



Student Caucus of Faculty Council

Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

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

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

With Regrets: Zamir, Tania, Kirti

Due to Kirti's absence, the minutes were instead taken by 2L Representative, Karina.

Agenda

Call to Order (12:34 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 care taken 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 Meeting Minutes to Student Caucus Website

- Seconded by Calvin.

Unanimous consent, the motion carries.

Discussions on Academic Curricula

- Following up on last year's 1L curriculum
- Looking to increase flexibility for upper year students (from 60 credits in upper year to 59) and flexibility for writing requirement (including a legal writing requirement)

Vice-Chair's Remarks and Items

Faculty Council Committee Updates

Miscellaneous

Please keep taking and sending in notes to Vishmaya.

Admissions Committee Updates (Dalraj)

- Osgoode is #1 choice for students applying and first wave of acceptances went out for December, and January applications are being looked at
- **NOTE:** will update on upcoming meeting when it happens – FAC and FRC have moved forward with candidates in the next couple of days, roughly Friday but there are still 3 hires left to go

Digital Innovation Committee (Calvin)

- First meeting is happening this week, will keep you all informed on what happens.

Director of Communications Remarks & Items

- N/A

Legal & Lit Updates

Julie (President)

- N/A

Zamir (VP Internal)

- N/A

Tania (Equity Officer)

- N/A

OISA Updates

Lunch & Learn Sessions

- The first one is happening on January 31 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. — please boost to socials!

Concerns regarding post-smudging ceremonies (i.e., cleaning)

- Who is to be responsible for cleaning? Should not be falling to OISA for this

- Robert came back with an answer through Slack online shortly that this needs to be determined.

Year Updates

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

Dalraj

Tripat

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

Dylan

Karel

Gender Neutral Washrooms Update

- Consultations have started (focus: on how folks feel about changing some bathrooms to be gender-neutral, not a vote to do it or not)
- Aim: Hosting these consultations in a hybrid format.

Shreya

Calvin

Karina

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

Lina (A)

Inquiring about recording lectures (i.e., audio files) particularly when files don't work or upload

Sanjay (B)

Jessica (C)

Jayme (D)

Discussion from some students about schedules (fall semester vs winter semester).

Being Able to Study Downtown Osgoode Hall Library

- Questioning if we have access to study there or not – unclear?
- Robert came back with an answer through Slack online shortly after that, that law students are permitted to study there.

Inquiry regarding why LPII is made available in the winter and not in the fall

Final Items

Karel — Caucus Social

- Update on socials and where to hold event (**Downtown** vs. Campus and Thursday vs. **Friday**), roughly before or around returning from reading week

Motion to Adjourn

- Robert motions to adjourn the meeting.

Calvin seconds. THE MOTION CARRIES.

Meeting Adjourned (1:23 p.m.)