



Minutes

29 September 2021

12:45 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Alex Mulligan (Chair), Jordan Crocker, Nushrah Amod, Danielle Landry, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Valentina Gavis, Chloe Duggal

Call to Order (12:49 pm)

Land Acknowledgement read by J. Li

President's Items

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society amend the agenda to move the Secretary items ahead of the Treasurer items.

(Mulligan/Tassopoulos) CARRIED

President's Items

1. Updates Roundtable

Alex: Shout out to the CEO who had to open elections after only 24 hours of being appointed. Also want to thank Jess and Chloe for hosting rooms. Two profs were really reluctant to them using class time and Chloe and Jess helped with that.

Jess: no updates.

Christina: no update.

Danielle: no updates.

Courtney: Trivia next week. Want to be in person soon.

Nush: No real update. Will have one soon, dealing with something and then will probably have to discuss in camera.

Val: Posted messages for grad photos, meeting with yearbook person tomorrow, waiting for updates for homecoming.

Jordan: nothing much. We will discuss the budgets.

Chloe: Had 79 applicants for committee positions. Doing interviews for that. On SC front, dealing with some issues that Alex will discuss.

2. Homecoming

Alex: Good news: Deans Gala was a huge success. The Deans were very impressed and felt that the Class of 2023 deserved a similar opportunity. The Deans would fund \$5,000 to host a homecoming in October for the Class of 2023. I know what the estimated costs were for the gala. The \$5,000 would cover a significant amount if we don't give drink tickets. Huge testament to Osgoode admin to work with us, I never asked for any money and they are willing to just give it to us. Deans wanted it done before Thanksgiving, but that timeline was too tight so it will be after OCIs instead. We will need all hands on deck. I know Danielle has a committee, we will need to set a time to start planning.

Bad news: Courtney submitted a TUUS form to host an off campus event and we got a response saying York is not accepting student led events at this time. Karen Drake said there can be an exception for Osgoode. It would be an Osgoode sanctioned event and we should be able to get through the TUUS process and the Deans are willing to assist. We knew this would be a rough year, but we will have help from the Deans. Just have to figure out the details.

For 3Ls, it will be a scaled down event. Still want it to happen. Prof Drake knows we want it to happen and again she will help make it an official Osgoode event. The Dean does want to do a big grad thing so this would be a smaller thing.

3. Headspace

I was pushing for headspace to be jointly funded. The Dean's are fully funding headspace. The caveat is that it will be available for 1Ls and it is a trial program only. Want to see what the value/experience is. This is a huge victory. Yes, may not be available to all 3 years. Still a joint project, but we won't be financially on the hook

M. Lofranco joined the meeting at 1:02 pm

4. Town Hall

Alex: On Friday, there will be a town hall about all the Covid restrictions. It is over Zoom from 3-4 pm. Professor Drake and Dean Condon will be there and Mya Rimon for an open and frank conversation to hear about the rules.

It is frustrating that York refuses to accept any student-led events. I know clubs have made financial commitments to running events. I don't know what to say. I have a meeting with Professor Drake later today to discuss next steps. This is dangerous; total prohibition for anything has never worked. Students will host an event that is not as safe as it could be if they were being required to comply with certain COVID rules.

18 students running for L&L/Student Caucus. This is huge, lots of excitement in the first-year class, the future of Osgoode is very bright. Results will come out tomorrow. The SC reps will know because they will need to be on committees. The results will be posted later. We will have 1L reps for the next meeting so think of projects.

Christina: The next meeting is the 13th which is OCIs, so a lot of us won't be there.

Alex: That's okay, the ones who aren't doing OCIs will chill with the 1Ls.

VP External Items

1. Fall Clubs Budget

Jordan: For budgets, I made an *ad-hoc* committee consisting of: Mario (Treasurer), Nush (Equity Officer), Alex, (President) and myself. We had over \$20,000 requested. But only \$15,000 was allocated to clubs so we had to break it down based on who the equity groups are and what the precedents as to what each club has historically received. We have budgets. The total is \$14,890.97. Can turn to Alex to talk about the percentages. Alex: the number that Jordan presented represents a 6% increase of clubs funding. For equity groups, the amount of funding increased 19%. This year groups like OWN asked for less money which opened up the room for other groups to ask for more money. BLSA increased 100%, Jewish Law Students: 307% increase, MLSA 74% increase, OISA 486% increase. Tamil Law Students 167% increase. Any equity group that wanted a budget increase got a budget increase. Jordan: Most clubs were fully funded. The thing is that when we give money to one group, the reality is we must take money from someone else. **Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society go in-camera for this portion of the meeting. (Mulligan/Tassopoulos) CARRIED Motion: That the Legal and Literary Society goes out of in-camera. (Mulligan/Landry) CARRIED Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approves and ratifies the Fall Clubs Budget allocation, aside from the temporary allocation to the Osgoode Hall Law Union. (Crocker/Amod) CARRIED**

Secretary Items

1. Newsletter

Christina: So, I was talking to Jordan, and he was suggesting that there might be an alternative way to send out information to the Osgoode student body because the newsletter is likely not the most effective means. So, I wanted to ask everyone their thoughts.

Nush: I personally don't think anyone reads it.

Christina: Thank you, Nush.

Alex: Is there a way to investigate and see how many people interact with it?

Jordan: We don't have access to that info.

Alex: Okay we can think of an alternative. We could scale it down and clubs can put on events calendar.

Jess: We have had clubs ask for us to promote things on our story. Maybe encourage clubs to send it to us to post.

Jordan: The issue is that some people don't have social media and then wouldn't get the info.

Alex: Okay, everyone think about alternatives for next meeting.

Other Business

Jordan: Are we sending out agendas?

Alex: They're in my room. If we can't send through the Deans, we'll have to do a pick up.

Jess: Please send website bios.

Jordan: Will talk to Christina later to update bylaws because we made some edits over the summer and we need to make sure our records are accurate for future.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Tassopoulos/Li) CARRIED

Adjournment at 1:40 pm.

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2021, were deemed approved.