



# The Legal & Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School

## Minutes

29<sup>th</sup> of January 2025

12:34 PM -12:56 PM EST

Zoom & In Person

**Present:** Kelly Bilenkis, Brandon Connor, Yuval Shilon, Reagan Cockburn, Joyce Gerges, Ava Taborda, Shivaansh Khanna, Karel Peters and Tania Kengatharan.

**Absent:** Julie Choi, Marwah Asrar, Jasmine Bates, Karth Gautam and Jamie Lynn Galley.

### **Call to Order (12:34pm)**

*Reagan motioned to start the meeting, and Kelly seconded*

### **President's Items** (Reagan/VP-Internal Appointed)

#### **1. Update Roundtable**

This item was skipped for time.

#### **2. Referendum Update**

We got way more signatures than needed for the threshold.

Just need to get them again in March now when we pose the question.

It'll be during the general election in March.

Shiv knows there are people readying to campaign against it, but we know about this already.

Brandon hears people misunderstanding what the budget increase is for, he thinks more graphs might be helpful in our communication.

A common misconception he heard was that people thought voting yes in this referendum meant voting yes on the question posed – when it was just voting to *ask* the question. So if they meant to vote yes on the question, they still need to vote *again* when we hold that vote.

He also thinks we should host a table where we sit in Gowlings and people can just come up to us and talk to us, complain, and we can address their concerns.

Reagan and Kelly supported the table idea.

#### **3. Team-Bonding Exercise/Meeting**

Reagan communicated that the team bonding-social can either be next weekend or the week after reading week.

There was some discussion on when the specific dates should be, and the team discussed any conflicts.

We settled on a date.

## Secretary's Items

### 4. Approving the January 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting Minutes for posting.

No objections, but as per usual protocol the team will have 24 hours to raise anything before Kelly sends them to Elad for posting.

## Equity Officer's Items

### 5. 1L DEI Mock Interview Program

On Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> there will be mock interviews for people who have in-firms for the 1L recruit or clinic interviews. Everything to prep is already done, we just need to start promoting and have people sign up.

We have 5 interviewers at the moment, so we could also use more people willing to take part on the interviewing-side.

### 6. Beyond the 1L Recruit Panel

On Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in room 2003, Brandon will be hosting a panel for people who weren't able to land in the 1L recruit but were able to find summer jobs regardless, and what they did to get those placements essentially.

Promotion for that will start next week.

Brandon wants pizza which he will need \$50/60 for.

Kelly mentioned that if we're giving money then we should probably motion and vote for it in this meeting.

But Shiv said if it's coming from our pre-designated budget we probably don't need to vote on that.

Brandon and Shiv will discuss the details of arranging that after this meeting.

### 7. Obiter Dicta

A student wanted to launch a complaint against Obiter Dicta, and seemed to have been informed that we would be the body to go to, to launch that, but our understanding is that they are not under our jurisdiction so we are not the correct people to complain formally to.

Brandon informed the student of this, he's just updating the group. The Vice Dean/school's admin is working with the student to find the correct forum.

## 2L Rep's Items

### 8. Venue for the 2L Formal

Yuval mentioned that there was feedback that last year's 2L Semi-Formal felt more like they were in an art gallery since the lights were on...and it was in an art gallery. The vibes weren't vibing.

Yuval is trying to find a new venue for this year's event.

Based on how many people would buy a ticket, Yuval is also considering getting additional entertainment, maybe some live entertainment?

Reagan mentioned that the BLSA conference will be from February 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Yuval's considering the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, but Reagan said that's the first weekend after reading week so there may be some people who are still away.

Yuval said that she'll plan for the 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> instead. She's already inquired for that date at some venues.

Yuval is also looking into whether we can fit a photo booth at the event into our budget. She will be prioritizing live entertainment (but hopefully the budget can include some photography too).

Joyce suggested a venue, Parlors (sp?). Yuval will also be looking into Parlors, but the main issue she's been encountering are the venues having accessibility problems.

Joyce confirmed that it is an accessible venue, and Yuval confirmed that she will contact them.

## 9. Period Project Update

Jamie and Reagan bought large stock of pads for the period project from Costco. They will be restocking the bathrooms promptly.

They are asking the boys on the Exec to help with them with restocking the men's bathroom's supplies.

Grace has also volunteered to restock for us whenever we need it.

We will try to monitor how much people are taking, since that was a concern before.

In regards to setting up a machine dispenser, OEO is looking into it for us. That will likely need to be something the next VP-I does because it will probably have to happen in the summer when there are less people on campus.

Jamie and Reagan are saving some money in the budget from their sponsors in order to finance the period-product vending machine project.

For this semester, we will be keeping the baskets and just continue asking people to be kind and only take what they need.

Final notes – we are also keeping an eye out for the 3L formal contract which should be arriving in our emails sometime this week from Tanya.

There is a Tri-School Mixer happening this Thursday with UofT and TMU. We're asking the executive to please share the event on your stories!

***Motion: to adjourn the meeting***

***(Reagan motioned/Yuval seconds) CARRIED***