

Rachael: They started the meeting with a discussion about last year (re: defacing of poster). They talked about that, the response from BLSA and Osgoode, and the steps moving forward. They wanted people to remember it happened and have a place to talk about it, and to make sure Osgoode doesn't dismiss the issue. They felt that their voices were being dismissed because Osgoode's steps were about why they couldn't do anything as opposed to actually taking steps to do something. There are also concerns around an anti-black racism course that BLSA wasn't involved in. Prof is a former member of BLSA and graduate of Osgoode, and she's teaching it in the way she wants to as opposed to with involvement from BLSA. This contributes to the general feeling that they're being dismissed by Osgoode.

Manuela: Did they mention going to other organizations?

Rachael: Yes. One of their big concerns was getting an equity officer at Osgoode. Simi mentioned that this was a concern multiple groups had, including L&L, and Simi said maybe it would be better for us to get together and voice concerns. BLSA said they were going to discuss if they wanted that.

Rachael: Another thing – one of the reasons they felt dismissed was because they wanted a black wellness counselor and the response from Osgoode was that the school did not have enough money, and they should just go to York.

Manuela: It sounds like the main concerns are with admin here. I'm meeting with the President of BLSA today. I will keep the dialogue open that L&L supports BLSA because there was a question last year of who in the school they could turn to.

Rachael: It's unfair that the work of an equity officer is put on a student, but they did mention the support from L&L, but how an equity officer should be staff. Part of the response last year from the school was that it was part of Professor Dufraimont's duties.

Adjournment

Rachael puts forward motion to adjourn meeting at 2:20pm, seconded by Matt, meeting ends at 2:20pm.

L&L Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2019 (Room 0014K)

Present: Manuela, Simi, Kaitlyn, Sarah, Alina, Ashley H, Karin, Cory, Rachael, Adam, Matt, Steph

Regards: Chadd, Ashley B

Call to Order

12:38PM

Minutes Ratification

Ashley H puts forward motion to approve minutes from last meeting, Rachael seconds, all in favour, motion passes.

Referendum Plan

Manuela: I tracked down Ross and he helped me draft the question. L&L has the ability to negotiate up to a certain fee, which is the higher fee. Some caveats – we will do the survey every year, look into renegotiation every 3 years – this goes into the Constitution. We will update our bylaws, votes will go in after, and we will have a polling station in Osgoode because we're also doing polling for things with budget cuts. I will send out the exact dates for campaigning. They're staggering the campaign – will start electronic then have posters, but posters in Osgoode are not necessarily helpful so perhaps will just do it all online.

Adam: We could put something in the Student Caucus display case if it's eye catching.

Manuela: We'll put it in our newsletter and post on Facebook. Electronic campaigning starts on February 25, voting begins on March 19 and ends on March 22. Might be the same as the election date, so could go together. Questions or concerns?

Formal Updates

1L Formal

Rachael: We're happy that ticket sales are picking up, thanks Steph for suggesting that we post about table registration. Over 200 people signed up for tables, we're still 40 short on that for tickets, we will post in the Facebook group that people still have to buy a ticket.

Sarah: You could say your spot is not guaranteed unless you buy a ticket.

Rachael: Now we just want to finish the script for the day.

Manuela: What's going on with the kosher meal?

Karin: No one has taken the kosher meal. We have asked Ashley to open up a \$35 option for people who need a kosher meal, where they can get everything else but the meal.

2L In-Formal

Sarah: I tried to deal with Ballroom, they had one room off on the side that was \$1500 for a minimum spend, which is doable, but the space has a capacity of maximum 100 people. It's an ideal location but I worry that I would be cutting people off. Kaitlyn said the Pint would do no minimum spend for us.

Kaitlyn: When I've gone, they have provided that option.

Sarah: Last thing to determine – what do you think is a reasonable price for the ticket? Do you think people will pay \$25? The more I charge for the ticket, the more people will complain.

Manuela: I worry if people will want to pay more than \$20.

Sarah: They would get a glass of champagne, drink tickets, and a poutine bar. I will aim for \$20. Any objections about Pint?

Sarah: For the date, it will either be Thursday March 21, or the Sunday after which is the 24th.

Manuela: Up to you – but specific to you Sarah, Chadd will be going to the 3L Formal, which is on March 21st.

Kaitlyn: People are unsure about Sunday because if people go home, they might stay home.

Steph: Graham is also coming to 3L Formal, so there are three 2Ls who are coming to the 3L Formal.

Sarah: I think Thursday is generally better.

Steph: Is there a reason why March 21 is better?

Sarah: I think I will just do it on the 21st, I have the date confirmed and have it locked in and can start publicizing by tomorrow.

Sarah: I will also send an email to see if March 14 would work.

3L Formal