

Allard Law Students' Society
Executive Council Meeting
Date: November 2, 2016

Member	Present
Joshua Abaki	X
Megan O'Neill	X
Jenny Musyj	X
Madison Grist	X
Alexandra Scott	X
Sophie Marshall	X
Erin Kotz	X
Ben Fischer	X
Elise Kohno	X
Alexei Paish	X

Meeting with Associate Dean Benedet

1. **Academic: Midterm Evaluations** have been completed and returned to faculty. Adjunct faculty enjoyed being included this year and made an effort to respond. Suggestion: edit the format for next year for more open-ended questions and taking out the rating question. Second batch of 1L evaluations to be done in the week of Nov 20th.
2. **Alcohol at Events:** Increased food budget for firm socials. Social council monitoring drink tickets. In term 2, 4/9 social events are at lunch with no alcohol served. Need to expand the dialogue to other clubs' events (e.g. LBS).
3. **Wellness:** Substance abuse workshop (among others) to be implemented. Student engagement lunches – Asking what can the law school do better to promote student wellness? Will likely be held on November 22nd. Participants: UBC Wellness, Kaila, Benedet, plus student representatives. Including Wellness event in re-orientation day. Discussion from ALSS Exec meeting: possibility of having an In-house counsellor at the law school and fall reading week should be considered.
4. **TV in the student lounge:** Can be operated by remote at reception. Considerations around implanting policy on what is permitted to be on. Currently CBC News unless some big sporting event on.
5. **Public Law:** 1L concerns about the format that the first examinable component of law exam was not fail safe and a constituted a significant part of their mark. Also they didn't get LRW assignment back before Public Law was due so they didn't have an idea of how their writing was being evaluated.
6. **JD Student Workload:** Full review would require special committee. Could also be next year's project for the Faculty Advisory Committee. Targeted issues (e.g. Public Law) may be

addressed by speaking with individuals with discretion to make decisions (e.g. professors) without involving Faculty Council.

Curriculum Committee currently dealing with maximum credits for clinical programs and upper-year 4-credit courses being taught by adjuncts possibly being moved to variable 3/4 credit format.

Examinations committee looking at grading system.

7. **Consideration of time limit for completion of First year/JD program:** Small number of people who take 5+ years without completing first year. Currently we have no limits on degree completion. Will be discussed more fully at Examinations committee. Flexibility needed by students for varied reasons.