

Appendix 28: email from Monahan to Drummond re needing more two-state advocates, April 22, 2009

From: Law Dean/osgoode
To: Susan Drummond/osgoode@Osgoode/CA
cc: Bruce Ryder/osgoode@Osgoode/CA

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 08:24PM
Subject: Re: meeting tomorrow

History:

Susan my concern is that if we postpone this meeting I am about the slippage of time. I do believe it is essential that we get David involved and on board. If we do not meet tomorrow, the rest of the week is a write-off for me (I am leaving for Montreal tomorrow and will be away until Friday night) and so we will be forced to wait until next week. If we are to secure additional speakers at this stage (which I also believe to be essential), time is not on our side.

My other concern is that this is no longer an Osgoode issue, this is a university issue. I tried to convey that on Friday -- was I not clear about that? If not, let me be absolutely clear now. So the suggestion that this is something that involves the dean of Osgoode and a couple of faculty members is disturbing because it seems to me that it reflects a lack of understanding about the nature of the challenge we face. I have tried to be supportive and to work with you, but you have to work with me and try to search for solutions.

That being said, if you would really prefer to meet with me alone then so be it. Let me know how you would prefer to proceed.

Patrick

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04/22/2009
08:02 PM

To Law Dean/osgoode@Osgoode/CA

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Subject Re: meeting tomorrow 

Hi Patrick,

In light of the concerns raised in both my earlier email and yours (below) we think it is more appropriate to postpone the meeting with David Dewitt and that the three of us (Bruce, you and I - two Osgoode professors and the Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School) meet together to discuss where things are at right now. While we understand that pressures may be mounting, the conference is in June and any urgency to a meeting with the Associate Vice President Research and Innovation will not be jeopardized by a slight delay.

Bruce and I are free to meet at either 8 or 8:30 AM with you - and, we would advise, without the VPRI. Please let us know which time is best for you.

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-----Law Dean/osgoode wrote: -----

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I wanted to pass on the fact that I got a call from the Principal at Glendon today about the conference raising concerns about holding it at Glendon. He is requesting that the conference be moved to the Keele campus. I can explain more tomorrow.

The underlying tone of Susan's message gives me a bit of concern so please forgive me if I emphasize again how challenging this event is becoming in its current form. I do believe that it is essential that you be open to exploring ways to structure the event so as to mitigate some of the concerns that have arisen and continue to emerge. I want to help in finding a creative solution. I understood you to be open to changes when we met and, on that basis, met with Stan Shapson and David Dewitt on Monday. But, with respect, if the purpose of our first meeting is to explain why the concerns are wrong, or why you should not consider changes in your plans, I fear that our meeting is not going to be productive or help us to get to a place that is workable. I am assuming that you are willing to think about changes, as we discussed at our meeting on Friday.

See you tomorrow.

Patrick

From: Susan Drummond
Sent: 04/22/2009 03:02 PM EDT
To: Law Dean
Cc: Bruce Ryder
Subject: meeting tomorrow

Hi Patrick,

Bruce and I would like to set up a meeting with you independently of the 8:30 AM meeting with David Dewitt tomorrow and in advance of it. We are growing increasingly troubled by some of the developments around this conference.

We would like to meet with you at 8 AM in your office, just the three of us members of Osgoode.

If you are unable to meet at that time, we would like to arrange a conference call some time later today or perhaps early tomorrow morning.

Could you please confirm whether either of these possibilities will work for you?

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