

## **LSS Academic Council: Agenda**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 1:15 pm in LSS Office

Attendance: Randy, Brenda, Kristy, Larissa, Matthew, Erica, Josh, Megan, Dustin, Wes & Andrea,

Regrets: Sabrina, Jenn & Alina

1. LSS Office Security (Kristy)
2. Teaching Excellence Committee: New members needed (Kristy)
  - Kristy explains the Excellence Program – should we open to the student body
    - AC Members can send an email if interested
    - who is responsible for reviewing/generating nominations?
    - what is the commitment?
    - need three people for this Committee – please email Kristy
    - this is historically an academic council committee task so would like to first open up the task to AC
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Centre for Asian Legal Studies: Speaker Series (Matthew)
    - Speakers Series – speaker for every month – two (academic and practitioners to give talks)
    - Matthew will send schedule – soliciting interest in attending this Series
    - There is a private dinner - students needed to attend the dinner.
    - Ideally should be interested in the speakers and speaking topics to attend the lunch
    - Matthew will send the speaker list and wants us to circulate the speakers series to our networks
    - Is there a CALS mailing list?
    - Is it a student group – or it is an informal a center – it not a committee but would it benefit from having a mailing list? Could have one similar to the CFLS
  - b. Appointments: Candidate Panels (Larissa)
    - In process of hiring 3 new faculty – there is a job talk process
    - Locations and topics are not available in advance – there are some issues about over-posting (only want to post to LSS Facebook page)
    - Need to consider the ways to get early notice about candidate meetings
    - Are they being hired for specific course = Professors are leaving
    - There is a process for hiring and Larissa Explains this:
      - Candidates are being considered from the perspective of the student
      - What are the research interests
      - We have a ranking scheme that Larissa and Jen use
      - To give input speak to Jenn Choi
      - Very strict rules on the process

### **Exam Committee (Larissa)**

- Current Policy about failing the whole year if fail one class will likely change

### **Admission Committee**

- This is in the process
- Reviewing candidates in all categories Indigenous, Mature, Discretionary

### **Research and Library**

- Division between library and research?
- IG is not a fan of having student on the library and research committee
- Problem with "Equality Now" and – should the University be supporting this?

### **Faculty Advisory (Kristy)**

- Andrea and Kristy were on this Committee this morning
- We got both of our "asks" (see Faculty Governance Proposal)
- So increases our voting power.

### **Academic Appeals (Brenda)**

- 6 cases on appeal – private

### **Indigenous Committee**

Two events:

- Student Consultation on Aboriginal Law Curriculum February 13
- Cindy Blackstock Luncheon January 15
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#### **4. Upcoming Events**

- a. Equity and Diversity Ally Panel: January 23, 2015 (Wes)
  - January 23 – speakers panel.
  - Themed on Diversity
  - Speakers from: Large Firm, VLAS, UBC Reps
  - Wes comments on the purpose of diversity and ally-ship
  - Really important for future lawyers who will be in the profession = How to be an ally.
  - Lunch will be provided – question period

#### **5. Academic Concerns**

- Where are the rules for professor for having non-computer policy
- Seminar – there are no computers in this course – so cell phones and computers
- Problems with accessibility issues
- All of the class readings are online
- So how do you approach the instructor on this – is there a fair compromise?
- So there is a concern about computer use – so this could be dealt with by giving a participation mark and penalizing (Andrea)
- Kristy will write a letter about this to Assistant Dean Benedet

- There is context though: it is a seminar – so not the same as a class where taking lots of notes fast is absolutely essential.