The Legal & Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School Minutes

9th of October 2024 12:35-1:51PM EST

Zoom & In Person

Present: Julie Choi, Kelly Bilenkis, Jamie Lynn Galley, Tania Kengatharan, Brandon Connor, Yuval Shilon, Reagan Cockburn, Marwah Asrar, Ava Taborda, Karth Gautam, and Jasmine Bates.

Absent: Karel Peters and Shivaansh Khanna.

Call to Order (12:35pm)

Julie motioned to start the meeting, and Yuval seconded.

President's Items

1. Swear in Newly Elected 1L Reps & Welcome

All of the 1L reps (Karth, Ava, Jasmine and Marwah) read the paragraph affirming their position, copy and pasted for everyone here: "I solemnly affirm that I shall faithfully observe and uphold the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Legal and Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School of York University and to the best of my ability shall administer the duties of my position for the benefit of the students I represent and the Law School."

And all of the reps having read the affirmation, are officially sworn in as executives.

We went through the entire exec and introduced ourselves, and then they introduced themselves to us.

Social Convenor & VP Internal Items

2. Halloween Pub Night

Joyce has talked to Richard recently and they have an event they do on the last Thursday of every month, this month happening on Halloween. So their venue will also be opened to the public on that day.

Not sure if we can get drink tickets for everybody.

The event would start at 10pm, but that time is currently tentative. TBD.

We can promote the L&L Halloween party on 31st, however, because we will definitely be hosting something.

VP External's Items

3. Sponsorships

There are 2 sponsors interested in facilitating a study-space kind of event.

The 1Ls should message Jamie with potential dates for a studying event in the JCR. We would want to have as many upper years there as possible to provide the 1Ls with advice. We will also provide snacks.

Hamza can contact the clubs for an event in the JCR.

A separate meeting will be held to discuss logistics of all the above.

We have a sponsor with Lax O'Sullivan for a separate wine and charcuterie night in the JCR.

2L Rep's Items

4. Levy Increase Protesting

Our view is that the levy increase is ultimately up to the student body.

If they choose to vote no once they have the information about all the services that would need to be cut, that's their decision.

This year, the clubs collectively asked us for 64k when we only have 15k to distribute, for instance.

So – the clubs cannot provide the events that they want to provide because we have no funding to give them.

That is going to be the outcome students are facing if the levy is not increased.

Reminder: the levy has not increased in 20+ years.

Secretary's Items

5. Confirming that the 1Ls all have access to their L&L section rep emails now.

All of the 1Ls (except for Jasmine who had to leave because of another meeting) confirmed that they have accessed their L&L rep emails.

Kelly will discuss with Jasmine over messenger to confirm that she has access to her email.

6. Approving the September 25th 2024 meeting minutes for posting.

There were no objections made to posting the minutes publicly.

Kelly also mentioned that if anyone has any notes or items they want changed that they come up with in the next 24 hours, they can still send her an email and she will circulate the edited minutes again for any further suggestions to the Exec.

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approve of the minutes taken on September 25th to be posted.

(Kelly motioned/Yuval seconds) CARRIED

Motion: to adjourn the meeting (1:51pm)

(Julie motioned/Kelly seconded) CARRIED