



Minutes

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

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

In Attendance: Jessica, Kirti, Dylan, Lina, Dalraj, Karel, Jayme, Calvin, Shreya, Robert, Sanjay, Tripat

With Regrets: Julie, Sage, Karina, Vishmayaa, Tania, Zamir

Agenda

Call to Order (12:36 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 cared for 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 January 17 Meeting Minutes to Student Caucus Website

- Seconded by Dylan.

All in favour, the motion carries.

Osgoode Students' Use of the Osgoode Law Library Recap

- Osgoode students may go there to study, but access is restricted for non-Osgoode students

Post-Smudging Ceremony Concerns

- An ongoing issue, want to ensure cleaning duties and costs are not left to OISA
- The Deans are working on figuring out how to resolve this issue.

Vice-Chair's Remarks and Items

Faculty Council Committee Updates

Miscellaneous

Please keep taking and sending in notes to Vishmayaa.

Admissions Committee Updates (Dalraj)

- The next round of decisions will be coming out in the first week of February/mid-February.

Digital Innovation Committee (Calvin)

- First meeting is happening in February.

Clinical Education Committee (Kirti)

- **Request to Everyone:** please mass promote the Clin-Ed survey in your Facebook groups & group chats (total number of responses so far: 25)
- **Committee Responses:**
 - They would like to see a substantial number of responses from a diverse range of programs to justify implementing the recommendations and reforms students are asking for.
 - Rather than updating the Faculty Council Constitution, it may be better to have the Committee declare a mandatory monthly meeting between Clin-Ed student representatives & directors each month to discuss student concerns in a more timely manner.
 - The Clin-Ed students will be creating a transfer memo that will be held with the Student Caucus Vice-Chair and the Committee to ensure continuity with these advocacy efforts after this year.

Director of Communications Remarks & Items

Thank you to Karina for taking down our last meeting minutes

New Page on the Student Caucus Website: the SC Constitution!

- Our logo is also somehow now visible again at the top of the site, yay!
- Open call-out for anyone to give suggestions on ways to improve our end of the site, generally.

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 today from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. — find Sage and Julie there!

Year Updates

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

Dalraj

Tripat

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

Karel

BLSA Has Reached Out With a Proposal to Student Caucus

- A member of BLSA will be attending the on February 14 to provide further details.

Gender Neutral Washrooms Update

- Following up to determine how the survey will be run.

Dylan

Karina

Calvin

Shreya

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

Lina (A)

CDO Appointments

- Osgoode 1L students can only meet with the CDO 1x before the recruit, meanwhile, individuals at UofT get up to 4 meetings in the first semester alone.
- Would like to see more specific and tailored advice for questions and for resume/cover letter reviews.
- In comparison to other CDOs from other schools, we need more resources & assistance
- Discussion:
 - Similar issues across years, the best option at the moment is to reach out to upper years for immediate help for resume and cover letter review, interview preps, etc
 - Looking into advocating for better feedback that is constructive for students

Perspective Option Concerns

- Some students do not find these offerings helpful
- Asks: can they have the option to take the Indigenous requirement instead?
- Discussion:
 - The purpose of perspective options is to get you thinking about your interests **outside** of core courses of law school and so you can write the 5K word paper on a topic of interest.
 - Proposed this idea to APPC last year – but, according to student feedback, they enjoy having the option to take at least 1 course of their choosing in 1L (various members of Caucus agree).
 - Would be difficult to encourage additional changes to the 1L curriculum when many changes are being implemented next year after last year's committee on 1L curriculum reform
 - A part of Osgoode's reputation – having more flexibility in the first year of the program is something many other schools do not offer
 - You can also opt for the one course that fulfills the Indigenous Law requirement and paper requirement in 1L if you would like.

Sanjay (B)

Jessica (C)

Jayme (D)

Final Items

N/A

Motion to Adjourn

- Robert motions to adjourn the meeting.

Dalraj seconds. THE MOTION CARRIES.

Meeting Adjourned (1:06 p.m.)

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