

Minutes

27 July 2021

8 PM EST

Zoom

Present: Alex Mulligan (Chair), Jordan Crocker, Nushrah Amod, Mario Lofranco, Danielle Landry, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron, Valentina Gavis, Chloe Duggal

Call to Order (8:08 pm)

Land Acknowledgement read by C. Cameron

President's Items

1. Updates Roundtable

Nush: Not too much has been going on so far. Will be getting in touch with equity-seeking groups as we get closer to the beginning of the semester.

Christina: Not many updates, just sending out emails whenever they have to go out.

Mario: I have been working on the audit. It is finally almost done.

Alex: Thank you to Mario for dealing with the audit. It has gotten quite intense, and I don't envy you Mario.

Jordan: Clubs fair planning is underway and have been answering emails that have been coming in from clubs.

Valentina: Contract from photographer, have to approve. Book next week to talk about the dates. Emails are coming in about how Class of 2021 will have their pictures. No update on the yearbook from Aiish. Planning – Homecoming. Have three people for that.

Jessica: Not many updates. Course selection document was finished. Worked with Chloe, Alex and Jaylene. Was very helpful for students (others at the meeting expressed how helpful it was). Reached out to OUTLaws for help with Wendy Babcock. Offering help for Homecoming planning.

(N. Amod also offered help for Homecoming)

Danielle: Thank you for the course selection. Lots of help with 2L Committee. Today a transfer student joined. Wondering about if we should be waiting for in-person events?

Courtney: planning Homecoming with Valentina and Danielle. Sorting out a document for pubs. Many are closed. Lost a lot of accessibility. Ones that are open are not doing reservations. That's what's happening.

2. Provincial Changes to COVID Rules

Motion: THAT the Legal and Literary Society go in Camera for this portion of the meeting.

(Mulligan/Crocker) CARRIED

Motion: That the Legal and Literary Society goes out of camera.

(Mulligan/Crocker) CARRIED

3. O-Week Update

Alex: O-week planning is going, we have a superstar team. The provincial changes have been complicating things, there is no ELGC schedule to go on, kind of a mess. Last year, we gave O-week some money, the same as I am suggesting this year. This is because firms are spending less money on donations and sponsorship because of the pandemic

Chloe: I am willing to take any questions regarding where the funding will go.

Motion: I move that the Legal and Literary Society, consistent with our mandate to support student life, provide the 2021 Orientation Week with \$5,000.

(Mulligan/Crocker) CARRIED

Alex: Now we are discussing. Chloe, what will the five thousand dollars be used for?

Chloe: This will be a stimulus amount to go forth with planning before we get any sponsorship. Usually we get lots of funding. In 2019, the cost for the funding was \$65,000 and it has been challenging to raise that much this year because firms are not as willing to give money without the guarantee that there will be in-person events, and we have promised that every event this year will be accessible, meaning there has to be a virtual option. In doing so, there are more costs (things that could have been on the grass can no longer occur there i.e. people in a wheelchair). So, with capacity limits, we have to book larger venues and thus the \$10,000 cost becomes \$40,000 cost. Thus, this money from L&L will really help.

Alex: Are there specific questions? Think that was a very fulsome and honest assessment.

Jordan: I would like to make an amendment to the motion.

Motion: That the L&L amends the motion to state: the Legal and Literary Society, consistent with our mandate to support student life, provide the 2021 Orientation Week with \$5,000 on the understanding that it is for the good of student wellness. This is not a precedent setting motion and it would have to be reconsidered next year.

(Crocker/Tassopoulos) CARRIED

Alex: Mario, Courtney, Chloe, and Alex must abstain.

All in favour.

4. Sustainable Development Motion

Alex: We were approached by Divest Fossil Fuels and requested that we pass a motion endorsing the call to divest from fossil fuels. York has an investment fund and some of their portfolio holdings are in fossil fuel companies. The call has been put out in light of York adopting sustainability goal to divest of those fossil fuel assets

Jordan: The only issue I have is that the university cuts the investment fund and then cuts student awards. I would want to know if that is addressed in the petition.

Alex: Jordan raises some very good points.

Motion: I move that the Legal & Literary Society adopt the following motion:

Consistent with the mandates on sustainable development and climate action in the 2020-2025 University Academic Plan and York University's sustainability goals, calls on President Rhonda Lenton and the Board of Governors to divest from fossil fuels and invest in a just and climate-safe future.

(Mulligan/Cameron) CARRIED

Alex: When you are presented with a petition, we owe it to our constituents that we at least raise it to our exec.

Treasurer Items

1. Funding Request for O-Week

Mario: this was already discussed, we can skip it.

2. Extend the Bookkeeper Contract

Mario: I would like to raise a motion to extend Taron's bookkeeper contract. I think this will be a motion we raise every year.

Jordan: I just want to make sure the motion we vote on this year is specific to this year only.

Mario: The issue with time stamping is that Taron may work past the time. So, we don't know if we should do it by fiscal year or for the audit.

Jordan: Just wanted to make sure the funding limit was good.

Alex: Taron has been a lifesaver for us. Because we have done two audits, we might get more levy funds.

Motion: I move to extend the bookkeeper contract to renew the \$4,000 budget for the upcoming year.

(LoFranco/Ahmod) CARRIED

VP External Items

1. Clubs Fair Planning

Jordan: We have a date for the Clubs Fair: September 3rd, the last day of O-week from 12:30-2:30. Need some opinions for planning. Sounds like in-person stuff will not be worth it. Do we want to do a zoom clubs fair? Is there a better platform?

Pro of zoom: very easy, everyone knows how to use it

Cons: then you have to exit out of rooms, deal with break out rooms

Val: I think other platforms are a good idea, but it might take a lot of computer power. I think zoom might just be the best platform.

Chloe: Do we have closed captioning for zoom?

Alex: Maybe we can use a website called Rev, I have to look. I think there is free zoom captioning

Jordan: I have been able to use closed captioning on zoom, I know how. The question is do we set up an L&L zoom and all the clubs have breakout rooms. But then not sure if all the clubs would be able to do closed captioning

Alex: What do you think Jordan? Obviously we can't really do it in person. Clubs are integral to Osgoode and we have to bite the bullet and for the sake of accessibility, do it online so everyone can attend. So, should every club make their own zoom or do you want to make it with 40 breakout rooms. Also, the larger clubs will likely want their freedom to make their own rooms.

Jordan: I think I want clubs to make their own room and we provide them with resources to make an accessible room so that every club has their own control. Think last year on Zoom was a positive experience.

Nush: it might be a good idea to give clubs the option for if they want to run their own or if they want the support of L&L

Jess: I think zoom is okay, but I remember that when we had ours, there was no schedule, just access it whenever. Maybe it would be better to section it off and categorize clubs

Val: yes, I know there was a lot of repetition, people have the same questions

Chloe: might be nice to see the picture of the logo for each club and not just the link. Maybe provide the time and link as a PDF and clickable. Allow the club to show some images and info about the club.

Mario: I think Jess's idea is great.

Jordan: I know there will be comments about time availability for people, what if they want to go to many things all in the first time slot and they can't because there is a more limited time now or class commitments. Are we okay with that?

Jess: Maybe just record the sessions? I think most questions are very similar, can reach out with anything specific

Val: In terms of recording, is it difficult when there are outside speakers and also some students don't want to be recorded, that may be a concern.

Jess: instead of recording the whole section, maybe just record the beginning where the clubs talk about the club/ intro and then stop recording when it is

VP Internal Items

1. Instagram introductions and Updated Website Bios and Headshot Photos

Jess: It is time to introduce ourselves. We could just do individual posts for ourselves, but it is boring and every club does it and there's only so many fun facts. Pitching the idea of a video and we individually film ourselves introducing ourselves. I can edit and make it fun. What do people feel?

Alex: can we make it cheesy

Jess: we should also talk about what L&L does

Alex: I think it is a great idea.

Jess: Regarding website bios, everyone needs to send one. We can either send headshots or book a photographer to have matching headshots.

Jordan: When do you want bios by?

Jess: I did not give a deadline, I will send out more info.

3L Rep Items

1. 3L Grad Photo Contract Approval

Val: Do you guys want me to go through the contract? The contract provides the composite and online proofs. Yearbook printing would be 25\$ per book. But they are asking us to provide a suitable room for photo taking.

Alex: seems to be pretty typical and standard.

Val: usually Friesens do the yearbook but Lassman has offered to do it this year. It doesn't mean we HAVE to go with them, it is just an option and they are saying if they do our grad photos, they can do the yearbook.

(N. Amod left at 9:30 pm)

Alex: ummmmm okay. I have no issues really. We don't know if we will be able to host a spot for Lassman and we may have to alter that term.

Val: I will confirm with them tomorrow and get back to you. The motion I would like to make has the provisional understanding that if they are not okay with us not hosting, we will have to amend.

Motion: I move to approve the contract between Stephen Lassman Studios and the Legal and Literary Society regarding graduation photos for the 2021-2022 school year.

(Galvis/Crocker) CARRIED

Other Business

Mario: for the social, when do we wanna do it?

Alex: lets let Courtney figure out the details of her move and we'll go from there

Jess: If I were to get a photographer for headshots, would it be possible to give them compensation?

Alex: speak to mario, we would have to do a motion

Adjournment

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Lofranco/Cameron) CARRIED

Adjournment (9:37 pm)