

Present: Gen, Rachael, Phoebe, Reilly, Alex, Jacob, Mahir, Karin, Ashley, Aiish, Alannah & Shvata.

Minutes Ratification: Ashley, seconded by Alex.

MOTION FOR TITLE CHANGES FOR VP INTERNAL & VP EXTERNAL

Rachael: There is some confusion about our roles outside of L&L. I get a lot of emails that are meant for Ashley. We're still unsure about what the title change will be.

Ashley: will this require a Constitutional change?

Gen: this is something we will discuss later on just the 3 of us.

TRANSITION MANUALS

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Rachael: send them to both of us to update our Constitution. There are some duties and committees that aren't in the transition manuals that I would like to compare.

OFFICE HOURS

Gen: please just ensure we're all making our office hours. If you aren't going to be here and no one can cover you then please just place a sign on the door of a changed time or that you won't be able to make it that day.

Alannah: I've had incidences when people have scheduled a meeting with me so I wasn't able to attend. Is that ok?

Gen: yes, that's completely fine.

Jacob: Student Caucus has office hours in the JCR and in the hall sometimes, is that something we should be considering for L&L?

Gen: We'll leave that up to next year's Executive for that decision. Our office hours are a little different given that people come to pick up cheques, etc.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON 'USE OF ALCOHOL AND CANNABIS'

Gen: How York addresses alcohol on campus does affect our events (Wendy Babcock, Mock Trial, JCR, etc) so I thought it would be good to have a liaison with us for the updated policy.

Aiish: when would that be?

Gen: it would be ongoing.

Rachael: we'll wait to see who has been elected.

Gen: it is definitely going to impact our ads for events as well.

CLOTHING SALE

Aiish: we will have a clothing sale on March 26th. It will be up to 50% off.

Ashley: what is the issue with the t-shirts?

Aiish: I think trademark is the issue because the owls on there are similar to those on OVO. They only have certain designs that are allowed.

UPDATES ON FORMALS

1L Formal

Phoebe: We're doing great on sales.

Reilly: We've sold up to 250 so far.

2L Informal Formal

Aiish: We've sold 87 tickets. The deadline is the 13th so hopefully the ticket sales pick up. We've also got Dean's Funding.

3L Formal

Gen: we got an email from Mya about the award questions. The 1L and the 2L questions seem fine, but just something to be mindful of.

Aiish: we can standardize questions possibly?

Rachael: I do like the change every year.

Gen: if there is a question that is risky, then you can decide not to award it because of Administration.

ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

Gen: Thank you to those who attended the policy meeting. We had the working group to see what implementing the accessibility policy would look like and the troubles associated with implementing one that is for 100% physical accessibility. There was an issue that the proponents for the policy don't want to be blamed for less pub nights and changes to other social changes. I do appreciate Alex's phrasing of moving this in a positive direction. We don't want to allocate some funding to the social convener because then clubs would be losing money. Instead, we are thinking of having clubs host pub nights with a charge for entrance fees not as a charity fundraising but as to cover the cost of the venue. This will be an increase for Dean's Funding requests and she seems on board with that for more accessible venues.

Jacob: If clubs don't meet the amount to cover the venue will they be looking to us to cover the rest?

Gen: this would be something that clubs could ask us for help for earlier on.

Karin: there is less incentive to do it if they can't earn money from it. We've drafted a version of it that we will send to the Disability Collective and Clubs. Club funding will be contingent on their venues being accessible and we want to give them an opportunity to respond.

Rachael: our goal is to have this ratified at the end of this year, before the new Executive comes in. It will be a by-law that is attached to our Constitution. 2/3 of us will have to ratify it.

Gen: there will be unforeseen challenges that will come up, but next year's Exec will have a good opportunity for discussion. We don't want to be hosting events that a group of students cannot physically attend. Ski trip is another issue because it is not accessible in terms of the pub nights. Ashley had a good idea of rebranding ski trip as "winter retreat" and we can also rebrand "pub nights" as "social nights". We will not be eliminating them; they will just look different. It will benefit everyone at the end because we are all Osgoode Community.

Rachael: I've been drafting the by-law and this one is lengthy.

Ashley: it will be circulated to the clubs and some of them won't be affected. For those that are, we just want to see how they feel.

Rachael: this policy will mean that we will use the JCR more often. If we rely on them beyond just Wednesdays then we do need to include them into the conversation.

Karin: I've spoken to them and they seem positive about this.

Reilly: how will this affect O Week? Some of the pub crawl pubs are not accessible.

Gen: those specific pubs are not the traditional ones, there can be changes for O Week. In terms of the volleyball tournaments, they have a good alternative for participation in the same place with the same character and then that qualifies that event as an accessible one.

Karin: The boat cruise does not have accessible bathrooms so that will make an impact.

Rachael: we're going to have an Accessibility Committee next year who can be the arbitrator of whether something is accessible and how the parallel events will operate.

Gen: we don't have anyone to consult with right now since we don't know who is the O Week Chair this year. It seems unfair if certain people can't participate in all of the activities given the purpose of O Week.

Alex: The Boat Cruise takes up a decent amount of the budget, and we can find a decent alternative that might be cheaper.

Karin: we do need to have a meeting of how we package this. There will be some push back.

Gen: we can mention the AODA if need be.

Jacob: what are we asking of the clubs in terms of feedback?

Karin: their budget for venues will be contingent on accessibility so we just want their feedback on the matter overall.

Gen: if a club gets external funding for an inaccessible event then that is fine, L&L just won't fund it.

Rachael: on our website we will post the policy and a database for venues that are accessible. There is also a list of venues that don't fall into the policy appropriately. We hope that clubs can add on to that list. We also want to empower students who have less visible disabilities to contribute their opinions.

Karin: to add to the social convener's role they should be vetting to make sure that all of the venue is accessible not just certain aspects of it.

Gen: that could also fall onto the accessibility committee as well. Mistakes do happen with accessible venue misapprehension, so we don't want to cut the funding from a club who was sincere in their approach to have an accessible venue. There was also some feedback at the meeting for inclusion of Administration in this matter. Some of L&L's role coincides with Administration, as we take on certain initiatives that increases our roles and we're putting in an extra investment voluntarily. The interest for being a part of L&L might continue to decline. Administration isn't aware of some of the issues, so if you do notice something that you believe might be associated more to Administration please let me know.

Adjournment: 1:57 PM.

Present: Shvata, Rachael, Karin, Gen, Alannah, Ashley, Mario, Aiish, Bobby, Phoebe, Jacob, Sydney, Chadd, Jordan, Reilly, Alex, Mahir, and Nushrah.

Minutes Ratification: motion put forward by Rachael, seconded by Chadd.

CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ashley: this would be a fun new idea. The criteria would be something like “did the most to foster interclub community, built rapport, etc.”

Gen: would this go with the L&L and Faculty Awards?

Ashley: it could be, but the timing might be weird. I was thinking by the end of exams so that it is still top of mind. A later time won't be ideal.

Rachael: I'm not sure if we can do this for this year, I think it would be better to implement next year so that clubs can put in more initiative to try and win the award. We can create a point system for them.

Karin: I think it is something we can do this year.

Reilly: I was thinking next year we could do a JCR Night for all the clubs and hand out awards for the clubs there. I think having a “Club of the Year Award” would be a good start to that.

Gen: Ashley and Reilly if you want to work on this for this year that would be great.

L&L AWARDS

Gen: Everyone has a transitional manual that gets passed down. I hope that you all can take a look and make any necessary changes. Please send me updated transition manuals by April 1st.

Gen: since there won't be a convocation ceremony this year in June, we were thinking of hosting a “Homecoming” in September and we would give the L&L awards then.

Rachael: I could get my friend who did them last year to do them again this year.

Gen: that was considerably cheaper so that might be the better option.

MOTION FOR NEW ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

Gen: this was passed through an e-motion. This policy will mean that all of our events will be physically accessible and club event funding will be contingent on their events being accessible. We have had a lot of feedback to put this policy together. We are not going to decide Co-Chairs for O-Week until the policy is released.

Rachael: we will be ready to release the policy soon.

FEEDBACK

Karin: hopefully the transition will happen before May 1st. So, please host your individual transition meeting before then. I just also wanted some feedback on how things went this year.

Aiish: 2L Informal Formal is a harder event to sell than the other formals. So, Mario, maybe you might want to think about going about it differently. It doesn't seem like an event people are interested in.

Rachael: this is a newer event that L&L hosts. The 2Ls pushed for acknowledgement that they got through the year as well in the form of an event.

Aiish: I don't think it is something to cut out, I think maybe we could be less ambitious about it.

Bobby: the point was to be ironic. It was never a huge turnout event from my understanding.

Aiish: I think the “irony” is confusing. People don’t really get the vibe as much.

Gen: I wish I had made a calendar of events and timeline of events earlier in the year. That way everyone knows what is happening and when.

Ashley: I think that’s a great idea for clubs because they want to schedule events on days that other events are not happening.

Gen: I do think concise communication is good and we should continue pushing to not overwhelm people with communication even on Facebook.

Rachael: I was sitting on the research committee, and something they wanted to limit was sending their emails as well. I think we can bring it up with SC and we can talk to IT about different subscriptions.

Reilly: once the L&L reps are elected, I think a team bonding activity would be nice for next year.

Gen: we can revisit some administrative things such as advertising towards firms as well. We can also adjust our insurance potentially.

Rachael: VP Internal is flexible, it could be worthwhile to rework the role of the VPI. We can make it more of a substantial role.

TRANSITIONS

Gen: you want to walk through your year with the incoming person in your individual transition meetings. You want to outline all the tasks and all passwords. Send any changes to Karin once you have met with your person who is transitioning.

Rachael: thank you Gen for your leadership and for being an amazing President. We went from student choice initiative to COVID-19 so thank you for guiding us all through it.

Gen: I want to thank the 2019/2020 Exec this year. We’ve had a lot of challenges but everyone stepped up to support your fellow students. I really appreciate all the time and patience you’ve provided through all of this. Thank you to the 1L reps for being so involved and going above and beyond. Aiish, thanks for dealing with the bookstore transition and keeping on top of everything. Chadd, thanks for organizing a killer 3L formal and closing down the CN tower. Alannah, thank you for being a great advocate for diversity groups and for all your work on the strategic planning. Mahir, thank you for taking the chance running for treasurer and for all your work. Shvata, thank you for working so independently and for the great memes. Ashley, if your hours were billable, I don’t know what we would do. You are always a great voice of reason for us and you did a great job with the clubs. Rachael, you have never said no to anything and you have done so well answering all last-minute tasks and reorganizing the webpage. Bobby, a lot of what you did wasn’t in your role but you were always so helpful. Karin, you have done a fabulous job with pub nights and embraced the new accessibility policy with such grace. You will be an amazing new president!

Rachael: L&L predates the LSO and so, this oath is a part of this long tradition.

OATH TAKEN BY NEW EXEC MEMBERS

Adjournment: 1:11 PM.