

Academic Council 11 September 2014

Present: Everyone but the 1Ls

Jennifer Choi to be Secretary

Matthew Tse to be the Treasurer

Discussion re New Initiatives for the Year

- Equity enhancement funding for Indigenous awareness camp didn't come through, but there is one time funding from Liu Foundation (run by ILSA) --> Potential for LSS involvement
 - o Involved as an attendee? Involvement in advertisement
 - Involvement could be for part of the weekend
 - o The event is a weekend, modeled after the UVic camp, that involves cultural activities
 - o Date is currently uncertain --> details currently uncertain
 - o Want to enhance the current indigenous academic curriculum with real life experience
 - o We will table this until more details are available --> Randy to update
- More "advertisement" of Academic Council ("AC") to let students know how the AC could support them
 - o Last year there was an idea to have more involvement in the newsletter
 - There was the academic tips --> but we want to have more of a personal presence
 - Ensure that Caitlin has a current picture and bio for the website
 - Have some hypotheticals about what AC could be useful for in the student context in the newsflash
 - As liaisons/mediators between the students and the administrator
 - Overlap between AC and the ombudsman in some senses re complaints
 - Here to get feedback about programs and initiatives on Faculty Council -> let students know that we be a conduit between the students and Faculty Council
 - Have a forum to allow for the student to have a place to meet us
 - Office hours?
 - o Newsflash for introducing the AC and who the new 1L students are

Faculty Council

- Next meeting is the 25th --> keep an eye out for the agenda and the attachments
 - o Faculty does really want input, especially around programming
- Faculty guidelines -->
 - o Changes to grade appeals
 - o Changes to the graduate programs
 - o Governance documents
 - Responsibilities of each member of Council etc
 - Faculty wanted more input from students, and this will likely be on the agenda
- AC members, please look at the different faculty committees
 - o Generally they will want each student to be on two committees
 - o Try to ensure that you look at your time commitments
 - NB the Admissions Committee which will carry over into the summer
- Do we want to make sure that our terms overlap with the committees??
 - o This was discussed, but nothing concrete was decided re terms

- Kristy will email out a list of the committees for AC members to sign up

Faculty/Student Mixer

- To be planned by a 1L (or group, at least 2)
- To be a longer mixer than the coffee and donuts
- Last year, almost half of the faculty turned out
- Should we try to organize the space so that people can have easier access to the people they want to talk to?
- Last year it was suggested that there are faculty name tags

Academic Council Meetings

- Will not be every week
- However, please put aside Thursday at lunch for AC

Meeting Adjourned