

L&L Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2019 (Room 2008)

Present: Genevieve, Ashley, Rachael, Aiishwariya, Mahir, Chadd, Alannah, Alex, Reilly, Phoebe, Karin, Shvata.

Call to Order

12:43pm.

Club Funding

Gen: we're unsure if our budget is for just this semester or for both semesters. Next meeting, we will be discussing this further.

Ashley: I've already awarded funding based on our initial budget. \$14,000 is what clubs will be getting. Mahir is uploading it all to the website. Clubs will all be signing off on it once it is up on the website.

Gen: if we get more, then they will be able to access more.

Ashley: do they have a motion to be ratified?

Rachael: the numbers for now are just what we need to discuss. They will be ratified once it is finalized.

Rooms

Ashley: some clubs now have access to the offices downstairs.

Usually they've been given to equity seeking groups. No one has reached out about using it. Mock Trial is looking to use the upstairs room which have been neglected. Now we will have one dedicated to them, L&L, and O-Week. CIAO has approached me about needing a room, they will clean it to use it. I am ok with it. The JD/MBA Association have approached me about using a room. Not a lot of clubs need a room. Athletics Association can also use the room as a change room that they require. If clubs approach me about needing space I'll discuss it, but for now just CIAO and JD/MBA will use it.

Gen: Clubs need a good reason for getting a room. The Osgoode Mooting and Advocacy Society might need one, but that is valid.

Ashley: equity seeking groups need a safe space, so they get a room.

Yearbook and Clothing Sale

Aiish: Last year there was a splash sale. We don't have old clothing to sell at very cheap prices, but the Bookstore is looking to have a sale. They are thinking of it happening in November.

Gen: We won't be making any money off of the sale.

Aiish: It will be at sale price, plus also old inventory from last year.

Gen: so no financial benefit to L&L?

Aiish: not that I know of. Any thoughts on dates?

Rachael: we had a spirit day as part of mental health week last year where we encouraged people to wear Osgoode attire so we did the sale then.

Alannah: We can do that again.

Aiish: Moving on to Yearbook, I do need some help from the 1L Reps. Mahir and I have looked at past ones with a lot of blank space. It is primarily for 3Ls, so I thought it would be nice to have club photos to have memories of the clubs that they were in.

Ashley, maybe you could help with the group photos of the clubs. Any other interesting ideas to make the Yearbook nicer with different things?

Ashley: I love the club photo idea. I will let them know to think about their photo.

Aiish: also, the only school event they had in the past was Mock Trial and the Wendy Babcock show. Law Games is something that could be included.

Informal Formal

Aiish: I haven't sent out sponsorship emails yet. I haven't been able to access any material on the sponsorship.

Chadd: who sponsored last year?

Rachael: I think BLG, but definitely talk to Sarah.

Gen: a lot of distribution of sponsorship happens early so better to get that done soon.

Rachael: a lot of the potential sponsors are doing OCIs right now so they won't get back to you till November.

Aiish: did you get good sponsorship last year?

Rachael: we did get a decent amount.

Gen: maybe work with the 1Ls on sponsorship, and think about where to put their names.

Aiish: I was also thinking of having fundraisers for informal formal potentially. Most 2Ls are doing OCIs, so maybe a Wednesday JCR night after everything is over?

Chadd: did you get a breakdown of what was spent last year on the informal formal?

Aiish: it says \$150 budget for ticket charge.

Chadd: I'm not too sure what spending you would need for the informal formal. We didn't have photobooth or decorations. So, maybe sponsorship should be focused on 1L Formal. Informal Formal is supposed to be informal. Maybe wait for Sarah to get back to you.

Gen: the year before it was different.

Chadd: fundraising could be better. Sponsorship maybe should stay with 1L formal.

Ashley: October 23rd is Red and White day for York where they do their clothing sale.

Aiish: if they are doing their sale, then it won't be special to Osgoode.

Ashley: We should have an Osgoode pride day!

Rachael: we had spirit day last year during mental health week.

Aiish: we could maybe do a look book with photos of students wearing the merchandise.

Chadd: maybe ask Gloria who took our photos?

Gen: but that's something that we shouldn't pay for. It should be the bookstore.

Rachael: the person who runs the Bookstore is retiring so if we want to do this we should talk about it with them soon.

Representation on Committee

Alannah: the BLSA president has reached out saying L&L had mandated that there would be representation on the committee.

Gen: we don't fill those spots; Student Caucus does so reach out to them.

Mental Health and Awareness Week

Alannah: are there any ideas for mental health and awareness week to make it a more student involved process? Diversity week is seeking to unite equity seeking groups but this week is dedicated to making students have a good time during this time of the year. If you want to be involved in that committee reach out to me please.

Gen: I am happy to be involved but I'm not sure I can plan something.

Phoebe: I have some ideas that we can talk about.

Gen: certain activities we won't have the funding for. Like the bouncy-castle.

Ashley: people like what doesn't take a lot of time. Cotton-Candy is easy and fun.

Phoebe: how about music in Gowlings Hall?

Gen: we can do it during the 12:30-2:30pm break.

Ski Trip

Karin: last year, Blue Mountain said we would only offer one package. They don't want to give us these rooms when people aren't purchasing ski passes. A lot of people don't want that package through L&L and they find their own way. A way to deal with this is to still offer hotel packages just make them more customized. People would have the ability to build their own package. This would be more cost accessible and create more options. Blue Mountain is not ok with this even though in September they said it was ok. But technically they can't prevent me from booking it this way. I'm not sure why they won't take the business this way.

Gen: in the past we paid through cheque, how are we doing it this way?

Karin: I can pay on my credit card if anything. Also, for the dates, there are 2 big competitions happening on certain weekends. This leaves us with last weekend of January. The only issue is FUME is on that Friday. FUME might have some flexibility, so I'm waiting to hear back from them. Otherwise, we would have to go on the busy weekends. To build the package can we see if we can put that on the website?

Rachael: we can hopefully do that, but if not, we can contact the person who built the website.

Gen: what happened with the club?

Karin: they are ok with us coming again even though we didn't meet minimum spend. Once everyone pays for ski trip, everyone will get a drink ticket. Rustys we're not paying for. We have VIP skip the line and a red carpet entrance for Osgoode until 11pm. I'm going to try and get Osgoode students to come earlier to pub nights. Pubs don't charge us, but here there is a charge.

Ashley: is the date set?

Karin: just waiting on FUME and then it can be set.

Trivia Night

Karin: Halloween alternative happening on October 30th. Alumni Kenny is coming back to host.

Charity Month

Phoebe: I think a good time to do it would be November to make it more inclusive for females with a clothing drive, since Movember is male specific. We would donate to both a women's shelter and prostate cancer.

Reilly: there are some events we thought of, but we're unsure about dividing the money. Maybe a pancake breakfast bar or a possible night for a Movember shave off with a bidding auction going on in the JCR.

Gen: put your resources into these 2 events. These are creative ideas.

Chadd: keep funding in mind for that.

Phoebe: we will also ask people to donate the feminine hygiene products with a box in the bathroom.

Reilly: the organization will take the individual parts.

Chadd: I know a barber that will volunteer for the JCR event of shaving for Movember.

JCR Fridge

Gen: there's 2 fridges that are broken. Andrei's fridge dealer has one that will fit more stuff. He will take the non-functioning one. This is needed quickly because a keg exploded on Andrei. This fridge will reside in the JCR and take more space, but in the past the bar managers had to be people who could carry 50lbs or up but that wouldn't be the case anymore. It'll save us money in the long run, but we will need to spend \$600.

Ashley: where is coming from?

Gen: it'll come out of our profit from the JCR. We've been making good money from the cocktails.

Motion to approve put forward by Rachael, seconded by Karin. All in favour.

Student Lunch from Alumni

Gen: I will be picking the students with the alumni, and as student leaders I encourage you to apply. It is a good opportunity to network. Also, there is a Dinner with the Dean invitation for L&L and Student Caucus so keep October 21st free. I would highly recommend you keep that date available.

JCR TVs

Karin: when we did the ESLA night, we just used the USB. Clubs are now asking if they can just plug things into the tv. I think we should use them since they are there.

Gen: Bobby purchased those and I would prefer if it stayed with Andrei. He can make those decisions.

Karin: if not on a Wednesday?

Gen: it all goes through Andrei.

Rachael: Andrei is in charge of uses of the JCR on any day.

OPT - In / OPT - Out

Rachael: I'm returning back to the idea of having a fee on our website to opt back in and have 2 prices for those opted in and those opted out. How do people feel about that?

Alannah: it is a great idea. But does that have a financial barrier?

Rachael: it was made clear that if you opted out then you will have to deal with certain things. Maybe next year we can communicate the consequences clearly enough. Currently, there's just one password on the summary database and we can potentially limit access based on opt in.

Gen: I had a conversation with the Associate Dean and if there's a way to get around the student choice initiative goals then York is running the risk of going against it. So, this might be more of a temporary solution.

Rachael: Glendon doesn't get as much money for events, so students might want to opt back in since they charge more for events. So, this is where the idea came from. The summary database is a good resource for people. Mya Rimon would still have access to those who need accommodations, it would be more to reward the students who stay opted in.

Ashley: I'm not sure it is a good idea to get people to pay for the database.

Rachael: we do pay to keep the website that they are running on.

Karin: which events would we offer a price difference for?

Gen: we would charge 2 different prices for formal and maybe yearbooks.

Mahir: wouldn't it discourage people since they would have a higher price to pay for formal?

Rachael: it's something we will make clear for next year. There's the argument of staying opt in and not getting benefits and then opting out and getting benefits.

Gen: we don't know yet what we need. We will table this until we know more information on our levy. We also will take a closer look at club membership lists for budgets.

Ashley: it will be harder to track with membership lists since they are not all accurate.

Rachael: we can definitely table this discussion.

Adjournment

1:42pm.