

Minutes

10 February 2021

12:30 – 2:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Karin Kazakevich (Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Sydney McIvor, Jordan Crocker, Alex Mulligan, Nushrah Amod, Aiishwariya Haran, Mario Lofranco, Danielle Landry, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Akshay Aurora

Regrets: Jessica Li

Call to Order (12:31PM)

President's Remarks & Items

1. Updates Roundtable

S. McIvor joined the meeting at 12:32PM

Alex: Online community building. Bingo seemed to be good. Theme Days are going. Will help with 2L Formal. Always happy to look out for collaborations.

Aiish: Will continue taking grad photos into the summer after lockdown.

Rachael: Committee work. Trying to have people to use the clubs calendar. If you're part of a club, please have them use the service so we can have the resource useful for students. Community Enhancement Forum has had their second meeting. One app being suggested using Gather. Use an avatar around the screen and Committee doesn't want to use it because of privacy concerns.

Sydney: Room in the budget for end of year gifts. Requisitions for 1L refunds are going through. Meeting with bookkeeper tomorrow to get her onboarded.

Danielle: most updates are relating to formal. Posting social media things.

Jordan: Nothing much to report, newsletter is going out again in two weeks because of Reading Week and we want to give students a break. Also did some work on the Constitution.

Nushrah: developing Wellness materials which will be shared in conjunction with Sydney and Osgoode.

Mario: formal updates mainly.

Reilly: will try and make a push to have clubs add their events the clubs calendar.

Christina: not many updates, looking to plan something for next week. Will coordinate with Alex.

Courtney: similar to Christina.

Akshay: not much from Caucus. Looking to get funds from Osgoode.

Karin: funding is the main update. Akshay's email = COVID relief funding will happen and looking to have Osgoode to give funds out soon. Keep checking on progress. Confident funds will be released this semester.

2. Legal Services Insurance

Karin: recall the Insurance conversation from last meeting. New type of insurance – 'Legal Protection Plan'. Essentially provides a legal representative who can work for you in academic/housing disputers. \$28/year. Legal assistants hotline. Can opt-out. Automatically opted in. 24/7 lawyer you can access. Have not encountered a need for a lawyer while at Osgoode. Maybe people would use it though. Want to hear your thoughts.

Sydney: doesn't CLASP do this for York students already?

Karin: their argument is there is no intake process unlike CLASP.

Sydney: for Osgoode there is no need. For York it's up to them. CLASP does most of this.

Akshay: academic disputes – we don't allow lawyers anyhow. It could be that someone might need the service. Don't think it will be useful, but maybe us 13 can't speak for others.

Rachael: agree with everything that's been said. In undergrad I did have a housing dispute but went to a CLASP equivalent who helped us out. Osgoode students already know how to deal with some matters. Don't see a use. Would be uncomfortable having students opt-out instead of opt-in.

Sydney: this could make CLASP look bad and that we are undermining them. Need to stand behind them.

Akshay: isn't CLASP legal aid?

Sydney: York students are automatically eligible for services.

Rachael: also, don't want to be the body to give it legitimacy.

Karin: do we want to survey the school?

Rachael: students have enough on their minds. If next year's Exec would like to do this, they can pick up the mantle.

Karin: I will relay our points and explain why we will be saying no. Would be happy if it were opt-in.

3. Formal Proposals (1L/2L/3L)

3L Formal

Aiish: Zoom event. Combine with Grad Toast. First bit will be Dean Speech, Karin and Akshay speech, Dean's Gold Keys. Might be nice to have a celebrity cameo. Would then go to L&L Awards and students would be able to choose their breakout rooms like tables. Looking at frames and giving students the choice to pick one and the frame would be free. Students could upgrade their frames and that would be the gift.

Karin: Dean's Funding will be what we use for the frames. Want enough money to do other things as well. Have to come to a consensus on what those other things look like. Tentative date is March 25th.

2L Informal-Formal

Mario: Created a Task Force with 7/8 students and will meet on Friday and discuss how we want to do the 2L Formal. Can work with the other L&L Reps from last year to help plan it and see if they can get their 1L sections involved.

1L Formal

Courtney: don't really have plans yet.

Christina: looking at sending a cocktail recipe and then seeing what we can do after.

Karin: looks like we can do care packages then for 1Ls. Next question is what is in the care packages and might have to move quickly to procure items. Any opposition to doing care packages? The only thing we shouldn't do is anything which requires sizes. The Osgoode ball caps. Osgoode water bottle, scarf mittens. If we really want things that need sizes but want to avoid.

Nushrah: problem is that people do duplicates and might have incorrect numbers for sizes.

Sydney: had at O-Week. One person ordered too many shirts and we didn't realize until afterwards.

Karin: if we're accepting sizes then Osgoode Bookstore has the copyright. Could work with them. Like the plush owl, but maybe not everyone would want that.

Sydney: if we only do an owl, would need another big-ticket item.

Karin: do we like the ball cap idea? (Agreement). Do we want a clothing item?

Christina: the t-shirts are just kind of boring here.

Aiish: accessories are better.

Karin: water bottle or mug?

Rachael: like that idea more.

Karin: water bottle is also easier to ship. Do we want to throw in some more chill things? Any stationary?

Alex: no, but if you do ball cap and water bottle it can be marketed as 'Getting Ready for Summer.'

Rachael: can even put in sunscreen and hand sanitizer. Do we want to a mask for upper years?

Aiish: We can do one of the masks that goes around your neck.

Karin: first step is to price these bigger items out. Hopefully Osgoode will be able to help.

Rachael: I think I can get them to do it. Between Anita's and Mya's budgets we could do it.

Karin: what do we want our cap to be? Did 450 last semester. Might be more popular?

Rachael: lots of people asked afterwards, might have more people.

Reilly: are we giving out to all years?

Karin: intention is it goes to everyone and the frame is separate for the 3Ls. Might have to reduce if too expensive. Hopefully we can get some shipping packing trains. Better with people and volunteers. Any opposition to the diploma frame thing? (No concerns).

4. Elections

Karin: flagging that it could be difficult to have people run for positions. Reminder that nominations open on March 1st. Week right before is where we can advertise about the opportunity. Might need help from the social media team to make this more exciting and fun. Don't know if host an info session.

Rachael: this year it would be a good idea. Can set up a giant session to discuss Caucus and L&L or can be separate and people can go to different rooms. Gather would be good.

A. Mulligan left the meeting at 1:09PM

Akshay: makes more sense for L&L because each position is elected versus Caucus.

Karin: might be good to do on the Friday before. Will coordinate a date. 1L Reps if you want to come and hang out then feel free. Leaving graphics with Rachael.

Vice-President Internal Items

5. Professor Appreciation Video Submissions

Rachael: Professor Appreciation Committee recap. Want to make a video which we can release and if it will be at the last Faculty Council session and post online. Have created a script and want as many people who can read the script. We also want people who are not on student government to do this. Corey will send out on the Caucus end. Want to have people do it over Reading Week. Will give out little gift cards for people who submit early. Will be reaching out to clubs. Would be good if it's a large number of students.

Old Business

6. Constitutional Review – Constitutional Amendment Committee

Karin: Going over changes. Printed out and read word by word. Typos caught.

Rachael: The Executive did have a Special Meeting on the Constitution for two hours and went over all concerns before this meeting.

Karin: Referendum – technically don't need a public forum before we bring this Constitution. We have skipped a step. Also don't think people will mind really because nothing large is being done. If you think there is a possibility people might be unhappy then maybe we should wait for it.

Jordan: People did not care about the Caucus Constitution when we passed it.

Rachael: can still have people send comments to Alina.

Jordan: can send out right away because the referendum will be late.

Karin: would like to use a Google Form so it's easier for people to participate. Would like to use flexibility. Want to hear if people want it to be formal.

Jordan: would need to make sure our record keeping is on top of things because YU Vote would do that for us.

Akshay: concern about if people will not take it seriously as Google Form looks shabby.

Karin: right but YU Vote is also cumbersome. Want something quick and need the numbers. Can motivate people to do it.

Akshay: but last year you could have made it. Would have got enough and if you had enough momentum to do it. Also, last year's election was more uncertain, and people still voted.

Sydney: wouldn't care about platform.

Nushrah: get the sense of YU vote, but Google Form is much more accessible.

Rachael: maybe a hybrid? Could vote on YU Vote and Google Form?

Karin: guess you could so that you could get rid of the duplicates.

Rachael: can check with Alina as well and asking for her opinion.

Reilly: indifferent towards the platform. People seem to be much more apathetic. We're less engaged so more in favour of Google Form, but largely indifferent.

Karin: we can make it look official?

Akshay: how would you envision the Form? Would it be legitimate student numbers?

Jordan: if we use emails, what's stopping people from sharing the link and having alumni voting using their old emails.

Akshay: and will people attack the system afterwards?

Rachael: true, people getting in happens more often than you think.

Aiish: would be better to use the York platform. Need to make it clear this is happening. Making it more of an event/milestone. Make it like 'Osgoode we need you'.

Karin: would suggest open for the election period or have it open whenever and then provide weekly updates on the progress of the vote.

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approves the newly revised Constitution of the Legal and Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School as amended by the Constitutional Amendment Committee;

AND THAT the Legal and Literary Society directs the President to initiate a Referendum process to have the Constitution approved by the Regular Members of the Society.

(Glassman/Crocker) CARRIED

Unanimous

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society approves the newly revised By-Laws of the Legal and Literary Society as amended by the Constitutional Amendment Committee which will come into force immediately until their later potential amendment or removal;

AND THAT the Legal and Literary Society immediately repeals any previous By-Laws or any other governing documents, aside from the Constitution, and confirms these documents have been superseded and are no longer in force.

(Amod/Kazakevich) CARRIED

Unanimous

Other Business

Karin: Note that before the transition meeting on March 31st we will want to have the manual updates there. They will be due on the 27th. Probably don't change much because it would reflect in-person things but can add online experience.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Kazakevich/Aurora) CARRIED

Adjournment (1:45PM)

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 27 January 2021, was deemed approved.

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, 3 March 2021, 12:30PM EST