

## **SC Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2018 (Room 2009)**

### CALL TO ORDER

In attendance: Simi, Riel, Chadd, Manuela, Graham, Lucas, Danielle, Angela, Ara, Rebecca, Adam

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is intended to be an ongoing process of reflection. Members are invited to offer up contributions as they choose.

### READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

### COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

- Adam
  - Robert's Rules will be observed to maintain order and respectful dialogue. Please reference the handout distributed for a list of key terminology and examples.
  - Q (Manuela): Can the Chair put forward a motion?
  - A (Adam): Generally, no.
  - Q (Graham): Can we adopt some flexibility with respect to the specificity of language given that Robert's Rules can be intimidating for those who are not familiar with these procedural guidelines?
  - A (Adam): Robert's Rules is intended to be used as a general guide for the

purposes of maintaining efficiency and ensuring that everyone has a vote

when issues are raised.

- Motion for flexibility in specificity of language with respect to Robert's

Rules moved by Graham, seconded by Rebecca. Sentiment endorsed by

Danielle. No debate. Unanimous vote in favour. Motion carries.

- Faculty Council meets across the hall in Room 2003. Representatives typically sit together in the back. However, you are free to sit where you choose.
- An introductory statement will be published in Obiter Dicta. Members are welcome to offer contributions on a Google Doc where the statement will be developed. Obiter has proposed that SC write a blog post to be included on a monthly issue rotation schedule. Those interested are invited to contact Rebecca.
- We are in the process of requesting a strike and remediation post-mortem report from Dean Farrow to ensure students of their rights in the event of a future strike.

A committee will be struck to advocate for the procurement of this report and for the inclusion of specific content. Anyone who is interested in participating should inform Adam.

- Representative and executive responsibilities are spelled out in the bylaws. Student Caucus' authority stems from our mandate as elected representatives, not the Executive.

- Graham

- The Diversity Subcommittee is provided for in our bylaws and is designed to facilitate the involvement of students from equity seeking groups in committees.

We are committed to working with equity seeking student groups and calling on them to put forward candidates for elections and committee seats. We will be holding an information session that will directly target equity seeking student groups. Anyone who would like to assist with planning should contact Graham.

- As for opening up committee involvement to students at large, 1L representatives will have the opportunity to choose first. L&L and Caucus representatives will also have the opportunity to sit on additional committees if they so choose. Graham has already reached out to BLSA and filled some existing committees with students at large based on their recommendations.

- C (Manuela): There may be a delay in electing 1L representatives. There was a problem with IT access that is in the process of being resolved. If not resolved by Thursday, we may explore shortening the nomination period.

- Q (Chadd): Will someone reach out to us regarding committees?

- A (Graham): Yes, either the Chair or the Assistant will.

- C (Adam): A sharepoint will be linked to the student account where members can access the bylaws and other documents.

- Q (Ara): Are there rules on reporting back to students at large about what was discussed at committee meetings?

- A (Graham): Some committees address confidential matters. They will typically be named as such in the minutes or during the meeting. Reports made at SC will be recorded in the minutes, which will be published. Members also have the option of writing a piece for Obiter.

- Rebecca

- The Office Hours sign up spreadsheet was made available over email. They will take place in the JCR unless otherwise indicated. Please pick up and return the trifold board to the office when your office hour has concluded. The topic to be discussed will be communicated to members in advance.

- The Health Plan and Course Evaluation surveys are now live. Please promote them through the appropriate channels and methods, complete them yourselves, and encourage other students to do so. The Course Evaluation survey will close on Friday, September 21st.

- Rebecca put out a call for display case ideas. Adam had suggested creating a monthly rotation of student artwork.

## DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT FOR FACULTY COUNCIL

To be completed over a Google Doc.

- We discussed advocacy battlegrounds including the lecture recording policy, tuition, and course evaluations.
- C (Danielle): Tuition and the lecture recording policy should be approached from an access to justice perspective.
- R (Lucas): Affordability is an issue. However, there is high demand for legal education at Osgoode due to the value proposition offered. Affordability is an afterthought because there are sufficient structures in place and Osgoode is significantly less expensive than U of T. Pedagogy is more important to address.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No standing committee reports to be made.

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- The Dean's Search Committee will have its first meeting on September 20th.
- Danielle, as JD student representative, will be looking for student feedback through different forums throughout the year.
- If anyone has ideas or would like to help, please contact her.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to return to.

## NEW BUSINESS

No new business raised.

ADJOURNMENT