



Student Caucus of Osgoode Hall Law School

Minutes

22 January 2020 (12:30pm – 2:30pm)

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

Regrets: Fatimah Khan

Guests: Shayyan Malik, Rabab Asif

The Chair granted voting rights to Akshay Aurora, who joined via phone call.

CALL TO ORDER (12:32pm)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: THAT the Agenda be approved as amended. (Crocker/Giesbrecht) CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: THAT the Caucus Minutes of 8 January 2020 be approved. (Crocker/Tebbi) CARRIED

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Equality (Chloé): Ending report and now starting on other matters. Reviewed APPC comments and will go back. 1L Anti-Oppression on next agenda. No meeting in February.

Pri & Fi (Gen): Cancelled again, only met once since September.

Innovation (Marcel): Waiting for response from Chair.

Teaching (Mihail): First meeting next Monday.

Faculty Recruitment (Gaby): met and had a good conversation

Tenure and Promotions (Pri): meeting late February

Awards (Sara): May 27th meeting

Admissions (Andrew): Next meeting will continue to go over applications

APPC (Madi): APPC and 1L subcommittee will be meeting.

Gen = new Committee that will be around for strategic planning consultations. Unclear of structure so far.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Bobby: Meeting with Dean: Parkdale — will continue to fund. Bridge funding no longer needed because of SCI reversal. Osgoode = had 2724 applications. Ryerson will have a class of 150. 1900 applicants. 102 only applied to Ryerson.

Alumni affairs looking to get involved. Willing to assist students and clubs at Oz. Produce subcommittee to facilitate connection. Likely will have joint Alumni Committee between Caucus/L&L/Alumni Association.

BUSINESS ARISING

OLD BUSINESS

1. OSGOOD WASTE AUDIT (Jordan)

Jordan: Jen and the ELS have passed on this.

Madi: has environmental subcommittee and pressing Oz.

2. CAUCUS INSTAGRAM (Sabah)

Sabah: doesn't have access. Racheal in charge of it and happy to share. Will give Sabah access.

3. ADVISORY SUPPORT FOR THE CDO (Bobby)

Bobby: Have a Slack. Current members are suggesting programming to CDO. Looking for feedback on course selection, non-Bay jobs, clinics to take, 1Ls in the dark and what don't you know? Planning upper year schedule, etc. "Hidden Job Market" and aspects like networking through alumni and cold calling. Bobby will put in touch with Leanne.

4. WAGES FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (Bobby)

Bobby: looking to raise the floor from \$15.

Gen: wages from profs grant money, so while we want students to have more there is a constraint. Might mean less assistants.

Bobby: Oz sets minimum

Pri: look at audit and ask for data and see what students are being paid.

Action: Pri to ask the CDO for this data and then send an email if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SPACE AUDIT MATERIALS (Bobby)

Racheal: new room in basement. Bobby: going to be classroom.

Bobby: physical space audit and then Caucus will do usage audit (where, frequency). Two days next week. 1 or 2 hour increments and go in the rooms. Count. See materials Bobby sent out last week.

Gaby: purpose coming from concern there isn't enough space? (Bobby: yes). Not all classrooms being used all the time. Work with Admin to show when classrooms are available and can look online.

Bobby: Open access until 10pm. Security last year so 10pm is strict. Do we want to include classroom seats? Might skew the results. Put in 'Methods' section to note exclusion.

Pri: linked with libraries space? (Bobby: yes). Bobby: nothing to do with limiting library usage, about complaints about not finding study spaces.

Pri: might want to advocate for classrooms and seminar rooms to be study spaces.

Bobby: looking to quantify concerns.

Racheal: seminar spaces aren't always used because it might be booked and students don't want to use. Online booking would be helpful.

Andrew: 3 days better than 2. Bobby: M/T/W?

Bobby: start at 10 and do a count every hour until 6. 10:20am – 6:20pm. Will put out doodle poll to sign up for hours.

Chloé: how effective would this be for high stress times? Next week isn't very busy.

Bobby: will need to be followed up next year in the Fall. Use this as control.

Marcel: allows for comparison.

2. CAUCUS OFFICE HOURS (Jordan)

Jordan: current dates and times don't work.

Sara: could hold separate office hours in the Caucus office.

Nora: is office hours working? What are people's experiences?

Andrew: have had two important convos and had a resolution. Important for people to have the option.

Bobby: somewhat. Visibility. But, got away from outreach. The week after this happened, had more questions. (Bobby pulled out supplies Caucus can use for outreach initiatives. Need to send more questionnaires out, things that would be useful next year, can live out your dreams as a billboard.

Chloe: put pictures in bulletin board?

Marcel: can use Caucus images and tell people to come speak with us. Laid out schedule on the board. People can be more comfortable with different people.

Bobby: can use the Monday/Wednesday 12:30 – 2:30pm, can push hours later to after SC.

Andrew: calendar spreadsheet and people can input times. Can just insert own availability.

Bobby: too disparate and separates us.

Marcel: T/Th keep them and put people unavailable on a different date and work within themselves.

Bobby: Tuesday: promo day. Individuals take up a different date if they can't make the T or Th.

Nora: how often should each person be available?

Mihail: T or Th? Thursday decided. 12:30 – 2:30pm and others can sign up for two sessions per month. Posting in upper year FB groups? Jordan: I don't put two 1Ls together so you will have access to upper year FB groups anyhow

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

1. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RATIFICATION (Jordan)

Jordan: Need to get in touch with the CEO regarding the date to hold the AGM for ratification.

Gen: is this supposed to be a joint AGM for Caucus and L&L or Caucus alone?

Jordan: can serve for Caucus Constitution but can also serve as election speeches.

Rachael: it should just be one or the other so as not to blur items.

Gen: will speak with CEO

2. ROOM FOR SYNERGY MEETING (Jordan)

Jordan: where will the synergy meeting be?

Gen: will ask CEO to change the room to some place bigger

3. ANY FURTHER BUSINESS

Motion: THAT Caucus create an ad-hoc committee on Alumni affairs to be co-chaired by the President of the Society and Caucus Chair. (MacKenzie/Giesbrecht) CARRIED

Gen: Caucus can have invitation to alumni meetings, L&L presidents haven't usually attended, but actually helpful. Alumni will be more involved in future. 2-5 additional people on the Committee not necessarily limited to Caucus/L&L.

Mihail: Good initiative, lots of experience and opportunities for connections.

Gaby: how many will come outside of student government?

Bobby/Gen: will make a decision later. Can send message about interest.

Action: The Director of Communications shall write a terms of reference for the Committee.

Strategic Planning: Gen — strategic planning on February 5th. Macro idea — big picture. 1Ls = speak with section. Chloe/Alex will hold a session to get feedback. Only student members on faculty committees and L&L/Caucus will be the meeting with the consultants.

Bobby: if you have a chance, look at other strategic plans of other universities.

Gen: Big deal. People from Ottawa are coming.

ADJOURNMENT (1:18pm)