

L&L Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2019 (Room 0014K)

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

Regards:

Call to Order

12:33PM

Diversity Week (March 3rd-8th)

Simi: Diversity Week is from March 4th to March 8th. We have \$650 in sponsorship from BLG and Osler, still waiting for some corporate sponsors and will apply for dean's funding. Dean's funding is \$1000 maximum.

Manuela: I proposed the idea to the Dean of how we don't have enough money for diversity week. She said she will try and match what you get in sponsorship. We will try and do this every year.

Simi: Diversity Week Committee decided that on Monday March 4th, we will have cut-out Os, and people can artistically show diversity on the Os. We're also trying to get different performers in Gowlings. For example, we will have a drum line, acting, and singing in the area where BLSA and OISA used before.

Simi: Tuesday will be world snack day, where we will have snacks from all around the world. People will have little bags to put their snacks in.

Simi: Wednesday will be world cultural celebration. I rented out Helliwell. We will have station booths representing different countries and intersection. For example, we have people from China, Pakistan, and India on the Diversity Committee. I also want to reach out to OUTLaws, maybe they could have rainbow cookies. I'm hoping that people will walk around the centre grabbing food and learning about different people's intersection. I don't want it to just be about culture. On Wednesday, there will be a diversity mixer or karaoke in the JCR at night.

Manuela: L&L has a karaoke machine. I'll give you the email.

Simi: On Thursday, we want to have a diversity in the legal profession panel. We need help and ideas of who to invite.

Simi: Also, based on the week, we will have a world map contest, where people can stick pins on where they're from. We will ask students to write down their name and we will guess how many countries people are from. It will close on Wednesday, we will announce on Friday the student who won and they will get a gift.

Adam: Also with career stuff, Aashish said there's someone from the alumni board who is eager to help. Aashish has a contact.

Simi: On the Monday, does anyone have ideas about people we can ask to perform?

Ashley B: Brie.

Kaitlyn: Nigel Crowe.

Ashley B: We can think of people who performed from the entertainment sports law mic night.

Simi: I also want to know people's idea on snacks, I don't want to spend more than \$400, but I also need to know where to get them for cheap.

Simi: Also for the Wednesday, if you have intersections you want to celebrate and share with Osgoode, let me know and I can give you a booth.

Manuela: I can talk to OLAS.

Sarah: I can also post in OISA.

Simi: If any of you have any more ideas, let me know.

Kaitlyn: For the snack thing, we can have something similar to a passport, where people go to different rooms. For the passport, you can get a snack from each culture to check off the country for where you've been. That way, it's not just a mad dash for food.

Simi: Bingo cards?

Manuela: We could also have bingo cards, where we have countries on the bingo card and you have to talk to someone from a different culture. That way you're talking to people about their different cultures but also learning about different cultures.

Simi: We will also need people to handle the line on March 6th.

Dance Marathon Logistics

Chadd: We have sold 12 tickets so far, which is worrisome but also fine (about \$248). For budgeting, it was \$1150. As of right now, we will probably spend \$946 so have some excess. We got DJ down to \$200. There will be wristbands and glow bracelets to give out at the door or leave at the bar. I spoke to the 1L reps about lights. For balloons, I will order from a company that will ship them directly to Osgoode between 5pm to 6pm tomorrow. Balloons will be big letter gold balloons, two arrangements, and they

will go at the back of the JCR where the dancers will be. Karin will go to Costco today to get candy and granola bars. That will be about \$150.

Chadd: Today, Alina and Cory are tabling to get more on the spot sign ups. Tomorrow, we will probably get lots of sales. I will send a list of who is doing what shifts.

Chadd: Question – should we do reduced price entry onwards at the end of the dance marathon?

Kaitlyn: Yes. People say the price right now is way too expensive for pub night, especially with other things coming up. For example, the reduced price could be \$10 advertised from 10pm onwards.

Chadd: I will put a table outside of the door. We will also have wristbands.

Kaitlyn: When should I advertise this on the pub night group?

Chadd: Tonight.

Kaitlyn: How long will we be selling for?

Chadd: Let's play it by ear.

Chadd: Question – do we have extension cords?

Manuela: Don't know, we have to check the shared space. I can also bring them from home.

Chadd: Just in case we need them.

Chadd: For the DJ, we're getting speakers from mock trial, and I might need someone to help take them up at 6.

Kaitlyn and Manuela: We will be on campus.

Chadd: We can start set up at 6. I will be there by 6:30.

Sarah: I wouldn't mind it if you ended up not doing a DJ because from 7-10pm, I will be picking music anyways.

Chadd: I feel like having a DJ will make it feel more like a pub night.

Sarah: I can send you the music playlists.

Minutes Ratification

Motion to approve minutes put forward by Ashley H, seconded by Sarah, all in favour, minutes approved.

Winter Clubs Budget Ratification ***see attachment*

Matt: Any questions about clubs budget?

Sarah: Is the amount allocated to each club based on the number of people in the club?

Manuela: There are many considerations, including how many people are in the club, if they do lots of work to get sponsorship (if they do would be more inclined to give money), often precedent will be a factor but not this time. Usually we have \$23K of requests, but this year we got \$40K so it was not feasible.

Matt: Usually we prioritize panels but we had to cut social nights where members are just networking with each other.

Manuela: Because when thinking of giving out money, have to consider how much Osgoode will benefit from it.

Matt: We tried to give as much as we could where companies were participating, but socials were cut.

Sarah: Is there a reason for why some clubs get more?

Matt: It's based on historical precedent – for the past few years the clubs always get the same money so they've come to expect it. Even so, we cut some money off because can't afford it.

Manuela: Next year we need to tell the clubs that we can't give them the same amount every year, popularity will also vary each year.

Matt: There are 7 new clubs, not much new funding, so have same amount as we did with less clubs. Therefore we've had to start cutting initiatives because can't afford it.

Sarah: Next year we should warn clubs in advance that it will be a different system as we should have it be more consistent across the board.

Matt: Yes, we should cut the historical precedent. They might be helpful for just a background. With next year, hopefully the new student centre will improve things for us, such as not having to pay a venue cost.

Matt puts forward motion to ratify winter budget, Sarah seconds, everyone approves, motion passes.

Election Dates Ratification ***see attachment*

Manuela: Does anyone have any objection to the dates? While Law Prom falls within the voting date, not many 3Ls vote anyways as no 3Ls will run. Encourage people to run so more campaigning opportunities.

Motion by Adam to ratify, seconded by Kaitlyn, motion passes.

Ski Trip Recap

Kaitlyn: I got the invoice from Smash bar – we spent \$275 in the 2 hours we were there. So we will be tight on paying back.

Kaitlyn: They shorted me on ski passes – gave me 29 even though asked for 30. Not sympathetic. Might email contact again. I told the student to buy their own ticket for Friday and Saturday for the Osgoode discount. It was \$125 and I e-transferred them

the money. Therefore we will be very tight or will be under. I will try to get the \$125 back.

Kaitlyn: There was no money left over because of the wristbands so it will be tight. We would only be \$100 or \$200 over.

Manuela: Let me know and we can sit down with Ashley to determine where to get the money from.

Yearbook

Sarah: Yearbook is ready to go. Karin helped me with the cover, it looks beautiful! Keep sending me photos!

Formal Updates

1L Formal

Karin: We'll push the formal ticket sales stronger now that applications are done. We haven't gotten much push back on the price. Lots of people think Law Prom is for everyone.

Steph: We specifically changed the name of it to put 3L Formal.

Steph: There's a huge additional cost for kosher meals at the Eglinton Grand. We don't want to be in a position where we're asking people because of their faith to pay an additional cost to eat. I emailed our contact person, Sarah saying that we're students, we need to include anyone, is there any way we can reach out to other kosher caterers. I haven't heard back from her. Also asked if people can have vegetarian options. I might have room in my budget to pay for some of the cost of the meal.

Sarah: We could give them all 3 options: option a – some additional costs, option b – veggie, option c – come for the dance.

Manuela: They could also just come for the dinner and socialize with their friends.

Karin: I think the best bet is looking at other caterers.

Steph: It's important as a student body that we can't discriminate.

Manuela: We won't be able to pay fully for them otherwise we'd lose money on other things as a Kosher meal would be 3x the price of regular meal.

Steph: I will see what she says about bringing in an outside meal, otherwise I will discount the ticket price and just ask them to come in after.

Manuela: I like the idea of paying for yourself and bringing your partner for free.

Karin: For decorations, we are DIYing.

Rachael: We're going to have a wine and DIY night if anyone wants to join. We had an idea for the centerpiece: mason jar, Into the Woods theme, have things from the fairytale on the tables.

2L In-Formal

Sarah: Ballroom will not lower the budget from the \$6500 minimum spend. I've sent out sponsorship to firms and have not heard back yet. I applied for Dean's funding. Does anyone know of any place? Accessibility is number one, number two is we want our own space, a bar is the best because a DJ usually comes with it. The date is flexible, and would rather the Sunday.

Rachael: Tranzac is a grungy but fun venue, they have one room you can have for yourself. It's at Brunswick and Bloor.

Kaitlyn: I know people dislike the Pint but it's very accessible.

Sarah: I want somewhere that we haven't been yet.

Manuela: People are sick of the Pint because we've been there so much.

Kaitlyn: We haven't been to the Pint at all yet this semester and it's also one of the few fully accessible places.

3L Formal

Steph: I want a consistent policy about 3rd year students in joint programs re: whether they can come. I noticed that some of them are buying tickets. It should be graduating students first and then people in joint programs.

Manuela: It's understandable that they want to come because they started at the same time as us

Steph: We have a capacity of 300 people.

Manuela: You could post in the event group that if you're not graduating, it's advisable that you find someone to go with.

Steph: There's a disclaimer in the event saying that priority goes to graduating students. I'll hold off on saying anything for now.

Kaitlyn: Yeah, I wouldn't worry about it for now.

Charity Codenames Tournament

Karin: Next Wednesday we're having our charity codenames tournament for Crohn's and Colitis Canada. It's open to upper years as well. It's during JCR night. It's \$5 per person, teams of 2 to 4, and it all goes to the charity.

Rachael: Registration is directly on the Crohn's website. You just donate and register through the website.

Other Business

(a) French Club Meeting:

Adam: I know what happened to the French Club re: Presidents leaving.

Manuela: Yes so do we. We had a good meeting with the French Club so they're all good.

(b) BLSA Meeting Recap:

Rachael: They started the meeting with a discussion about last year (re: defacing of poster). They talked about that, the response from BLSA and Osgoode, and the steps moving forward. They wanted people to remember it happened and have a place to talk about it, and to make sure Osgoode doesn't dismiss the issue. They felt that their voices were being dismissed because Osgoode's steps were about why they couldn't do anything as opposed to actually taking steps to do something. There are also concerns around an anti-black racism course that BLSA wasn't involved in. Prof is a former member of BLSA and graduate of Osgoode, and she's teaching it in the way she wants to as opposed to with involvement from BLSA. This contributes to the general feeling that they're being dismissed by Osgoode.

Manuela: Did they mention going to other organizations?

Rachael: Yes. One of their big concerns was getting an equity officer at Osgoode. Simi mentioned that this was a concern multiple groups had, including L&L, and Simi said maybe it would be better for us to get together and voice concerns. BLSA said they were going to discuss if they wanted that.

Rachael: Another thing – one of the reasons they felt dismissed was because they wanted a black wellness counselor and the response from Osgoode was that the school did not have enough money, and they should just go to York.

Manuela: It sounds like the main concerns are with admin here. I'm meeting with the President of BLSA today. I will keep the dialogue open that L&L supports BLSA because there was a question last year of who in the school they could turn to.

Rachael: It's unfair that the work of an equity officer is put on a student, but they did mention the support from L&L, but how an equity officer should be staff. Part of the response last year from the school was that it was part of Professor Dufraimont's duties.

Adjournment

Rachael puts forward motion to adjourn meeting at 2:20pm, seconded by Matt, meeting ends at 2:20pm.