

The Legal & Literary Society of Osgoode Hall Law School

Minutes

23th of October 2024

12:37-1:22PM EST

Zoom & In Person

Present: Julie Choi, Karel Peters, Shivaansh Khanna, Kelly Bilenkis, Jamie Lynn Galley, Tania Kengatharan, Brandon Connor, Yuval Shilon, Reagan Cockburn, Joyce Gerges and Jasmine Bates.

Absent: Karth Gautam, Ava Taborda and Marwah Asrar.

Call to Order (12:37pm)

Julie motioned to start the meeting, and Kelly seconded

President's Items

1. Addressing Concerns Raised by OHLU

Context: this was previously discussed by the executive off the record, so this is the continuation of a conversation.

The main thing being suggested at this time is that we pass a motion to create an ad-hoc committee, and then we would push a call-out to the club executives (likely via the clubs listserv).

We recognize that our by-laws are ambiguous and we want to address the concerns that have been raised in that regard.

Joyce asked if there would be minutes taken at the meeting with OHLU so we can stay informed on what was discussed.

Julie plans to give them more information about the process we followed when making the decision we did.

We were also under the impression that this was a non-OHLU event that OHLU was amplifying, which informed the decision made.

Joyce had concerns about there being a lack of ability for executive members on L&L to have their opinion heard at the meeting – but ultimately, she wants to ensure that what was discussed at the meeting is fully communicated to the executive via minutes or an executive summary.

Julie is going to do her best to take notes and to keep us informed on how the meeting went.

Motion: THAT The Legal and Literary Society agrees to the creation of an ad-hoc committee to review By-Law XX.

(Julie motions/Reagan seconds) CARRIED

Treasurer's Items

2. Student body idea: fundraising event where people pay to pie the deans.

We'd need to see if the Deans would be down for this, but the idea is self-evident (students pay to get to throw a whip cream pie in the deans' faces).

Was suggested to us by the student body.

Joyce suggested that regardless of the amount of the donation, we could limit the amount of pies thrown to one per person.

VP of Outreach's Items

3. Period Project (w/VPI)

Tory's has confirmed that the money should be sent to our accounts this week.

Jamie asks Shiv to confirm with her when the money gets deposited.

Jamie is happy to help Reagan with anything that she needs.

4. Wine & Cheese: choosing date (W/VPI)

Jamie enquired into whether there is a pub night currently being planned.

The wine and cheese sponsorship would include LOLG sending 5 representatives from their firm to network with our students.

There's currently a peer support event planned on the 14th from 4:30 to 6:30pm, so just need to ensure it doesn't overlap.

Could happen on the 13th from 4 to 7pm, which is the JCR Bar night.

There was also some discussion on a possible collab with the bookstore, and whether this would overlap with that because it is currently scheduled for November 13th. But there was a suggestion that the event could be scheduled for 6 to 9pm, afterwards?

Yuval confirmed last week that there would be an Osgoode Merch table in the JCR from 4 to 6pm during the JCR bar night.

Julie suggested if we can attract people with a food and wine event, it could possibly overlap with the Merch event?

Yuval raised a concern that the LOLG representatives who come might be put-off by having a Merch sale at the same time as their sponsored event.

Jamie is going to send 2 options for dates, and that one would have a merch sale happening outside and the other would be more private.

Julie also raised that we have a black out period in hosting socials two weeks prior to exams. The first exam is on the 2nd of December, so two weeks prior to that is the 18th of November. But it's not an official black out period, it's just our usual practice.

Caucus Rep (Karel's) Items

5. Message from Caucus

Brief message just to stress that all Osgoode students need to get their YU cards for the upcoming Law Library exam restriction period and IKB security updates.

This item will be top of the newsletter for the next 2 weeks.

VP Internal's Items

6. Mock In-Firms.

We could really use some more volunteers from the 3Ls because we have more demand from the 2Ls than we can currently meet.

Yuval suggests going through the list of OCI firms and that alumni may also be interested.

Secretary's Items

7. Approving the October 9th meeting minutes for posting.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting for the exec's review.

There were no objections to the minutes being posted, but as per usual procedure Kelly is giving the exec 24 hours to raise any concerns or edits over email before they get submitted for posting.

Motion: *THAT the Legal and Literary Society approve of the minutes taken on October 9th to be posted.*

(Kelly motioned/Julie seconds) CARRIED

Motion: *to adjourn the meeting (1:22pm)*

(Julie motioned/Kelly seconded) CARRIED