Legal & Literary Society 2025-2026
Agenda & Minutes

September 10, 2025
1:30-2:30PM EST

Attending: Arimie Min, Natasha Knudsen, Elad Dekel, Karth, Jayme, Alex, , sleiman Oweis, Ava Taborda
Excused: Katherine Hutchinson
Missing In Action: Rachel Eatough

Agenda (*Anticipated Length 48min /Actual Length 40min***):**

Attendance, Quorum Check, and Call to Order (5m)
Arimie motioned to start meeting, and Jayme and Karth seconded.

1) President's Remarks & Items (30m)

A) Motion to approve last meeting's minutes
   - Alex motioned and Elad seconded

   Arimie spoke about the progress on Karth and Ava's 1L Rep Transition Manual, Natasha's newsletters requiring accessibility, with focus on the requirement that any images are accompanied by text. Arimie then discussed Elad's JCR TV announcements tool. This tool will be synced with the booking portal and will display on the screens in the hall any club events alongside the calendar.

   Arimie then discussed an update on the proposal to add OISA Rep to L&L. Arimie mentioned that Arianna (OISA Co-Chair) said there is general interest amongst the exec, but OISA will have a meeting on Sept 24 where they will discuss more and be able to come back with confirmation or more comments. Next, the club hallway transition behind the moot court was discussed. Arimie hilghlighted that the next steps are to clean, secure storage shelves/lockers, making room booking platform. She further provided that she is in contact with OEO and that thebooking platform will be similar to JCR booking. In terms of any issues that clubs have raised, Arimie mentioned that she has sent affected clubs emails for an opportunity to schedule a meeting to discuss. Mock trial has contacted and arranged to meet next week. As well, she reached out to ask clubs Have reached out to clubs to ask if they have any specific needs.

Jayme then speaks on behalf of OPSC. OPSC is an Osgoode club that works with student wellness. It is a a peer support program and people can be advocates and listen. Jayme explains that the goal was that their room was to be a place for these meetings to occur. In the event of an emergency, these can be online meeting but this raises the issue of if something happens suddenly on campus and the room is occupied if the room needs to be booked in advance. Jayme expands that it is the opinion of her and Grace, fellow exec that it would be difficult to run the club without a room at all times. It is then highlighted that issue that while the program is unique and its difficult to deliver its goal, jaymen does not want to seem to be above other clubs
Alex then suggests that as this is a club that provides a service, that it might be helpful to see how much the room is used on a trial basis.

Jayme [off the record] [on the record] this is a good plan to see how much it is used, goal was to get the club going in the next few weeks

Arimie then asks Jayme: how many supports that the club is wanting to hire and Jayme says about 10 students. Elad then adds that the new booking system has benefits because Point 1; if multiple students need it then great as well the room is walk in, not booked. Other clubs also provide unique services.. Having a walk in will provide a benefit for multiple students [off the record] [on record] if we provide an exception for a tangible issue then it will be easier.
Arimie then mentions that couches are currently in that room. Adds in the idea of having a couch in every room or having a trolley ready with portable and comfortable things. Jayme agrees that this is a great idea.
Alex agrees that the supports should be hired and see how the following month goes. Arimie notes that the rooms are not ready yet, the rooms remain the same. Jayme will reconvene with Grace and then meet with Arimie to discuss again. Arimie then thanks Jayme as L&L needs input and feedback from clubs. Elad and Arimie discuss that many clubs do not use their space and the need to figure out booking and storage needs as only one club reached out prior to this announcement that they were out of space and need to continue hosting meetings.

Elad then pivots the discussion back to booking system, that its a bookable space that is walk in, can book up to 2 hours before, then past this, it becomes a walk in space.

Arimie then asks if there is a booking window and Elad comments that a 2 week booking window is sufficient and clubs who have bi-weekly meetings could preschedule even months in advance, asks for everyone's thoughts. Arimie then asks about a dual system to both book and have walk in. Elad mentions how cancellations would be part of the site, asks if we want signing officers to book and asks Sleiman if he is aware of any issues. Sleiman responds no.

Arimie then requests that VP-E sends out a survey to the student body asking which career paths they would like programming on for Pathways. Once club ratification docs and budgets are complete, then we can ask if they would like a collaboration.

Then Arimie brings up the idea of weekly office hours for one or two hours where everyone is available for students to drop by. Elad then mentions to use Calandly for commute concerns. Jamie then agrees this is a great idea.

2) Additional Items (8m)

- Equity Officer

Sleiman mentions that professor Heidi Matthews is on flotilla in Gaza as legal - reached out to clubs about the filming being an L&L event - film screening about documentary "who killed shrine". Alex notes that there was the same issue last year in caucus being the issue of someone being tied to one side, while there is a professor going as a legal observer so this time it is less controversial and a bit different than taking an official position. Sleiman notes that a legal observer on a flotilla is not neutral in itself. Elad then mentions that he sees no problem with the film screening, but there is an issue with heidi matthews from past problematic comments unrelated to flotilla, several people voiced worries and thinks its better idea to be more neutral to just screen the film without tying it to her name. Sleiman agrees that yes this seems like a more neutral position and that it did not need to be tied to her, she just suggested. There is agreement by all that it is in Sleiman's capacity to run the event, Sleiman asked if there is dissent to do so and no one said anything. Moved by Sleiman, Seconded by all.

3) Student Caucus Chair's Remarks & Items (0m)

Alex requested for 13 dollars for notice board

- Elad approves this as treasurer.

4) Final Action Items (5m)

Elad mentions that fair change has an office registered as a club but they are a clinic, last year they were told they would get funding from L&L about 1400 but Mya last year said there are budget cuts. They were told that these activities are with a real clinic with real clients, they are not a student club. Elad asked them to provide what they are wanting for funding. They spoke with Arimie to help them find funding through york and deans funding. Arimie mentions that it does go back to the meaning of the funding. Elad mentions that ALAS gets funding from external funders, the only funding ALAS gets is for things that directly go to students. This creates an issue that every clinic that gets defunded by york will then go to L&L to get funding. It is mentioned that this is not what the levy was intended to do. Alex mentions that this issue has also been brought to the student caucus. Karth then adds that if fair change is a clinic and not a club, then this might not set a precedent so they are partially funded. Alex then adds that if there are 2-3 clinics like this then maybe exceptions can be made, after careful review. Elad then highlights that given we are doing constitutional reform, this would be good if we pushed for a separate pathway for student clinics, being carved out for the future. He adds a concern that clubs are worried they are getting less funding when this clinic is not only helping students. Arimie then suggests sending out a survey to the student body, fair change is doing important work, lets get a sense of the student body on the use of the levy money. She adds this will be discussed later. Jayme then asks when Fair Change will respond. Elad says that they will respond on the 14th.

Arimie motioned to adjourn, and alex seconded.