



Student Caucus of Osgoode Hall Law School

Special Meeting Minutes

20 March 2020 (2:00pm – 2:52pm)

Zoom (Online)

Present: Bobby MacKenzie (Chair), Jordan Crocker, Nora Parker, Fatimah Khan, Marcel Beaudoin, Madi Pulfer, Chloé Duggal, Sabah Kalim, Priyanka Sharma

Regrets: Sara Omar, Andrew Tebbi, Gaby Pellerin, Akshay Aurora, Mihail Salariu

This was an emergency meeting of Caucus in order to provide feedback to the Chair around the ongoing concerns students were facing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair will bring up the issues discussed when he meets with the Dean's on Monday, 23 March 2020. Due to the time constraints, members of L&L were not part of the discussions, but the L&L President is in close communication with the Chair around student concerns.

CALL TO ORDER (2:00pm)

Bobby: meeting to provide feedback for meeting with Dean's on Monday. Sent off letter expressing current concerns of students to the Deans . If each year could provide feedback that would be helpful.

1Ls (Sabah/Chloe/Pri): concerns around how exams will be administered and the pass/fail marking. Concerns around ELGC/LP.

2Ls (Marcel/Madi): whether jobs will be impacted for 2Ls, many people without jobs and they are concerned as well. Will the curve be flattened/changed?

Bobby: basically the grades and curves are the same, just students' grades are blacked out essentially. Their place on the curve remains the same.

3Ls (Nora/Fatimah): concerns around articling and fees for 3Ls. Have experienced labour disruptions so familiar with the Pass/Fail concept.

Bobby: will take away these points and convey concerns of students to Deans on Monday. Any other points that you want to raise?

Nora: Extending semester to allow for more time?

Pri: accommodations. How are they working? Grade appeals? Should they allow for more discretion?

Bobby: Give students time to have situations settled beforehand would be ideal.

Madi: accommodation concerns as well. What about after the exams? Will they be required to provide evidence for COVID-19.

Nora: Caucus concern just flagged on 2020 FB group. Line: we are trying to make sure this is the best policy and getting peoples feedback.

Marcel: should we mention that there is a meeting on Monday?

Bobby: yes. Should I send a stay calm email?

Madi/Pri: would be helpful.

Nora: Note – APPC has taken off the Mandatory Attendance Policy for the last meeting.

Bobby: don't wait for me if you think we need to do something. Be careful with your language and manage expectations. Need to articulate the interests of students and convey their concerns. Try not to play into the petitions, there's been some unprofessional behaviour there which other law schools and some professors at Osgoode have been made aware of.

ADJOURNMENT (2:52pm)