

## **Minutes**

**November 16, 2022**

**12:30 PM EST**

### **Zoom**

**Present: Courtney Cameron (Chair), Damiana Pavone, Christina Tassopoulos, Ayesha Khann, Julie Choi, Quinn Stevenson, Zamir Fakirani, Danielle Landry, Hillary Song, Rose Wong, Melissa Paglialunga, and Srosh Hassan**

**Regrets: Jessica Li, Jaylene Olson, and Shahbaz Khan**

**Call to Order (12:34pm)**

### **VP Internal**

Lax O'Sullivan Wine & Charcuterie Night – November 16, 4:00-8:00 pm

Ayesha: The event is happening tonight, and Lax O'Sullivan sponsored \$1000 for the event. The event is being fully paid for by that funding. I am going to go set up soon because we have décor purchased and then catering is coming at 3:30pm. I finally got a response from TUUS, and the event has been approved and is in compliance with their requirements. I would love to have two 1L reps to help out tonight between 6:50pm and 8pm to assist as follows: one at the front door and one at the charcuterie station. I will be there doing doors and Danielle will be there doing charcuterie, but we have Lawyer as Negotiator (LAN) starting at 7pm. It is also highly likely that there will be no drink tickets left and no charcuterie left either.

Quinn: I can help!

Ayesha: Great – thank you! Quinn can help with the front door. Is there anyone else who is available?

Courtney: Worst case, I can hop out of LAN to help.

Ayesha: I also wanted to ask if anyone has seen tickets that we can use for drink tickets. I couldn't find drink tickets at the dollar store. Has anyone found any in the L&L office? In the case that I am unable to find tickets, Lax O'Sullivan sent coffee gift cards for the first 100 people, and I numbered 1-60 at the bottom so I am thinking we can use those (since the first 60 people get a free drink). Once they collect their free drink, they could get a stamp. Anyone see a problem with this plan?

Zamir: I think that plan works well, but I do think I saw 1-2 rolls of tickets in the L&L office

Ayesha: Thanks so much! I will check the L&L office.

Hot Chocolate Bar – January 11, 2023

Ayesha: Hall & Hall, an estate litigation firm, has agreed to sponsor this event. I got a response from York Catering after 2 weeks of emailing them and they are not able to get us vegan hot chocolate so I'm looking into that. Does anyone know a vegan hot chocolate catering company?

### **President's Items**

#### Updates

Courtney: Ayesha, Damiana, Jess, and I had meeting with Admin for student groups to deal with TUUS independently. We are trying to get the student groups more standing with York. We didn't come to conclusion in the meeting, but progress is being made. I have also been collaborating with York to make sure we are aligned about the proposed bylaw motion, which I will discuss later in the meeting.

Christina: We have an amazing formal group and we have been working hard to contact some venues. We have heard back from quite a few. It is going to be dependent on sponsorship because prices have gone up significantly. Every quote has been at least \$30,000. As for grad photos, there will be additional sessions next semester. I am still trying to book a room for that.

Danielle: So, the Duke of Cornwall is quite upset with us because a group of students at Pub Night was very disrespectful towards staff. It is very frustrating. I have been trying to email back and forth with them because I don't want reputation that we are horrible. We need to send a reminder that students need to be nice and respectful to people at Pub Nights. I am not sure if we should put that in the Pub Night messaging. In better news, for the first Pub Night back, we are going to collaborate with U of T for a "clubbier" vibe like Petty Cash because they have money to devote to it.

Quinn: Question – would you like us to talk to our sections about that?

Danielle: I assume that it's a small group; there were only 3-5 people so in next poster will make sure to remind students to be respectful. Does anyone have an idea about how we can talk about it?

Courtney: I think it's a really good idea! If we develop a reputation that we are a rude school, that's not good. 1Ls can put it in the group chat. Let's think about it for 2Ls and 3Ls. We could send messaging in the email.

Hillary: My 1L section group chat is still alive. I would be happy to post in there.

Danielle: Maybe we can have a Google sign in sheet. I know U of T does that.

Julie: I am not sure if a general reminder to be nice would be helpful with no context. I agree that a public Instagram post wouldn't be a good look so email might be best.

Courtney: I also wonder how we can be preventive going forward. Perhaps we need to touch base and make sure that someone from L&L is there for the whole thing. If one of us was there, we would have known.

Danielle: I will set up a volunteer form when I can't go next semester to keep an eye on things. I like the idea of including it in the newsletter, and I like the campaign of "Best Bar Practices" that Zamir suggested in the chat.

Rose: A sign-up sheet might be good too because people bring their friends from outside of Osgoode to Pub Nights.

Julie: For Pub Night, having 1L reps there can help facilitate the vibe too.

Hillary: On the form, maybe we can put other details such as make sure you bring your ID, and in there, include be courteous to staff. It can be like a checkbox.

Courtney: I think also we're coming back from COVID, and it's our first time operating at full capacity since. We are figuring it out. Hillary, do you want to provide your updates?

Hillary: For sure! Courtney probably informed you all last meeting about monitoring the Facebook groups for cyberbullying, hate speech, etc. So far, sign up for the committee is low (we only have one volunteer). There have been some interesting comments. Law students don't realize what they are putting online isn't great. I have to remove a comment, but I took evidence of that. I am looking for volunteers within L&L, and it would be great if 1Ls help monitor the posts. I will put out comprehensive statement as well.

Quinn: In the comprehensive statement, perhaps we can add something like "You are responsible for what you write, and future employer scan see what you write." A clause like that might help.

Melissa: I can put a call for volunteers in the newsletter too.

Hillary: Great – I will draft up something and send to you.

Melissa: On my end, the weekly newsletters have been going out every Sunday. I also have been uploading the Meeting Minutes once they are approved by consent.

Rose: I have minimal updates. I have to reach back out to the bookstore to get the Fall Sale solidified and get it into the newsletter. I am still reaching out to sponsors for the 2L informal formal. I might piggyback off Danielle's idea and reach out to our friends at U of T law for the informal formal. I am also thinking about a back to school or new year's event.

Courtney: Do any of the 1Ls have updates?

Quinn: I have 2 questions. 1) There is one student concerned with the lack of sanitization wipes in classrooms and 2) one student is wondering about a 1L specific formal.

Courtney: The wipes is in our purview but not at the same time. What we can do is that I meet with the deans every two weeks, and I can tell them. I know the wipes have been brought up to caucus too. As for the 1L formal, since we haven't onboarded yet, you likely don't know yet. The 1L formal is for the four of you (the 1L reps) to plan with the help of the executives.

#### Bylaw Motion

Courtney: We need to pass this motion, but we don't have enough of the executive here currently. We need 10 votes on this. Damiana is coming so I will provide an overview of the motions until she arrives.

Courtney: We went over this before, but I changed a few things after chatting with Jeremy during Reading Week. We are asking clubs to have a designated person within their executive to handle complains so it will take onus away from L&L for less serious complaints. I did change that, and if we scroll further, we have that the club shall investigate it internally, and provide fundings to our Equity Officer.

Courtney: It gives discretionary power and when chatting with Jeremy, there is a concern that we could get something that may not need our assistance. They do it first and then we can decide if we need to look into it further.

Courtney: Those are the main changes. I see someone here from the student body so I will explain what we are doing and why. There is a new York University regulation that requires all student clubs to have conflict mechanisms in place for complaints against us and the clubs under us. The only thing we are proposing to change with Bylaw 2 is to prevent any inconsistencies with the new bylaws. Everything added has been highlighted. I have taken out all the provisions that are dealt with in new bylaws.

Courtney: The second motion is for a new bylaw that lays out exactly what will happen if someone launches a complaint against us. How we're handling it is to invite the person facing the complaint to an executive meeting where we will discuss the complaint. The person being complained against will have a chance to share their perspective. We can impeach someone with 2/3 vote of the executive. The reason we did 2/3 is keeping it consistent with the rest of the constitution requiring 2/3 to approve.

Courtney: The third bylaw (the one student body is most concerned about) is what happens if we get a complaint against a club under us. The club will conduct an internal investigation and submit their findings to the Equity Officer. The Equity Officer will then investigate the complaint. We will have the club investigate first. We still have authority to investigate. I also want to touch on what can happen for a remedy. The remedies include suspending the club (we are already able to do this) or recommending that the club suspend a club member (we can only recommend because we don't want to take away from clubs' ability to make decisions related to their own members). The remedy must be passed by 2/3 of the executive.

Courtney: Does anyone have any questions or concerns? In essence, if we don't do this, we don't get money from York anymore.

**Motion: *THAT* the Legal and Literary Society Repeal and Replace Bylaw II (Club Guidelines) in the *Legal and Literary Society Constitution* with the following:**

Bylaw II – Club Guidelines (<https://www.legalandlit.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Bylaw-II---Club-Guidelines.docx>)

**(Cameron / Tassopoulos) CARRIED**

**Motion: *THAT* the Legal and Literary Society append new bylaw XVII to the *Legal and Literary Society Constitution* as follows:**

BY-LAW XVII – PROCEDURES REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE L&L EXECUTIVE (<https://www.legalandlit.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/BY-LAW-XVII---PROCEDURES-REGARDING-ALLEGATIONS-OF-WRONGDOING-AGAINST-MEMBERS-OF-THE-LL-EXECUTIVE.docx>)

**(Cameron / Wong) CARRIED**

**Motion: *THAT* the Legal and Literary Society append new bylaw XVIII to the *Legal and Literary Society Constitution* as follows with Section 8(b) being removed:**

**(Cameron / Choi) CARRIED**

Courtney: Those three motions have now passed. Melissa, I will ask you to let people know in the newsletter that we did update constitution, and I will let York know.

**Other Business**

*\*There was no other business to discuss. \**

***Adjournment (1:16pm)***

**Motion: *THAT* we adjourn.**

**(Cameron / Tassopoulos) CARRIED**

**Consent Agenda**

The item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 26 October, 2022 was deemed approved.