

Joint Minutes

28 October 2020

12:30 – 1:30 PM EST

Zoom

Present: For L&L: Karin Kazakevich (Co-Chair), Rachael Glassman, Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, Sydney McIvor, Jordan Crocker, Alex Mulligan, Nushrah Amod, Aiishwariya Haran, Mario Lofranco, Jessica Li, Christina Tassopoulos, Courtney Cameron; **For Student Caucus:** Akshay Aurora (Co-Chair), Chloe Duggal, Corey Fletcher, Brittany Town, Faiza Tariq, Gabrielle Pellerin, Tomislav Milos, Priyanka Sharma, Viktor Hohlov, Aya Fahmi, Jaylene Olson, Herman Wong

Regrets: Danielle Landry, Arielle Masur, Chai-Wei (Annie) Hu

Call to Order (12:33PM)

1. Icebreaker

Akshay gave a land acknowledgement

Viktor Hohlov left the joint meeting at 12:35PM

Jessica Li joined the joint meeting at 12:37PM

2. Initiative/Advocacy Updates

Karin: General updates – clubs have been active and doing events online. Reimbursement system is up and running. E-Transfer now. Grad photo information have been released, working with students who need alternatives. Happen throughout the year and can take them in the Winter. Clothing sale is happening through York's website. Social events on Thursdays are running. Posted on Pub Night Facebook page. Ozbook is now live, please submit things. 1L Reps taking over. Mental Health and Wellness Week (MHWW) updates as well.

Nushrah: decided to make 450 care packages by sign-up. Won't spoil what's in there. Have a variety of events planned as well as contests on social media. Things posted through L&L. Week of November 9th.

Aiish: are we going to monitor and make sure people aren't gaming the system and signing up twice?

Karin: when they sign up, we'll use Oz email and address. Can put some checks and balances in the form.

Rachael: L&L book sale page, have the YorkU number inputted.

Corey: are you giving some to students who have registered for accommodations from school?

Karin: admin is sending it out, but we can look into that.

Nushrah: you mean prioritizing students who are maybe on leave.

Rachael: probably next to impossible because admin will not share with us who is on that. Reasonable expectation of privacy. We can discuss but admin is not likely to be helpful.

Corey: not an L&L thing, maybe something to say to admin.

Karin: to clarify, the labels we are doing, but Oz can send a link and then Oz sends it out so we don't know who the students are.

Corey: could ask admin to send out 30 packages or so.

Chloe: could ask for students to self-identify in the form, maybe not perfect.

Nushrah: I understand what Corey is asking, I can email Nancy Sperling to ask if she can reach out to those students and/or ask to reserve some packages for these students. Will go with what she says.

Karin: will have our Constitutional amendment committee, hopefully get it approved for next semester. Equity consults. Newsletter sent out every week. Events Calendar is live and summary database is on a new platform. Overall, people haven't lost hope. Mock Trial is happening. No golden solution, but our outlook is still positive.

Chloe Duggal left the meeting at 1:01PM

Akshay: starting an Equity body. Being more proactive. Tuition related survey. 460 respondents. Want to flag that 80% of students thought the price of Osgoode negatively impacts their mental health. Been having discussions on the Tuition Working Group. Have a roadblock, but there is a conclusion and just need to implement. Faculty Council Committee process. Survey and will conduct an analysis to make sure we are being representative. Have some exceptional representation this year. This year we want to have sensitivity training for professors, bringing to the Teaching and Learning Committee. Passed a new Conflict of Interest Policy relating to the recruitment of faculty. Other than that, dealing with things come up.

3. 1L Town Hall Review & Issues Brainstorm

Karin: . Make sure to choose a date that works. Could brainstorm now for any thoughts. One issue we know is profs going over time in classes.

Akshay: don't want to put you on the spot but reach out if there are questions around dealing with some issues.

Rachael: we almost always get questions around ELCG – don't engage with those. Just went through a reform 2 years ago and admin is not looking at changing.

Akshay: Just a caveat APPC is discussing around discussing ELGC and the modules. So please ask for that feedback.

Corey: Town Hall could bring some discontent with online learning. Spin positively if you can. Shouldn't create an atmosphere where people feel bad.

Akshay: something that will come up: why is law school the same price even though it's online? Don't go down that road. People would want to know, but not for you to have an intense discussion. Out of your hands at this point. Maybe direct them to the fact that UofT is charging 44K.

Karin: tough question. Most you can do is not engage.

Jaylene: expecting questions around some professors have adapted and others are stuck in their ways.

Akshay: end of the day professors are professors and even if this was a year in-person, profs teach differently. One thing to say, "don't do 6 hours when you're allotted 4' versus 'this is too heavy' That's law school. Draw a line between what we do on student government versus things that are annoying

Karin: Osgoode also takes Academic Freedom very seriously. Fair to validate the concerns but draw the line that there is only so much we can do. Another thing is to get feedback on O-Week. Possible it's virtual next year. Have one of you take minutes as well. Bring up O-Week if no one says anything about it.

Akshay: some issues are also sensitive. Respect the privacy of the students. Inform them at the beginning that they can speak off the record but don't make it a nasty session. Already have got concerns from profs who don't think students are respectful. Make sure that there isn't any disrespect. Reign it in if necessary.

Karin: up to you how to run. If you want to open the floor or be more formal, up to you.

Akshay: invite anonymous feedback in advance. Can give you the report that I said at Faculty Council so you can update what Caucus is doing.

4. 2L Town Hall Review & Issues Brainstorm

Karin: there is a date.

Tomi: November 2 at 12:30PM. Arielle sent out a call for feedback. Chloe will probably be getting the comments because she set up the form.

Akshay: send any flags to Karin or I so we can look over.

Corey: you thinking you'll get questions around 2L recruit?

Tomi: think people will figure it out. Probably negative feedback for Akshay.

Pri: Town Hall is at 3:30PM.

Akshay: if you get any recruit questions, Karin and I sit on LSSO. Chloe is Vice-President so we can maybe help answer those questions.

Karin: firms aren't necessarily being told to do in-firms in person. Just encouraged. So could be that firms hold in-person.

Akshay: any questions around that just let Karin and I deal with it.

Karin: might be relevant is the 1L formal. We are not making a firm call on that until January because we don't know the public health situation. Holding off for a couple of weeks. Will talk about refunds if we cancel.

5. 3L Town Hall Review & Issues Brainstorm

Akshay: 3Ls might get questions about licensing. Same advice re: 2L recruit for 2Ls.

Aiish: was going to bring up those concerns.

Akshay: pushing an online bar exam and am not happy with the articling reduction to 8 months. We would push for things online. Convocation wants it to be in-person, but government will make the ultimate call.

Gabby: only question that I got had to do with grading scheme.

Akshay: maintain the position that we'll be going bac to 'normal' there. Will be going back to grading this term and not P/F.

Aiish: Town Hall will be November 9th.

Brittany: thinking 12:30PM – 2:30PM. Anticipate questions around convocation. Maybe around law prom (but we know that won't be a thing). Don't know if there's an official stance.

Akshay: stance should be that Osgoode will take it as it comes. Don't even know what will be happening in the Winter. Perspective Options in person but it also depends on who applies.

Aiish: 3L Prom we will operate like it will happen.

Corey: push that Ozbook thing. Looks like a nice thing for the 3Ls.

Jordan: To Brittany's point, York sets convocation dates, not Osgoode. Won't be in person anyhow, but the Senate Executive has not made an official decision on this yet. Can update if I hear anything from Senate.

Akshay: final bits of advice — if something is confidential then don't say. If something hasn't been decided at a Caucus meeting, don't make any promises. Choosing not to attend any of these Town Halls. Asked Chloe and Corey to maybe not be there. Want to have a casual thing. Text me immediately.

Karin: stay positive. You are the Reps. Be there to support and let us know if you have any questions.

Mario: Are we making sure to make it evident that people cannot record the Zoom calls? Karin/Akshay: Wouldn't record.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Crocker/Everitt-Cunningham) CARRIED

Adjournment (1:30PM)

Next Joint Meeting

TBD

Minutes

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Call to Order (1:31PM)

President's Remarks & Items

1. Care Packages

Karin: Nushrah, did you want to speak about the status of the care packages?

Nushrah: Care packages. Have been ordered. Team was been great when helping out. Toque, candle, bubbles, pencil stress ball. Excited about contents. Events are mostly confirmed. Social media planning was designated to three people. Posting schedule. Hoping to make it interactive. Link to anonymous google form. Can choose to identify themselves or not. Sense of community. Last part of social media would be to reach out to equity groups and how mental health is dealt with in their communities. Everything else looks good. Very excited. Biggest stat was that 85% find the cost of tuition is a strain on mental health. Push mental health with admin and come up with a strategy that is more prominent at the school. Need an overarching approach. Want to accomplish this year. Something to pick up after MHWW.

Karin: Any updates that people want to bring up?

Mario: did everyone see everything about clothing? Will be told next time the correct information.

Karin: all set for escape room, Alex?

Alex: yes

Karin: take a break next week, no social event.

2. Health Plan

Motion: THAT the meeting be moved In-Camera.

(Kazakevich/Glassman) CARRIED

Motion: THAT the meeting be moved out of In-Camera.

(Kazakevich/Crocker) CARRIED

3. End of Semester Celebration Brainstorm

Karin: do we want to have something that says, 'congrats you did it have a great winter holiday'. At Ryerson, had a cute (secret) video for newly admitted students. Should we do anything? Worth a conversation.

Rachael: think that we should post something on our socials. Been hard for everyone. Some congratulatory statement should be part of what we do. Would it be possible to have a dance party? Play music over someone's Zoom and everyone can have a drink or dance around? Don't know if this is wildly embarrassing. Create some event where people can interact with each other.

Karin: I would dance on Zoom, not sure about others. 1Ls if your prof has filmed themselves saying congratulations, would you be more pissed or 'that's cool?'

Jessica/Courtney/Christina: like the idea

Karin: can maybe then end with yourself.

Jessica: does each section have one video or one video for everyone?

Christina: probably by section because we have different profs.

Karin: would you be okay taking that on?

Christina: can't promise it would be good.

Courtney: can help out.

Rachael: speaking for Danielle – she probably would like help editing.

Karin: if you're just switching out videos and keep it in a template should be easy. Give profs some breathing room. Could do a big Zoom thing for the 3L and 2L?

Reilly: I think people are fatigued.

Nushrah: video also can be accessed whenever.

Reilly: O-Week videos were cool. Could have profs/us lip sync.

Karin: one for everyone?

Reilly: could be a cute 30 second thing like a TikTok.

Rachael: can pull from Ozbook as well and form a slideshow. Instagram allows videos so people could submit there.

Reilly: could be a mixture of videos and pictures

Karin: we also have the content so that would maybe be a bit easier than holding something live. Even if ends up being a smaller thing for people, it's something cute. If you want to see something more, feel free to suggest. That can be our end of the year thing as well. Rest of the semester is MHWW which is all good to go. Yearbook is the next thing. Did you want to do a Committee call out?

Aiish: Emailed Kyle about the yearbook this year. Have to make a cover. I will ask some of the 1Ls for help in December. Actual making of the stuff doesn't have to happen for a while.

Karin: let us know if you need any help. Also, Remembrance Day, Rachael can you speak to that? Rachael: sometimes Remembrance Day falls on Reading Week, but last year it was on a school day. Last year we organized an event for it, our President went to a Quaker school and did not know about Remembrance Day ceremonies. Organized an event in the atrium. Have Osgoode students in the military or formerly who can speak. Dean Condon spoke. Not necessary for us to do something this year. Next year it's something to keep in mind.

Motion: THAT the meeting be Adjourned.

(Crocker/Everitt-Cunningham) CARRIED

Adjournment (2:03PM)

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the meeting of 21 October 2020, and the E-Vote Minutes of the electronic vote held on 26 October 2020, were deemed approved.

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, 18 November 2020, 12:30PM EST