

Minutes

13 October 2021

12:38 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Alex Mulligan (Chair), Jessica Li, Valentina Galvis, Chloe Duggal

Absent: Nushrah Amod, Danielle Landry, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Mario Lofranco, Jordan Crocker

Call to Order (12:43PM)

Land Acknowledgement read by V. Galvis

President's Items

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society amend the agenda to add the 1L swearing in and amend the VP External Items to read Budget Allocation REDUX in addition to formatting edits to previous minutes. In particular, the section "I'll talk to Christina later to update bylaws because we made some edits over the summer and we need to make sure our records are accurate for future" from the previous meeting minutes will be amended to "Jordan: Will talk to Christina later to update bylaws".

(Mulligan/Galvis) CARRIED.

1L Swearing In

Alex, Armon, Hillary, Imani, Kelly: 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.

Updates Roundtable

Jess: No updates

Armon: What are updates roundtable?

Alex: Chance for execs to provide updates from the week. Don't always have updates to provide. 2Ls aren't here so we can't hand out special projects. Email passwords for 1Ls will be reset and given out this week. Transition meeting was held between Alex, Jess and the 1Ls, went very well.

Homecoming

Alex: Favorite thing he's ever worked on! Deans are giving us \$5000 to go towards 2L homecoming. After speaking with Courtney and Danielle, they suggested October 22 and 23rd are the best dates for the event due to Covid regulations and safety regulations. Reasoning for the dates is November 4th is call day, 14th/15th was too close, any time after the 5th was exam period. Venue is the same as Dean's Gala. Deans liked the venue, accessible, venue and caterers were willing to offer the same discounts as before. TUUS form had to be submitted on the 7th of October, quick turnaround. Still waiting on TUUS form approval. Contracts have been paid, not been signed technically because of kink with venue in terms of capacity, but secured because deposit has been paid. Motion to allocate \$15000 to both 2L and 3L homecoming, collectively. Legal and Lit was behind in audits because of resignation with treasurers from a few years ago. Mario worked hard to do 2 audits at once so York has given us an additional \$38K this semester which is 60% of the student levy and the remaining amount (40%) will come in the winter semester. Once all exec is here we will make more decisions regarding what we're going to do with the money – more club funding, etc.

You submit audit to York, York student life have a meeting with Mario and Alex, and they give a percent allocation of the Levy. 60% was the max for one semester. An in-term audit will be performed this semester and provided there are no issues we would get remaining 40% next semester.

Armon: Will 1Ls be responsible for working on the 2L homecoming?

Alex: No.

Chloe: Is the budget for the 3L homecoming budget only \$3000? Or will additional funding be sourced/allocated at a later date? If only \$3000, will this fund be flexible to combine to our "graduation ball" if we don't plan an independent homecoming?

Alex: Deans really wanted the 2L event to happen as soon as possible. Deans' emphasis for funding was 2nd years because they haven't gotten any in-person events from last year. 3L homecoming will be more scaled down, will likely be in JCR so it will be much smaller, so the cost will be less.

Val: Theme of "Welcome Back to Campus", much lower scale, don't know numbers in terms of interest. Will allow us to save money but also good opportunity for JCR to make money. If we're going to have law prom as well as a post-grad event from the deans, this can be a low scale event.

Alex: Good that deans are very eager for 2L event. If we don't do a homecoming, we can motion to reallocate costs to law prom. Acknowledge the price differential is significant, but this is because the 2L event will be off campus and scaled up compared to the 3L event.

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society will allocate \$13,000 to the 2L homecoming.

(Mulligan/Li) CARRIED

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society will allocate \$3000 to the 3L homecoming.

(Mulligan/Galvis) CARRIED

VP External Items

Alex: Slight amendment to budget allocation for clubs. Two budgets: OutLaws and Osgoode Hall Law Union. Alex is speaking on behalf of Jordan. Don't want to talk about OutLaws without Nush present.

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society go in Camera for this portion of the meeting.

(Mulligan/Galvis) CARRIED

Motion: That the Legal and Literary Society goes out of camera.

(Mulligan/Li) CARRIED

Alex: Osgoode Hall Law Union gave us a provisional budget of \$250 which we approved. They are asking for an additional budget from us because they made some amendments. L&L funds all the clubs, there's a deadline for submitting their budget. OHLU's new budget request is \$450. We told them initially that we can't guarantee more than \$250, but they were able to ask for more. We did increase funding for all clubs this year so we don't have an extra \$200 to give. We have an extra \$100 for OHLU. We allocate \$15000 per semester for the clubs and we have \$150 leftover. \$14850 were allocated for clubs.

Alex: Zoom bombing accident occurred with OHLU. For the law union, it was their general events that people decided to Zoom bomb. Racist and sexist comments were made and derailed the meeting. OHLU is asking for money to do a security training that would be open to all equity-seeking groups to help prevent zoom bombing.

Kelly: Would there still be money leftover for Outlaws?

Alex: Yes. There would be a separate budget allocation for Outlaws. For precedent setting purposes, we don't want to reopen the finalized budget and encourage clubs to submit their budget late.

Val: If they want to partner with other equity seeking groups, can we have shared costs between the groups so we can pull from other clubs' budgets?

Alex: OutLaws is requesting \$900. We will do a special budget for them. OHLU's budget we can fit inside our budget.

Motion: That the Legal and Literary Society will increase the Osgoode Hall Law Union budget by \$150 for this semester.

(Mulligan/Ghaeinizadeh) CARRIED

Armon: Trying to plan an event for sections. Originally for Section D but now open to everyone. Idea: Osgoode Pumpkin Bash. In front of Osgoode building, proposed date is Friday October 29th, in the afternoon (3-7PM approximately). A bunch of pumpkins on site, pumpkin carving in small teams. If knives are too much of a liability risk then we propose pumpkin smashing. Hot apple cider with cinnamon and nutmeg. Socially distanced. Non-denominational event – free event to student, won't be a huge budget.

Alex: Great idea! Logistics – L&L email will be sent out right after this meeting. Armon can't access Slack. Armon needs to set up time with Professor Drake tomorrow or Friday to submit TUUS form 10 business days in advance of event. Need approval ASAP. On campus capacity limits have changed, not sure what it is. Alex will send email and introduce 1Ls to Prof Drake.

Imani: If we want to plan event should we go directly to Drake?

Alex: Let us know first, but always go to Drake for approval. You can go to Drake prior to coming to us.

Kelly: What is the budget for an event like this?

Alex: Based on the cost.

Kelly: Open JCR for this event. Would this be possible?

Alex: Chance of TUUS approving that is fairly low. Almost always against having food and drinks at events for COVID reasons. You can put it in as a request but it may not be approved. Advice is to state in event proposal that food and drink can be severed from the rest of the event.

Hillary: Drinks – pumpkin spice lattes as well as apple cider? Second question to Jess – can you send list of online zoom section events last year?

Jess: Absolutely. Also, regarding the pumpkin smashing event – how will we address food waste?

Kelly: There is a community garden nearby that we can compost the pumpkins in.

Armon: We can have people take home pumpkin seeds to roast. And use the pumpkins as décor.

Kelly: Bar night proposal? Wednesday November 3rd.

Alex: Great question. Courtney is working on this with Professor Drake. Drake gave her approval, so she is working on the TUUS forms. Professor Drake suggested she pick several dates to get TUUS approval and plan from there.

Armon: Should we pitch the event for all 1Ls or just for sections A and D.

Alex: It's easier to get TUUS approval if we advertise it for all the classes as opposed to different in the sections because York admin is not very receptive to section specific events.

Imani: Can I still propose in-person events for just my section because we have in-person classes?

Alex: Yes. Make sure to tie the TUUS form to the priority of supporting student success on campus.

Kelly: Do we have L&L board games?

Alex: No. We have a karaoke machine, but no board games.

Kelly: Can we use our budget to have a board game cabinet?

Alex: Yes we can potentially. Research costs and bring proposal forward.

Kelly: What is the max cost for something like that?

Alex: Speaking off the top of my head, probably around \$200?

Kelly: Can we build off this over time?

Jess: We can also ask for game donations from students.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Ghaeinizadeh/Theodore) CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2021, were deemed approved.