's what I thought too but a student pulled up a sheet that said 24 months.

Cory:Also for feedback for O-week, for the 1stday, someone recommended to have a no drinking event in the evening. Because even just a bar is associated with alcohol.

Manuela:That is good to know.

Cory: Everyone was very understanding that the schedule for the first day is out of our hands.

Cory:Also ELGC was a big thing and having undergrad York students in the library.

Manuela:Adam and I were discussing this in the morning. With respect to having undergrad York students in our library, there are issues around profiling and there is the idea that law school is becoming elitist. Faculty Council even brought up that Osgoode tuition doesn't pay for the building, and now the discussion is evolving, since there have been many complaints that having York undergrad students in the library is very disruptive.

Cory:Does undergrad tuition cover buildings?

Manuela:I don't know. The conversation regarding space and York undergrad students using law school space, has been a discussion that has come up many times at Faculty Council.

Cory:People are also concerned about having undergrad York students in the JCR.

Manuela:This is a Faculty Council issue. The question is how do you monitor people at the school without it going overboard.

Right now, this conversation is coming up because of the new student centre, which has led to a dramatic increase in the number of undergrad students in the Osgoode building. It's coming to a point where it's affecting our learning. This will continue to be discussed at Student Caucus. The issue is how you explain it to people around racial profiling. However we are focusing on it because it is worse this year than in the past. Adam is there anything you want to add?

Adam:What I asked for at Faculty Council is just a procedure for admin when it's so disruptive. As an example, there were undergrad students wrestling and throwing furniture in a classroom in the Osgoode building. A professor went in and confronted the students, and she said students were confrontational and had to get help. Therefore what I want to know is what we do when it's clearly very disruptive. This situation is no different from a student strike, where schools have policies to deal with the strike. Therefore I would like some clarification on the policies. I'm meeting with Dean Condon on Thursday. We'll continue to let students know we're working on it but if it's a major disruption, we should know what to do, especially when it comes to a point where a professor has to go keep tabs on the undergrad students.

Karin(B):There was a discussion in my section about the sexual assault unit in Criminal Law. Certain people felt like the issue was not treated with sensitivity. We facilitated a discussion with our professor and the students who were upset. Professor Dufraimont was there.

Manuela:The Survivor Network also really pressured her to send out resources to all the criminal law professors.

Alina:Our professor didn't address this.

Rachael:Our professor addressed it at the start of the semester and again before we discussed the section. She told the whole class to be cognizant of this.

Manuela:I would encourage the Survivor Network or L&L to address this. One doesn't need to be a survivor to access resources; one can just want to discuss gendered violence.

Karin:An issue for our section was that the material was outdated, and that there should be a more modern approach in the readings. Action was taken, and they had a meeting where the students voiced their concerns.

Karin:I had a question about the Helliwell rooms. Often it says you can book them but they are not available.

Matt:Sometimes student services will block the rooms off for classes or things that are running, but generally they are open.

Karin:My section also suggested a library etiquette campaign.

Manuela:We've actually brought that up with the Dean. There are signs that say no phones but no signs that say don't talk. Adam and I have asked if they could put in more signs.

Karin:Another thing my section mentioned with regards to O-Week was that they wanted more non-drinking events. They also wanted more section bonding beforehand, and some felt that O-Week went on for too long, especially when ELGC had started.

Rachael(©):My section talked a bit about the health care plan – big issues are that we don't get cards and it can be hard to figure out what your number is. I explained the referendum process to my section and everyone seemed fine with it. I also mentioned the end of term pub night at Everleigh. In terms of Orientation feedback – people said that the venue for the Dean's Gala didn't have seating and their feet were hurting by the end of the night. There was also not enough information and coordination about the amount of food that would be provided. They suggested that in the future there be more information about when food would be available at the event. They also suggested that the Gala have a proper dinner, or have it start at a different time because it started during dinnertime.

Cory:One of the documents that was provided to us actually said what type of food would be provided – but that information was hard to find so I would recommend making it more accessible.

Manuela:Something that Dean Condon brought up to Adam and I – how it was surprising that Osgoode didn't have class on elections law. This idea was proposed to Dean Condon by someone who would be a good professor if he taught it. However by then it was too late so instead it was proposed that there be a two-day workshop – approximately 5 or 6 hours – that took place before the next federal election. This sound good but not sure if people would be interested.

Rachael:For my section, there's interest in knowing more, but not necessarily in taking it.

Rachael:My section also discussed ELGC and Legal Process – specifically the fact that we haven't received feedback yet. This was brought up at the curriculum consultation and Professor Dufraimont seemed concerned about it and wanted to discuss it with Faculty Council.

Rachael:We also discussed lecture recordings. I just mentioned that LSO requires people actually attend class and people were not really concerned with this. The main concern was ELGC and Legal Process. Specifically, it was that students involved in extracurriculars, such as PBSC, still don't know how to cite things or write a memo so they have to learn it first for their extracurriculars. So there was a suggestion to have Legal Process first and then ELGC later. That way, ELGC can also be a much bigger thing and anti-oppression training can be a part of it.

Manuela:Interesting proposal.

Alina(D):My section also said something similar about ELGC and Legal Process. They're not interested in taking the elections law workshop because it takes time and it's not for more credit. A suggestion about Orientation was to not give out the swag bag the first day because it's annoying to have to carry it around the whole day.

Other Business

Simi: Mental Health and Wellness Week went so well! Matt, thanks for helping with tables. Now it's on to Diversity Week – even if I can go out and get funding, I shouldn't have to go to outside sources to find funding from a school that says they're diverse and inclusive. This would be very tasking because there's no Equity Officer at Osgoode. I don't know if there's anything L&L can do to get the funding.

Manuela:I agree. It's very hard to get the money for Diversity Week. Diversity in this school is paid for by students, which shouldn't be the way it is, in a school that promote this as their mandate. We'll bring this up with the Dean and continue discussing it next term.

Adam:There was a student arrested yesterday?

Manuela: Yes, but I don't know if there's anything to be concerned about – security is just on everyone's mind right now.

Kaitlyn:There is an issue around whether they should have called the police.

Matt:It's typically protocol to call the police.

Kaitlyn:Even at Clasp they say not to call police.

Manuela:Perhaps they thought he was a risk to himself? Not sure what the threshold is. We don't have much information about it, but it's nothing to be concerned about that we know of.

Adam: Another thing I wanted to discuss relates to the posters currently about all gender washrooms. This is an example of why we should try to get inter club communication. This is the second project I've seen where student government didn't know about it. We could've helped to bring it forward, and now admin is seeing it for the first time before L&L and Student Caucus has discussed it. We have experience with how things work at the faculty level, so we could help facilitate the process more. For example, Access to Osgoode had a recording proposal, but had I known of the draft first, I would have been able to tell them whether admin would be receptive to it. When it was proposed to Faculty Council, it got pushback. That's why I'm hoping L&L and Student Caucus can hear from clubs more because we're supposed to be the centre point of advocacy of communication.

Manuela:It shouldn't be mandatory for clubs to go through us, I just wish there was more awareness around how we can help.

Matt:Clubs are used to us saying no.

Manuela:We just need to be more proactive.

Simi: We could partner the position of the club with the position of L&L, like what we did at Western. For example, there would be 30 minutes meetings with the President of L&L and the President of a certain club. This can also build relationships.

Steph: Since now we've become aware of all gender washrooms, is there a proactive step we can take so the clubs at least know that we are offering help?

Simi: I will send out an email to the clubs.

Adjournment

Simi calls motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Adam, all in favour, meeting adjourned at 1:46PM.