

L&L Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2019 (Online)

Present: Genevieve, Rachael, Ashley, Bai-qing, Shvata, Alannah, Karin.

Regards:

Call to Order:

9:05 pm.

Health Plan

Genevieve: I have spoken with Bobby, and it was decided to amend the health plan after the Referendum. We will be on the GSA health plan. It is more expensive, but it offers way better coverage. I will send out a draft pamphlet later on. I am not going to distribute it right now because it's not the final one.

Student Choice Initiative

Genevieve: Everyone can opt-out of club funding because it's deemed non-essential. There will be an opt-out system, everyone will be automatically put in. The opt out date will be in mid September. Students will be charged automatically for L&L unless they opt out. I'm open to ideas if we want to encourage students to remain opted in, leave up to themselves to decide, or push clubs to encourage their membership to stay opted-in.

Rachael: I think it's best if we encourage people to stay opted-in. We could say that because we pay for all of the clubs, we will be limiting participation for those who haven't remained opted-in.

Genevieve: we have to send out some sort of educational push. But it is up to us how much we push.

Ashley: does it affect this year's funding?

Genevieve: There's enough discretionary funding for this year. But it is Osgoode's decision whether we get access to that funding.

Bai-qing: can students who opt-out still participate?

Genevieve: that's our decision.

Ashley: that's a strong push to stay opt in.

Genevieve: it's a little more complicated because some students don't care about club events.

Rachael: can we say that you can't be a member of a club, but you can still participate? Being a member means you can put the role on your resume and get mentorship. Everything relies partially on external funding

Bai-qing: it's impossible to make that calculation though. Either you are a member or you're not. Any split is going to be hard to operate.

Ashley: some clubs rely more heavily on L&L funding than others. We should just tell the clubs that this is happening and get the clubs to tell their members how important it is for them to remain opted-in.

Rachael: we can leave it up to the clubs to arrange for more external funding for their specific events.

Bai-qing: how likely is it that students will become aware of the charge if we leave it up to them?

Genevieve: as part of the initiative, they have to tell students, so York will certainly make them aware. Next year more ppl will opt out because they'll be more aware than this year. We can't come to a resolution today, but it's something to think about.

Rachael: Karin and I are in charge of social media, so we can work on any outreach we need to do once we decide on what to do. I would like a positive and educational one.

Bookstore Contract

Genevieve: there is no formal contract between L&L and the Bookstore. There is a suggested contract with York University that takes away our control over clothing and merchandise sales in exchange for still selling in York Lanes and our Bookstore in Osgoode. Some years we only broken even. We make about \$1500 a year. We wouldn't have control, but we do get the money and it'll be less work. We would still have input on the Osgoode designs. The agreement stipulates if we want to place orders, we need to run a quote by them first. We also need to make sure we won't get in trouble for ordering shirts for O Week. But moving forward if there are promotional products, we would have to run it by the Bookstore. We will provide them with advertisement but that's just a link to their website. So we should do a vote as the most productive and efficient way to decide this.

Call for vote by Rachael, seconded by Karin. All in favour.

Genevieve: we'll work out the details closer to when school starts.

Website Update

Rachael: For the used book exchange, we could start using our website. I'm also hoping everyone can send me their bios soon and I'm planning to organize matching headshots for everyone, including student caucus.

Genevieve: are we using Web Master?

Rachael: it was supposed to be less complicated but it ended up being more. I will also speak to Ellen about a mental health resources list on our website.

Clubs Fair

Ashley: I've planned a trip for the end of summer that I've now realized is in conflict with the date for the clubs fair. It won't affect any preparation, I just need someone to be the point of contact on the day of.

Genevieve: I can do it.

Adjournment

Ashley puts forward a motion to end, seconded by Rachael. Meeting ends at 9:54pm.