

Motion to Adjourn

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PASSES

END 1:53pm

LEGAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY AGM AGENDA

Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM in the Moot Court

Call to Order

L&L Opening Address – Alex Evangelista, L&L President

Holding the meeting for procedure and opportunity to hear from Dean Sossin about impending changes. Additionally, there will be discussion of student concerns.

Law Society Licensing Comments from the Dean – Dean Lorne Sossin

Law Society plays a role in our schooling and licensing. There are major reforms that will have direct impacts on students (more on the future students than to us).

First Point: Convocation – December 1st (TIMING)

There is a motion to reconsider the Statement of Principles of the Law Society release that calls to every lawyer to indicate in its filings recognition of diversity and how they are dealing with it.

Recommendation was to require a subsequent filing about the principles.

This is a protest where even a legal challenge is happening (Lakehead professor and benchers) because they do not believe that Law Society should be policing their thoughts. Pressuring diversity is overstepping their ability to monitor and be impartial which hurts the rule of law.

Online – 5 years of faces of our Osgoode Community (derived from Faculty Council).

There will be a configuration for the convocation livestream.

Student leadership is what has moved the bar in the life of the profession and Dean Sossin does not want to lose the momentum based on exams.

Second Point: Articling and the LPP

Stars aligning for substantial change.

In 2012, the discussion was missing student voices. Last year (2016), the law deans came together to vocalize the student views.

There are a set of commitments that students came in believing that has now been unstabilized. Therefore, there is a need to ensure that students and the Law Society have clear communications.

Economic justice piece: the cost of the LPP was placed on the shoulders of the students going through the articling process.

Third Point: Trinity Western challenge

There is a fixture where different Law Societies going in different directions.

There is a NCA report.

Question: Is there an overall imbalance racially in securing an articling position?

The push-back is often of not wanting things to simply quantifiable.

Others will say that the front-end data is not reflective of hires and those who make partner.

Dean Sossin states we need an index of quantitative and qualitative factors that is firm-based.

He states that he senses that we will move from a knowledge-based exam to series of appropriate post-graduate competency sessions (acceptable ways of client-protection and handling).

He feels more hopeful and confident in students being more confident.

Audit Review and Appointment of the Auditor – Dan Bacsa, L&L Treasurer

Appointment of auditor but there is not enough people to appoint one. However, at a L&L meeting will conduct an audit at our next L&L meeting.

Bassi & Karimjee as the auditor.

Fiscal year ended April 2017 – the agenda email had a link to see the statements.

There is amortization, insurance, orientation/social/cultural affairs, bank charges, honorariums, other expenses (membership fees, etc)