



Legal & Literary Society 2025-2026

Agenda & Minutes

August 27, 2025
12:30-2:20PM EST

Attending: Arimie Min, Katherine Hutchinson, Elad Dekel, Jayme Robinson, Ava Taborda, Sleiman Oweis, Jamie Lynn Galley, Alex Wilson, Karth Guatam

Excused: Rachel Eatough, Natasha Knudsen, Ava Taborda

Missing In Action:

NOTE: This Meeting was joint with Student Caucus.

Agenda:

Attendance, Quorum Check, and Call to Order (5m)

Arimie motioned to start meeting, and Nathan seconded.

1) Land Acknowledgement and Meeting Minutes

A. Land Acknowledgement – Alex

B. Motion to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes - Arimie, seconded by Jamie

2) SV/SA and Harassment Policies Update and Training with Osgoode Peer Support Centre (OPSA)

A. Blaise and a Rep from OPSA Presentation

Blaise and OPSA Rep spoke about the policy on sexual violence at York, and how it is fairly comprehensive. It was noted that the policy applies for everything **except** for if accused is faculty, if it is faculty then process is governed by relevant collective agreement. The Osgoode policies are completely silent on how the process would work at all, no provision for investigators or those making decisions having training in sexual violence at all. Blaise put forward the suggestion to get caucus and L&L support to try and work towards getting provisions in the collective agreement for Osgoode Hall Faculty association that would implement York policy on sexual violence with necessary

adaptations to collective agreement context. Alex noted he had some preliminary discussions with some members of the faculty who seem generally supportive so far.

OPSA representative shared that currently the L&L constitutional and bylaws say nothing about sexual violence, especially if there are those that happen at an L&L event or L&L club event, especially if incidents of sexual violence that happens between members of club executives, nothing about supporting the York team's stuff. There is nothing on L&L's website about supports, etc. – would like to see connections to York investigative body as a whole and supports in the community. They stated there should also be an Osgoode specific policy on preventing sexual violence, as it is isolating to have to go to York, Osgoode already deals with many things themselves so why not this as well?

The discussion centered on addressing gaps in sexual violence policies and procedures at Osgoode. Arimie emphasized that while this gap needs to be filled, more discussion and time are needed before proceeding with any motion. When Alex sought clarification on whether this was for general review or specific action items, Blaise clarified that the last bullet point was aspirational for future work, while other items required committed action.

Nathan raised procedural questions about changing the Osgoode faculty collective agreement and whether Osgoode-specific reporting would involve dedicated staff or integration with York's existing system. Blaise noted that the collective agreement expired in June 2025 with a new one finalized, and while the next negotiation would likely be for 2025-2028, there might be mechanisms to work alongside if both administration and union agreed. The representative suggested that if Osgoode handles other disciplinary matters, they should manage this as well, as they already serve as the bridge with York.

Blaise clarified that an Osgoode-specific mechanism wasn't necessarily required - a basic policy condemning sexual violence and directing people to York's centre could suffice. The goal was simply to have some form of policy or statement. Elad inquired about policies at other York schools like Schulich and Engineering, then moved to separate the second part about developing policy with Osgoode admin into its own motion (seconded by Katherine, with Jayme's agreement).

Karth highlighted that survivors might struggle with York's bureaucracy regarding sexual assault applications, suggesting that having someone from Osgoode assist could be beneficial. Alex proposed making the first motion actionable by creating a volunteer

working group, ensuring named individuals could follow up with administration. The representative requested OPSC consultation on this proposal, which Alex accepted.

Motion:

Student Caucus and Legal and Literary Society Endorses the Osgoode Hall Faculty Association Collective Agreement being amended to incorporate the investigation and appeal procedure and principles of the York Policy on Sexual Violence, with necessary modifications for the student-teacher context.

Student Caucus and the Legal and Literary Society commit to accepting and fully implementing interim orders from York's Sexual Violence Response Team as they relate to Osgoode students. Accepting and fully implementing final sanctions from Vice-Provost Students resulting from a complaint under the York Policy on Sexual Violence as they relate to Osgoode Students, fully cooperating with York's Sexual Violence Response Team's Investigations, and ensuring information about campus and community supports for survivors of sexual violence are readily available to students.

Moved by: Arimie, **Seconded by:** Alex. Unanimously passed.

Motion:

Student Caucus and Legal and Literary Society commit to working with Osgoode administration to develop an Osgoode specific policy, statement, or instrument on preventing sexual violence. Further, Caucus and Legal and Lit strike a working group to work towards developing this policy.

Moved by: Arimie, **Seconded by:** Nathan. Unanimously passed.

3) SCLD Presentation

SCLD Representative Andrew Brown came to speak to Student Caucus and L&L. The representative explained that SCLD supports all student governments on campus, in the past mainly supporting the presidents but now that has evolved into encompassing all student governments. The representative recognized that we do not want non-Osgoode people getting into our business and does not intend to do this. They are there as a resource and do student government awards wherein they may give money to people, both to governments and to individuals within them who earn them (but they're broke so no money this year).

Andrew Brown highlighted that L&L and SC are a perfect example of how student governments should run and would like to use us as an example. The online platform YU Connect will work now, where it will show us all registered students in a real-time

updating basis. Andrew spoke of the processes online to book rooms that are not relevant to Osgoode. Finally, Andrew spoke of the SRR, which holds representatives of every faculty and college student government, along with third parties, and is a meeting of vice provost of students that takes place once a month, usually for presidents but if a president cannot be there then he recommended to send a representative for the info.

4) 1L Student Caucus and Legal and Literary Society Elections

Arimie and Alex spoke about the 1L elections for the respective arms of the student government. Arimie mentioned they will be happening in 1 to 2 weeks, with a meeting being held with the Chief Electoral Officer that evening to discuss logistics. Once that meeting was completed, they will plan the election. For the L&L side, there will be a chance for 1L representatives to get “mentored” by an upper year L&L exec of their choice if they are interested in personal development.

Alex spoke about how once caucus representatives are elected, there will be a meeting to bring them up to speed, and people can get paired for 1 on 1 mentoring if they wish.

Arimie reminded that Karth is working on a 1L handbook for new representatives. Karth said himself and Ava, one of last year's 1L representatives, will be creating a guidebook for them, helping them with the gala planning specifically, and it is in the works.

5) President's Remarks & Items

1. Highlights

Arimie shared that she wanted to shine light on good work being done between meetings. She mentioned Elad for working on Orientation Week as a Co-Chair as well as organizing the Ice Cream truck during the clubs fair. Kat was mentioned for her work on the Instagram posts, especially during the summer disseminating information to the student body, being an all-around hero as the Vice-President Internal, and completing the Pre-Year office cleanup by herself.

2. Club Offices and the Legal and Literary Society Hallway

Arimie noted that the club offices in the L&L hallway are not fairly distributed amongst all clubs as there are a limited amount of rooms, and it has been noted that the primary use-case for the offices is for storage, and not day-to-day club utilization. As such, Arimie noted it could be useful to use the additional rooms which L&L has (located on

the second floor behind the Moot Court room) as storage rooms, with proper security measures put in place (lock on the door and locks on individual storage instruments that hold club items within the rooms, as well as a security camera if allowed under York policy). Then, the existing club offices can be revitalized as shared club spaces for all clubs that can be booked by clubs, or first-come-first-serve if the room is not already booked, that way equal access for all clubs is established. The only club that would be provided an exception would be the Osgoode Indigenous Students' Association ("OISA"). Arimie stated that she welcomes the input of all, and if there is support then a motion will be passed, and the decision would be brought up to all clubs at the all-clubs meeting.

Ebun asked whether there would be enough space for all clubs to store their items, and whether the school would be able to tell us what we can/cannot do with those spaces. Arimie assured Ebun that there is enough space, and it is L&L space so we can do what we want with it. OEO said we can request extra storage space. Additionally, Arimie noted she had received an email from a club who shares an office space with another club in the existing hallway, raising a concern that the other club they share it with uses it primarily for storage, making their half of the shared club space unusable for their own meetings. This solution would allow for both meetings to occur, and items be stored safely. Elad vocalized his support in democratizing the space, as did others.

Arimie noted that clubs are required to submit TUUSK forms now when booking a room, regardless of whether there are external speakers or catered food, excluding the JCR (unless there is an attendee that is unrelated to York). Kat confirmed this. Arimie mentioned that because of this change, having the club offices space being a shared area that do not need to be booked 10-days in advance (as per TUUSK policy) will help clubs needing to have impromptu meetings or a simpler forum. Ebun mentioned a discrepancy on the TUUSK form which stated you don't need to fill out the form if you just want a room with no food, but Arimie noted that this will be modified and that she was informed directly that the form is required.

Motion:

Motion to pursue the L&L hallway change, with discussion pending solely surrounding the mechanics chosen as to how rooms will be booked, with Student Caucus being part of that discussion. L&L and Student Caucus offices are exempt since they are not clubs, and OISA is provided an exception.

Moved by: Arimie, **Seconded by:** Jamie. Passed unanimously.

3. Office Team Bonding Clean Up

Arimie stated she would send out a when2meet in the next few weeks to continue the great work that Kat had done to keep the office clean. Arimie mentioned that there is a coffee machine (pods, Keurig) in the office that Elad had mentioned could potentially be made available to all students. The behind the moot court rooms also need to be cleared out in preparation for clubs storing their items there. Arimie mentioned she would personally be providing Pizza Pops for those who attend the cleaning and assist.

4. Constitutional Reform

Arimie stated she was looking for someone to read over the constitution and get preliminary change ideas to then come back and go over with everyone in L&L, who will be able to provide their own ideas and perspectives on any reforms. Elad volunteered to assist.

6) Student Caucus Chair's Remarks & Items

Can be found in the Student Caucus meeting minutes.

7) Additional Items

1. Sweaters

Jamie wanted a show of hands regarding the sweater colour for the L&L and Student Caucus sweaters, whether it should be black or gray. A tally was taken, and black won. Jamie looked for comments on whether the name and position should be on one sleeve or two, and the decision was one sleeve.

Ebun asked where the money for the sweaters was coming from, and Jamie stated that the money is being paid for individually by each member of the governments, with the hope to potentially get a sponsorship, but no levy money or L&L money will be used for this.

2. Sports Team Funding

Elad brought up the idea of potentially assisting Osgoode sports teams in funding, which they do not have at the moment, through an overarching sports initiative. Kat mentioned that there is a lot of 1L interest in sports based on conversations she had during Orientation Week, and a lot of work to be done. Kat stated that the Osgoode Hockey Team was the only formal and ongoing sports team, which would love support,

and they do a tournament every year. Other teams are only intramurals and are much more come and go and require \$100 a team to participate.

Kimberly mentioned that a Brandon was involved in the Hockey sponsorships, and he recently graduated and is significantly involved with the team, and a Brian took his place. Kat mentioned she would speak to Brian. Kat also mentioned she is setting up elections for the athletics association, and will reach out to connect herself, Brandon, and Elad for further discussions about potential opportunities.

3. Committee for Instrument/Policy/Statement Task Force

Blaise asked whether a committee could be struck to continue the work pertaining to the motion passed. Alex, Arimie, Kat, and Sleiman volunteered, and will include the co-presidents of OPSC. Those who are interested in the committee will have a conversation to decide as to who will chair it.

Arimie motions to adjourn, seconded by Alex.