

ALSS Associate Dean Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: January 17, 2018

Executive Member	Present?
Alexandra Scott	X
Elise Kohno	
Martin Lay	X
Mikhail Ilinets	X
Madison Grist	X
Charlotte Baigent	X
Kendal Allemekinders	X
Julia Thielmann	
Maddy MacDonald	
David Kang	X

Agenda

Agenda Point	Additional Notes
Exemplify Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are concerned about the increased problem of computers shutting down during December exams, even though the school switched to a new program • ADAA: Company assured the school that everything was being done to test this new program, and the school assumed it would work. The computers with certain operating systems would shut down after 1.5 hours (it is likely that they did not test it for this long). There are only 2 operators who provide this service, and most schools use this one. The company claims that this issue has already been fixed. The company has a very big incentive to get this right. • ADAA: Could switch to other program, but the school has to determine if this works within UBC's parameters and this likely could not be implemented by April. Would also require students getting used to a different system part-way through the year. If we still have continuing problems in April, we could consider switching to competing program by December, but may not be possible that quickly. • There will be a notice going out to students regarding this problem
1L Contracts Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1Ls mentioned how approximately 10 1L's failed the December Contracts exam, and there was a very large distribution of grades • ADAA will look in to what professor this was, and the actual grade distribution

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADAA: there has been a bit of resistance from the newer faculty on conforming to Allard Law's grading norms • In terms of grading issues, it would be helpful to bring specific concerns to the faculty as those will be easier to tackle, rather than just saying the grading scheme needs reform
Masters of Global Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALSS understands the deficit and the need for this program, but the ALSS believes they have not been sufficiently consulted • ADAA has conveyed these concerns to the Dean, and his own concerns as well • Alternative options considered were increasing number of JD students (concern is with space in the building), and increasing the number of LLMCL students • Will also likely increase the number of LLMCL students • Dean needs to raise money by next year, so something will need to be implemented
Summer Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADAA: previously more courses were offered, but students were not enrolling in them • The school is open to this, but the numbers are not where they need to be to support these additional courses • Suggestion from ADAA for ALSS to conduct a survey next year to see what it would take for students to enrol in these summer courses
Grade Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALSS received some concerns regarding 1L grade releases in December and how they were given out on paper • ADAA will look into a way to change this system
Assignment Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Environmental law, the students were given an assignment during the exam period • ADAA will look in to whether this is permitted
Mid-Term Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing them during the last week of January or first week of February is fine with the ADAA
1L Curriculum 2018-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided that next year's 1L schedule will be from Monday – Friday • Rationale was to have the 1L students here on Monday as well so that programs could be scheduled on Monday, and all students

	<p>(like upper years) would be here all days of the week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This will likely result in more spread out classes, rather than shorter days
Grade Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ombudsperson has had several students complain that their grades are unfair• Suggestion to hand back upper year exams so that they could see their exam and have a better understanding as to why they received the grade they did• ADAA: students can ask for an electronic copy of their exam, but they have never given back hand-written exams because there is only one version and the school needs to keep a copy