

Present: Gen, Rachael, Alannah, Alex, Shvata, Reilly, Phoebe, Karin, Ashley, Mahir, Aiish, Jacob, Bobby, & Guests (Allie, Shruti, & Devon from Disability Collective of Osgoode)

**Call to Order:** 12:34pm.

Minutes Ratification: put forward by Shvata, Seconded by Mahir, one abstention.

## **ACCESSIBILITY PROPOSAL**

**Allie:** in terms of policy, we will be asking for all L&L events to be held in physically accessible venues. We just need basic accessibility (no ramps, accessible washrooms, etc.). This matters to us because according to the L&L Constitution events should bring students together. We don't want to exclude students who have accessibility needs. It feels as though our presence is not given significance. I have had a lot of experiences at Osgoode events where I felt as though I didn't belong. Some of these have dissuaded me from coming to social events. We have support from other equity seeking groups on this matter.

**Gen:** I want to thank you for coming today and I apologize for the previous years where you haven't been able to come to events. In terms of implementing a policy, we can't do it today, but it is a discussion for us that we can do in conjunction with you and adopt a policy that is realistic for us to fill while working with different groups on campus. The issue is with asking students to advocate for themselves, how do you feel about acting as an consultant on this issue?

**Allie:** I am used to doing that and it is not difficult at this point. I care about making it so that students are not in the position that I was in when I was in 1L.

**Gen:** we can talk to Administration to make this broader than just L&L, to make sure your advocating lasts beyond your presence.

**Bobby:** on behalf of Student Caucus we also thank you. It is timely given the strategic planning. There was a message about direct communication with certain groups brought forward.

**Gen:** I will bring this up at our synergy meeting with Student Caucus for us all to discuss.

**Ashley:** L&L made a commitment to fill out a survey that Accessible Osgoode had asked us to do. Clubs were also asked to fill it out as well.

**Allie:** Michael hasn't heard any updates on that, so we'll follow up together.

**Gen:** I hope we can attain a higher target for next year.

**Allie:** it will take time to get there, but at the same time, building a degree of flexibility gives people an out. It is possible to plan accessible events. Having it as a policy gives a reason for people who don't understand the significance.

**Gen:** You made a great comment during O Week that even if accessible events are happening, we don't want to force students who advocated for them to feel pressure to go to those events.

**Allie:** sometimes we have felt that if we don't go, people who have worked to make the event accessible will be resentful. People have difficulties that are not always visible, so accessible events really shape how they are able to participate comfortably.

## **YEARBOOK**

**Aiish:** I need the help of the 1Ls soon and I am going to place a call for photos.

**Ashley:** you will have a deadline for clubs too?

**Aiish:** yes, but I am going to ask the 3Ls first.

## **UPDATES ON FORMALS**

### **2L FORMAL**

**Aiish:** I was hoping to launch tickets during Reading Week. If we have enough money from tickets, I would like to get a photobooth.

**Ashley:** Bangarang is the venue which is not accessible?

**Aiish:** There is a contract with them already, but I will fill out a form. The washroom is inaccessible.

## **1L FORMAL**

**Reilly:** our venue is accessible.

**Alex:** we are ready to sell tickets.

**Phoebe:** we're just going to settle on the name today.

**Rachael:** just give me a name when you're ready and we'll have the website set up asap.

## **YU – CARD PRIZES**

**Ashley:** one of the new clubs wants to give out prizes after some questions about competition law, like a game show prize. I am not sure how comfortable I am with this. It is similar to giving out cash that we get from student levy. I'm not sure if we want to set a maximum at like \$10-\$15. If all the clubs decide to do this, and they want a larger maximum it might get complicated.

**Gen:** did they budget for it?

**Ashley:** no, they haven't. This is a redirection.

**Rachael:** there are already ways to give out prizes for attending events.

**Bobby:** you can charge a fee and then they get entered into a contest, similar to what we did for the Law Games Beer Pong Tournament.

**Ashley:** this isn't too much of getting people to come, it is more to give a prize to the winner.

**Gen:** we can allow this for this event and then implement a policy that puts limitations.

**Bobby:** given the restrictions we have already, they can be allowed to fundraise for the prizes.

**Ashley:** I think giving them the YU-Card is ok. It seems to be a useful prize. It might just be better to put a limit on it.

**Gen:** what if we made a stipulation that 'so long as they can't give them to the club exec'?

**Ashley:** in the end, if they feel they weren't able to give out the prizes then what do they do with it?

**Rachael:** gift cards don't expire so they can give it out at their next event.

**Ashley:** the continuity of clubs gets lost year after year.

**Alex:** you can stipulate that they can't purchase it until after the event.

**Alannah:** they can also do electronic gift cards.

**Ashley:** that sounds good.

## **KEYPAD LOCKS**

**Ashley:** they will be ready in 2 months.

## **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**Gen:** it is in the early stages; the email was just for initial feedback.