



Minutes

November 30, 2022

12:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Courtney Cameron (Chair), Jeffrey Collins, Damiana Pavone, Christina Tassopoulos, Julie Choi, Zamir Fakirani, Danielle Landry, Hillary Song, Melissa Paglialunga, Jaylene Olson, Jessica Li, and Shahbaz Khan

Regrets: Rose Wong, Ayesha Khann, and Quinn Stevenson

Call to Order (12:33pm)

President's Items

Speaker: Jeffrey Collins from York

Courtney: Jeffery is a project coordinator for the Centre of Student Leadership and Development. He's here to discuss the new regulation with us which is why we amended our governing governments.

Jeffrey: Two years ago in November 2020, I came around to all different student organizations/clubs and facilitated some consultations regarding an update of the regulation. It sounds like you folks are some of the most familiar. I am doing a check-in two years in. This regulation was drafted, there were feedback processes, and it was approved in March of this year. The regulation comes into effect on January 2023. We have been working over the last 8 months to make sure student governments are supported. The new regulation is a document that outlines and sets forth privileges and obligations of student organizations to make sure that they are open, non-discriminatory, as well as legal and financially responsible. I have been making checklists, sample language, etc. You might not need those resources as much as other student organizations

Jeffrey: Are there lingering questions you have about the regulation? Anything you need to know to prepare for January 2023? Any concerns about the regulation because it will go through a revision in the next 5 years (maybe even sooner)? We have new leadership who want to look at this frequently.

Jeffrey: I looked at your constitution for fun; I have no intention of being a watchdog for compliance; I prefer to talk about alignment. As of January 1, it is not that I am going around to student organizations and saying show me the regulation or the levy tap is turned off.

Jeffrey: The regulation affirms you as the student government. Legal & Lit is the only faculty government for your area. I know you work in collaboration with Student Caucus. Any questions you folks have?

Courtney: Thanks so much for this Jeffrey! Just so you know the constitution on our website isn't updated yet. We have another one. When we do publish the updated one, I will be sure to send it to you. One of the things that could be useful is if you could give us a treetops overview of what the regulation says.

Jeffrey: I built a website that goes over it. I created it, and I am hoping to release it ASAP. It overviews the regulation and links directly to PDF. It breaks down the regulations into various sections and it outlines some resources. The levy groups are now student clubs, and they must renew annually. It expires September 30 instead of May to help clubs with transition. As a student government, L&L isn't required to do annual recognition, but you do have annual requirements in terms of sharing information.

When it comes to requirements and obligations, some are for all organizations and then when comes down to student clubs vs. levied student clubs vs. student governments, there are some nuances.

Jeffrey: For you, clubs must complete annual training. We invite you to it, but it is not a requirement to attend those annual trainings. We want to make sure that you have access to training, but it is different from how we oversee clubs (with that, we oversee transition).

Jeffrey: This site provides a list of how this regulation breaks down – documentation you need to submit annually, funds you use, etc. I started to build in quizzes for students to help them understand the regulations. In terms of constitutional requirements, I am still working on adding those to the website. It is under Schedule C. Since L&L is incorporated, you already have a list of requirements that you must follow. The university is not requiring your constitution to have ALL the requirements we have because you are incorporated. The regulation talks about privileges, access to email, office space, etc. One of the changes is membership contact information subject to a privacy agreement. Groups are now able to ask for a direct line of email communication to their membership.

Jeffrey: The compliance process always starts with a phone call – we heard about this and wanted to check in on that. Anything in particular that I should dive into?

Courtney: With the documentation, are you talking about requirement to post minutes, motions, etc.?

Jeffrey: The requirement is that they must post the following: meeting minutes, meeting dates, agendas, motions, governing documents, budgets, financial statements, etc. One way is to email it out upon request, or some put it directly on website. The goal is to make sure that it is easy for members to access. The goal today was to come in and do a check-in to see if there are concerns. Make sure you follow your amendment procedure. If there are no other questions, thanks for your time and I am always happy to meet one on one!

Courtney: That was the chat on the regulation that I have been talking about. I thought the context might be nice.

Roundtable Updates

Courtney: There is one thing that concerns our team is mentors – not all of you will be mentors. If you do have a 1L, check in with your mentee about exams.

Jess: Thank you, and thanks for bringing Jeffrey! I have some exciting updates for those involved in TUUS. This semester has been a bit of a nightmare for clubs to get events approved because only L&L was a registered organization at York. So, every club had to submit a TUUS form through L&L. It was a huge burden on us and the clubs. We have been trying to work on this. I just came from a meeting, and I was able to work out a system where all L&L clubs are still governed by us but in the beginning of each year, L&L can send a list of approved clubs with their constitutions, membership lists, etc. and send that list to TUUS. This is something we can do from now on. It won't interfere with budgets, and it won't mandate any extra training for clubs. They can provide clubs with external conflict support. Everything will stay the same except TUUS will have a list of clubs. I also asked if we could do this starting next semester and we can. I am going to spend the break compiling that list.

Damiana: I am wondering – for our own clubs, should we be continuously submitting TUUS forms? Are you relaying this information to clubs now or are you waiting?

Jess: I don't want to inform clubs until everything is submitted and approved. If you have an event in January, I would still submit it now under the usual process because the timing will still be up to 2 business weeks to be approved. This change will really only apply for club events starting in February of next year.

Damiana: No updates, just reimbursing people.

Christina: I have a few items that I will discuss later.

Melissa: I have been posting the approved minutes. I just sent out the last newsletter for the semester on Sunday.

Danielle: The Toronto Marlies reached out to see if we want to do a collab event. I am trying to set something up for next semester.

Hillary: Regarding the Facebook groups, I have been receiving messages about some posts going around. Drafted some rules that I will post. I tried to have a meeting with the Online Committee, but schedules didn't work out. As for the rules, what I can do includes: suspend activity (by timeframe – week or month), terminate their authorship (they cannot post), or remove them from the group. I have been seeing some problematic comments that are outright hateful and mean. If there are no questions, I will try to post them on the groups.

Courtney: Did you end up getting any other committee members?

Hillary: Some of the 1L reps are part of the committee and we have one 3L. I might have to recruit more members in the new year. Ayesha has been super helpful so massive thanks to you!

Courtney: I can also sit on that Committee with you guys.

Hillary: That's it for me!

Jaylene: Caucus has been doing work with exams and resources in connection to that. You will have seen Karen Drake's email which has more information about exams. One of the things they wanted to make sure was if you want a new mask or want to wear a mask – you can get them at the library or at the student services counter. Another thing is there is a lot of people who are going to be all in the same room – generally, the idea is that there will be fewer people there than you anticipate because of accommodations, etc. Some things to start up in the new year include resources for students in terms of academic degree requirements. We will make sure to get L&L feedback as we develop them next term.

Shahbaz: I am going to have the Town Hall on Friday with my student caucus counterpart.

Courtney: I know that the other 1Ls either have hosted or have scheduled their Town Halls. We are hoping to do the upper year town halls in the new year.

3L Rep

3L Formal

Christina: I have some very exciting news about the 3L Formal – Lauren and I went to a bunch of venues, and we have one that we have fallen in love with. This venue is the Eglinton Grand. The formal will be on March 16, 2023, and the theme is Monte Carlo / casino theme.

Christina: Everything is going well. The Sponsorship package was officially finished yesterday, and I am sending that out, but we need to talk about budget. In talking to Damiana, we had the idea to increase 3L formal to \$20k from L&L. With this decision, it means some off the other years will get a lower amount. In my opinion, we haven't had an event where we have been able to get all together, so it is important. We didn't have O-Week, 1L Gala – nothing. A little bit of extra money would be helpful. The other problem is all the venues have quoted significantly higher than \$20k – we will still need ticket sales and sponsorship. Inflation has really been an issue. Eglinton Grand was cheapest and had some awesome items included like a red carpet, red velvet ropes, and changing the marquee.

Courtney: How much are we talking about taking from other events?

Damiana: The 1Ls or 2Ls have not come to me with questions about money – I don't know what events they want to plan. It would be a couple thousand from each year that would be going to 3L formal. It would also be a little bit from Danielle's social budget – the ski trip funds. Since L&L won't be covering that, it will be going to the 3L formal. It is tough because we are missing the majority of 1Ls and 2Ls to talk about this but at the same time, the 3Ls need to know now. I am comfortable with the \$20k but the other years may get a little less. That's the most likely outcome.

Christina: It is hard because the others aren't here, but I do have to sign the contract soon.

Courtney: I think we can still pass the motion. It is unfortunate the others aren't here – we can discuss other ways to find money for those formals down the line.

Hillary: We were selling ticket for 2L formal, and I know Rose isn't here but as a 2L, I think we would be more than happy to reallocate those funds because we had everything. Rose mentioned she was trying to fundraise a well.

Shahbaz: I think it would be the same coming from the 1Ls. I think the other three will be okay with that. For us, we were waiting to hear on how planning for the 3L formal is going to see how we should be planning – venues, how it's been done in the past, etc. It still works with our plan to have guidance from you guys.

Christina: Of course! I can meet with you guys and share.

Motion: *THAT* the Legal and Literary Society gives the 3L Formal Committee \$20,000 for the 3L Formal.

(Tassopoulos / Landry) CARRIED

Courtney: That concludes L&L for the semester – survive exams and stay healthy!

Other Business

**There was no other business to discuss. **

Adjournment (1:16pm)

Motion: *THAT* we adjourn.

(Cameron / Tassopoulos) CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 16 November, 2022 was deemed approved.