

## Minutes for Academic Council November 12 2014

### Study Areas:

Andrea – study areas and cleaning – need to be respectful – how is this working?

#### Access to building

- Library is getting busier
- Encourage students to remind non-law students that these are restricted during the exam period.
- Orang stickers – when do these come out.
  - Should we request these now?
  - Leave this one-week.
  - Will encourage pro-activity
  - Problems with cleaning and keeping place clean
  - So library has control over the space
  - Should Kristy be doing something else
  - Andrea will talk to Kaila about this and clarify
  - Concern about building restrictions

What are the spaces that we use: tables in the open spaces

### Kristy Curve Concern:

Averages – mark is set against own average.

- Problem where employers don't see the criteria uses
- Andrea says – problem with using two different criteria
- There is a special concern in the tax class –
- Jen says must consider that the grades are segregated
- Curve may be set different in University wide Policy
- May not be under the faculty – the faculty of graduate studies
- Kristy wants to follow up on this to see if adverse effects on JD students
- So we need more information on this.
- Kristy can make an appointment with Kaila – who will go with her?
- Jen – seems to think that the employers will understand – but still need to clarify with Kaila

### ALMA – &15, 000 dollar grant:

- Titles that we should be purchasing for this collection?
- Should put this in LSS Newsflash – so go to Kaitlin

### **LSS Update:**

- Last candidate is coming this week.
- Feedback – in camera

### **External Report:**

- Academic Council can come to this meeting on the November 20.
- Deadline of Friday – to RSVP'd
- So far Kristy and Randy and so there are three spots
- So if interest email Kristy or Andrea
- We only have one half hour to meet so will want to have the points you want to present.
- Take a look through the documents before you come to meeting
- Announcement – New Associate Dean.
- Informal Lunch

### **Student evaluations:**

- Should we rename this?
- Contemplating mid course evaluations
- Meeting 12:00 – please rsvp with Kristy if you would like come to this meeting.

### **Committees:**

- Law and Business – one student position available
- Committees have our name and
- Term is unique – because of faculty turn over and External review and Dean search
- Andrea says maybe we should have a less faculty dependent system or committee meetings.
- Randy brings up Indigenous law Curriculum – will keep academic council updated

### **Faculty Governance Document:**

- Andrea says we should put together a context specific version of the governance document
- Perhaps, an annotated document that will help student understand what is relevant to them
- Survey – we could use this to determine what is important
- Need a small group – to work on this
- We could ask Professor Duff for January student consultation meeting
- We could ask Professor Duff to come to our next academic council meeting
- Could have an open meeting and invite students to come to the meeting

- Should also consider getting faculty input
- Jen says we should consider that many will not read it if it is not relevant to them so we should condense this into some points.
- Can we have a volunteer for this – Kristy will let us know about Duff meeting.

**Meetings:**

- Do want to change the meeting times
- Difference between Wednesday an Thursday
- So we will go to Wednesday at 12:30 for the next term meetings.

**End of Meeting**