



Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Hybrid: In-Person (room 0014K) and Zoom (virtual)

In Attendance: Karel, Robert, Kirti, Jayme, Dylan, Tripat, Vishmayaa, Calvin, Karina, Jessica, Julie, Tania, Sanjay, Shreya, Dalraj

With Regrets: Lina, Zamir, Sage

Agenda

Call to Order (12:32 p.m.)

Land Acknowledgement

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been taken care of by

the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

Chair's Remarks & Items

Approval of Posting February 14 Meeting Minutes to Student Caucus Website

- Seconded by Julie.

All in favour, the motion carries.

Online Town Hall Regarding Strike

- Happening on Monday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. with Associate Dean Amar Bhatia and Assistant Dean Mya Rimón
- Osgoode will send some communications to students on strike & what is happening next (we are now past the soft disruption zone as of Sunday) — awaiting communications from the school first, and then we will promote notice of the Town Hall

Vice-Chair's Remarks and Items

Faculty Council Committee Updates

Miscellaneous

Please keep taking and sending in notes.

Student Financial Aid Initiative

- Speaking with Marco with Julie, report on the Financial Aid initiative in progress
- Next year's team will have to continue with this initiative due to time constraints.
- Statistics being provided by Admin and students (payment for rent, what they are using bursaries for, etc)

- Not going to have enough time to present at the last Faculty Council Meeting so she will send off this initiative to the next team to take the lead
- Goal: Redoing how bursary funds are calculated

Clinical Education Committee Updates (Kirti)

- Final: 39 responses! Now creating a report, will be sent to the Committee when we have our next meeting.
- Will circulate with the Student Caucus team.
- Unsure as to whether we should promote it on socials considering we want to keep responses anonymous. How to best communicate what we have done with the responses to the student body?

Director of Communications Remarks & Items

Requesting approval to send out a promotional email to our 3Ls from Bar Exam Crackers

- Promoting their annual bar exam preparation session with discount codes (Student Caucus has previously shared this email with 3Ls since 2020)
- The group is not affiliated with Osgoode in any way
- Vishmayaa says to check the Director of Communications inbox for a sample to work out of that she used previously to send a similar email – we just need a disclaimer at the top to identify that they are not part of Osgoode

Multiple Complaints from Students in Family Law: Prof Roxanne Mykitiuk

- Requests for compassionate grading policies OR pass/fail options for students given the current situation in her class
- Connecting with Dylan further on this to give details to APPC/Deans and see what can be done.

Multiple Complaints from Students in Copyright Law: Prof Sileshi Hirko

- Requests for access to his lecture recordings (has opted out at the beginning of the term for pedagogical reasons, but in light of the strike, students say that this would be a workable workaround)

- Senate Policy 008 – professors need to record in case for students who are electing to opt out of classes due to the strike
- If you are opting out of going to class? You can get access to the recordings. But, you must elect to opt out of **all** classes or none (cannot pick and choose which classes you want to go to).
- Question: What about a professor who just does not want to record lectures?
 - What happens to students who elect not to go to class & yet the professor does not want to record (i.e. as an imposed, indirect consequence of not coming to class)?
 - Have Associate Dean Scott remind them again to make their best efforts to record for those with accommodations and those who opt-out
 - The professor in this case has been informally spoken with & the email has gone out to all instructors from Associate Dean Scott.
 - Will wait for one more class & see what happens
 - Suggestions from Members that this student collaborate with other students and remind the professor to record their lectures.

Legal & Lit Updates

Julie (President)

- N/A

Zamir (VP Internal)

- N/A

Tania (Equity Officer)

Wellness Week – Was Supposed to be This Week

- Coming hopefully soon, uncertainty regarding labor disruption
- Figuring out how to hybridize some of the events

OISA Updates

Lunch & Learn

- Happening on March 20th at 12:30 p.m. – make sure to come out and support (and promote)!

Year Updates

3L Updates and Items (Dalraj, Tripat, Kirti, Vishmayaa, Robert)

Dalraj

Exam Schedules Release Date – When Is It?

- In July before choosing classes, only room numbers are not set, but exam dates are
- Add this as a social media post over the summer to create a chart about this, for the next Director of Communications

Tripat

- OHLJ Research Symposium next Thursday!
- Osgoode Won the Co-Ed League!

2L Updates (Karina, Dylan, Karel, Calvin, Shreya)

Karina

Academic Standing Committee

- Reviewing last semester's appeals from students, coming out on a rolling basis

Deferred exam schedule

- When will Nancy send it out?
- Last year, it was released on March 30 (close to the end of the month)

Dylan

APPC Meeting

- New Course proposals
- Micro-courses are being approved and brought to FC soon for approval (ex: mental health & wellness in the legal profession (2-credit); Legal practice dynamics (1-credit))

Clin-Ed Programs

- Across the board – there are issues from Clinics about workloads and not much reception to these complaints – a reassessment of Clinics and workload is coming soon.

Karel

Multiple Complaints from Students in Securities Law: Professor Edward Skwarek

- Discussion with Associate Dean (Academic) Scott & Bhatia happening today to discuss this and resolution for students moving forward
- Prof has not taught a class in person since Jan 24
- Exploring credit/no-credit option or limiting exam context

Gender Inclusive Washrooms Update

- Use of Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP and The Honourable Russell Juriansz Fund – yay!!
- Second floor, across female washroom – plumbing in space to make 1 more all-gender washroom (total: 3 throughout Osgoode)
- Fund's Purpose: To promote EDI at Osgoode Hall Law School, promote student-led organizations & initiatives promoting respect for EDI
- Dean has the final say on approving the fund's use
- OUTLaws is trying to prove student support for constructing another washroom with Student Caucus and L&L's support
- Game Plan for Tomorrow: Wendy Babcock Drag Show, will be soliciting signatures from students to indicate their support in building the washrooms
- **Ask to Student Caucus/L&L**: To provide a letter in support of OUTLaws' Initiative to seek these funds and advance this initiative to build this washroom. Also to support OUTLaws' Educational campaign going on at the same time for individuals being harassed in the washrooms .
- **Discussion**:
 - Vishmayaa offers to have OUTLaws partner with Mock Trial to solicit further signatures as 600 people are coming to the show.
 - Robert volunteers to provide the letter in support, L&L can sign as well.
 - Kirti will follow up with Karel after the meeting for more information on how we can provide communications support on our socials

Shreya

Calvin

1L Updates (Lina, Sanjay, Jessica, Jayme)

Lina (A)

Sanjay (B)

Any discussions on compassionate grading this semester?

- York Senate Exec Committee met on Monday after FC to discuss this
- Communications are coming out sometime this week related to a remediation plan for those who miss class time for strike to get caught up

Jessica (C)

Jayme (D)

Prof Not Recording – Same Prof As Pointed Out Above

- Ended up being recorded and posted eventually later on
- Discussions were had with the professor and things were fixed — just talk to them.

Factum Assignment for 1Ls – Kierstead

- The final test will be released early for an extra day to work on it
- The 1L formal is that same weekend
- Thank you to Robert who spoke with Kierstead about this.

Final Items

- N/A

Motion to Adjourn

- Robert motions to adjourn the meeting.

Calvin seconds. THE MOTION CARRIES.

Meeting Adjourned (1:25 p.m.)