



Student Caucus of Osgoode Hall Law School

Minutes

16 October 2019 (12:30pm – 2:30pm)

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Present: Bobby MacKenzie (Chair), Sara Omar, Jordan Crocker, Nora Parker, Madi Pulfer, Genevieve Giesbrecht, Fatimah Khan, Rachael Glassman, Alannah Marrazza-Radeschi, Mihail Salariu, Marcel Beaudoin, Priyanka Sharma, Sabah Kalim, Chloé Duggal, Gaby Pellerin

Regrets: Akshay Aurora, Andrew Tebbi

Guests: Shayyan Malik, Ifeoluwa Kolade

CALL TO ORDER (12:32pm)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: THAT the Agenda be approved. (Crocker/Omar) CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: THAT the Caucus Minutes of 2 October 2019 be approved as amended. (Crocker/Glassman) CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Sara/Jordan = no updates

Bobby = Leadership Dinner next week. Faculty Council last week. Meeting with the Dean's next Tuesday. Active Bystander Training at the end of the month.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

APPC: Nora = we met. Looking at 30 and under grading profile in courses. Some will have distribution, others will not. Midterm 1L Feedback and regulations for profs that they need to be providing. 1Ls can ask for feedback, even after exemplar. Madi = Subcommittee to go into 1L Curriculum. Nora = there will be a delay because of strategic planning year. Madi = If they want to take ELGC in a different direction they can do so after the Strat Plan.

Clinical Education: Sara = members have not provided minutes and are not present. Experiential Fund Selection Committee = 1 of 3 have to sit and none on Committee can make it. Will need to appoint if necessary.

Bobby = do we need to promote Fund?

Rachael = unclear what the fund is. Nora = TheCourt.ca has applied and sent people to SCC and report. Vague on purpose?

Shayyan = more applications this year? For CLASP, etc? Board members are interested and Parkdale has done some fundraising.

Bobby = messaging and reach out to Jody-Ann and get it out. See examples. Action: S and Jordan to do.

Gaby = Indigenous Intensive.

Rachael = examples of what worked in the past.

Faculty Recruitment: Gaby = Confidential. Campus visits are occurring and students can attend. Bobby = email went out. In future = Caucus can post on FB and even have them on L&L weekly updates.

Research and Seminars: Sara (Natalie): Minutes shared. Osgoode Speaker Series and Genus. Committee wants more out of these visitors and looking at ways to engage. Usually last-minute and too late to incorporate. Looking at 3-year plan and trying to get them 3 years in advance. Shortlist. Will circulate to Directors and how to get involved in Seminars. OSS = funding for 6 speakers and trying to get speakers with a theme. \$12,000 for budget, which is not as much as other schools. Impacted turnout. Group to come back with concrete proposals and moving to SharePoint to share docs in the Committee.

Academic Standing: No updates.

BUSINESS ARISING

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- 1. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS UPDATES AT NEXT MEETING (Jordan)**
- 2. DEAN'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP BUFFET DINNER**

Sabah has not received an email yet. Dinner is on October 21st.

3. ANY FURTHER BUSINESS

Gen = Van Harten = Climate Action. Wants to plan a meeting. Some way to make Osgoode and York more sustainable. Let Gen know if interested. Limited to Student Leaders and gauge interest. Gaby = conversation should get opened up to OISA.

Office Hours: Nora: these aren't working. Revisit.

Mihail: addressing accessibility, but not necessarily transparency.

Have emails and put questions you have to Caucus. Might need to be better at alternative communication channels and less controlled.

Rachael = why in the JCR? Sometimes not even facing the room. Potentially different venue

Brainstorm

- Table in Gowlings
- Not JCR, do it in office
- Don't work on laptop/phone
- Two slots per week for two hours and have two people (during 12:30pm – 2:30pm slots)
- Facebook blasts beforehand. Could be every couple of weeks for 1Ls for section/class groups.
- Themes
 - Examples of what we engage with (what we do is a lot more complicated and having students understand what we can do to make office hours more effective) Mihail: unsure of what is expected and role has been limited to classroom issues/quick things to address. Larger Directives (big picture) can help to direct Themes.
 - Messaging should be used to express scope/mandate of Caucus and can be selective. What we do, not when.
- Agenda posted and list of what are being addressed. Nora = on it. 1L reps can post in section groups or can provide feedback via emails/use of listserv
- Space needs to accommodate potentially having more members.
- Feedback form or feedback box. Link to FB groups and take in as agenda items. Easy to record.

L&L Office Hours: usually has traffic because L&L runs the clubs, so better known. People will generally be there, but not always

Gen = students will lose faith if there are promises that cannot be delivered upon, frame answers as a discussion when you are getting feedback.

Marcel = two days per week and two members better. Monday/Wednesday alternate. Different time each week. M/W are also club slots. Madi = slots need to be consistent.

Tuesday/Thursday from 12:30 – 2:30 based on availability. Action: Jordan to set up Doodle Poll.

Location: Bobby: JCR/Gowlings probably best. Lack of collegiality potentially. Confidentiality not guaranteed.

Marcel: agrees

Fatimah: Gowlings — visible

Bobby: budget for two tables? Would be eligible.

Fatimah: could use the couches

Chloe: will get traffic if by the library

Madi: Have a poster that says Office Hours.

Mihail: glitter not great

Bobby = can Caucus not expense advertising costs? Rachael = Caucus is not a club so not necessarily bound to the rule.

Mihail: Laminated sign could be used.

Action: Design and size a sign

Marcel: might need to wait on discussing on format (FB/forms) until availability is set up

Mihail: send out agenda.

Start next Thursday and JC to send out times to sign up for next month.

Immediate: Move to Gowlings.

Pri: Should 1Ls be posting about Town Halls?

Rachael: pick a date and stick to it.

Once set up: JC and Bobby to talk procedure

ADJOURNMENT (1:34pm)