

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE** held at the University of Toronto Students' Law Society Office (P322) at 78 Queens Park, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C5 at 12:30pm EST Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Members in attendance: Solomon McKenzie, SLS President (Sol)  
Mark Leonard, 3L Representative (Mark)  
Brittany Cohen, VP Social Affairs (Britt)  
Spencer Paveck, 2L Representative (Spencer)  
Matthew Walwyn, 2L Representative (Matthew)  
Zarin Zahra, 1L Representative (Zarin)  
Delana Zamparo, 1L Representative (Del)  
Celina Kassam, 1L Representative (Celina)

Call to order 12:38 p.m.

**I. Organization**

Brittany Cohen chaired. Notice of the meeting was duly given. Matthew Walwyn took minutes.

**II. Procedural**

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Mark, seconded by Sol. **Unanimous approval.**

**1. Clothing Sales**

We have received examples of things we can order in the future. We have a provider and looks like we can carry-through with the sale in the next few weeks; they are just working on the website right now.

**1. Events**

**Trivia:** Went well. There was a bit of a delay because Long & McQuade forgot to give a wire for the amp.

**Call to the Bar:** We made \$64 from the Pint (32 people showed that week), and this week's CttB has been planned.

**Law Ball:** We seem to be good with the theme "Laws Vegas". There is a meeting this Friday with Christine to figure out more, so we'll know dinner tickets either this week or next, which is when we can finalize ticket prices. We're thinking about doing a "Who's that Pokémon?" for the theme to build hype.

**Curling:** We can do Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. We might ask to change days because it's the day after Follies; So we'll likely ask to move it to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Final prices would be \$20 per person; there is an extra charge for instructors but they said they could do it for us. We also want to ask about a minimum number of students.

**Oakes Day:** Prof. Green is in and he will do messaging to staff to get them in for this. We don't need to buy food for a month. Sol will be working on the graphic design still, but it already looks great. Rooms are all booked: we have Betty Ho, the fireplace room, and Rowell. Advertising will be up on the screens in the law school; we'll be putting up the event on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. We might try to gamify the "rational connections" portion of the day, with acorns as points and prizes.

**Candy Grams:** Matthew will start up a spreadsheet for sign-ups for selling candy grams. We're going to continue with law puns, and maybe we want platonic and non-platonic options.

**Health & Wellness:** The date is going to be March 5<sup>th</sup>, and Del and Zarin said they'd help Sara-Marni with it.

**Town Hall:** We are voting to fund \$160 for the town hall.

Motion to approve by Mark, seconded by Del. Del, Zarin, Mark, Cel, Spencer, Matthew voted in favour. Sol abstained. Motion passed.

### **III. Clubs Funding and Clubs Issues**

#### **1. UoFT Law Feminist Book Club**

They're asking for \$80 for 20 people for their events over the semester. We seem to be okay with funding for the first one and then we'll look at the rest afterwards in terms of attendance. Note that there is no external speaker here, so each meeting seems like a capstone event. This would not strictly fit our guidelines. That said, funding the first events does fit under our capstone guideline. We're going to reach out to them, ask them if they want to change this event to their capstone, and tell them that they might want to change the nature of their future events.

#### **1. University of Toronto Faculty of Law Forensic Science Group**

We're going to e-vote on this event after we get in touch with them.

#### **1. Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL)**

We should ask them if they're getting external funding. It's a catered networking event. Beverages are included in the meeting fee, so we won't be funding any of that. 35 students seems rather ambitious for attendance. We're okay with 20 students. In the future we might want to discuss the difference between networking events and panels.

Motion to approve \$155 (\$4 for 20 students, \$75 in speaker gifts) by Sol, seconded by Mark. Approved unanimously.

### **VI. Other Topics**

**Lockbox:** Follies might donate theirs to us after their event.

**Provincial Changes:** Tuition is going to be going down by 10% and will be frozen for 2 years. OSAP will be lower in terms of grants and overall. 6-month grace-period is going away. Also, the 4-year period is being changed to 6-year for not counting one's parent's

income for OSAP. Fee levies for SLS are also going to be optional going forward, and we'll need to have a plan for this going on. It also seems like there will be a checklist sent to students for the opt-outs, so it will be easy to just click "No" to funding for everything.

**Plenary meeting:** It will be this Thursday evening, and we will be looking at the provincial changes, the bi-election changes, and the way that we fund equity groups, among some other things.

**Dry UofT campus policy:** We need to come up with some reasons why we should/shouldn't support this. It would kill the events here, and these events are good opportunities for people to get together with one another. These events are also good networking opportunities, and it will remove an important social aspect to the school. These events also serve as a support for mental health, as in a way it 'forces' people to take a break and go out. We also want to think of alternative ways to solve the problem being addressed here, for example more lunchtime events.

**Clubs funding:** We might need a policy about the order in which we fund events.