

Academic Meeting – May 18, 2020 Minutes

Present:

- Natasha
- Kiera
- Navid
- Sebastian
- Alie
- Joanna
- Gabrielle
- Sarah
- Trevor

Overview of ALSS Structure

- What are the various committees UBCLSS
 - o Social
 - o Academic
 - o Equity
 - o Etc

Agenda

- Introductions
 - o Natasha – senator, 3L
 - o Kiera – president, 3L
 - o Sebastian – VP External, 2L
 - Chair of AMS Governance Committee
 - o Joanna – Ombudsperson, 2L
 - Pairing legal buddies
 - Take complaints
 - Has an ALSS email
 - o Alie – Academic Director, 2L
 - o Gaby (Gabrielle) – AD 2L
 - o Sarah – AD, 3L
 - o Trevor – AD, 2L (1L Rep Scow)
 - o Navid – VP Academic 3L
 - o Cassandra – Indigenous Director of Student Affairs, 2L
- Wants someone to sit on the committees over the summer
 - o Probably won't be a lot of work this summer but we want to have people on committees
 - o There are a bunch of faculty committees – part of the faculty governance system
 - Notably, curriculum, academic procedures, awards committee, etc
 - o Most summers, students aren't involved in the committees but we think it is important to get a student on
 - o Curriculum – Trevor and Navid
 - Prof Affolder

- Appointments (hiring) – Navid
 - Academic Procedures – Natasha
 - Good idea for continuity
 - Isabel Grant – chair
 - Second position - Good to have a 2L for the 1L perspective on the exams that just happened
 - Alie
 - Admissions – Natasha will continue
 - Janine Benedet in charge
 - Needs to not be an Allard Ambassador and needs to be a 3L – Sarah
 - Equity Advisory – Joanna is already on this committee
 - Prof Arbel in charge ?
 - Joanna is the only student on the committee
 - Indigenous Legal Studies Program – Cassandra
 - Awards – Trevor was on it
 - Nothing over the summer
 - TRC
 - Tied to curriculum
 - Good idea to ask for terms of reference for each committee
 - Navid has asked Erika Hughes and the Committees don't have ToR
 - There are some older guidelines that aren't super helpful
 - Maybe a good idea to ask about faculty council over the summer
 - Hard to know who to ask about different stuff
 - ILS is doing a program in June for indigenous students
 - Normally students go to Sask but instead there will be a two week session for indigenous students
 - They are currently busy with that
 - Cassandra is connected – she is working with ILS as the summer student
 - They're setting up a buddy program too with upper years as mentors
- Navid will consolidate this info and post it in the facebook chat

- Allard is making all the online vs not online decisions right now
 - Natasha's summary
 - Ols got an email that there may be optional activities in the fall but the entire 1L year can be done remotely. They are optimistic that things can move to in person in the spring but even if that happens things will be online
 - They might make accommodations for time changes but otherwise they are planning for Pacific Time
 - Campus wide from senate – the faculty of science has said the same thing. The whole next year will be remote if you choose. BA has said this. BFA has not made a decision. Bachelor of Applied Science has said online for fall. Unclear how all mandatory labs will happen

- Do they need senate approval? Faculties have been going rogue. Questions about discretion of the deans. This might be a question at the next senate
- Pretty crazy that we haven't heard from anyone for upper years
- We need to push to be included
- Unclear if the law faculty will fall into the small class exception
- Big decisions being made – we need to get in touch to get in the loop.
- Should we have a plan for getting more info from the faculty
- We should contact the dean
 - Natasha is Catherine's research assistant – she will talk to her on Wednesday
 - I will email her on Thursday
- Potential concerns?
 - They were thinking of increasing the class size – for the summer
 - What will happen with adjuncts? There will likely be less of those

Other projects

- Student Consultation on Curriculum Changes
 - Upcoming project for Academic Council
- Navid also wants to revamp ILS influence on Procedures and other committees
 - New presidents of ILSA are Emory and Heather
 - On Procedures there wasn't a lot of consultation and no voting seat for ILS
 - Wants to give ILS a vote
- Trevor – interested in coming up with some kind of guideline for student reps on committees
 - Faculty Governance Documents say “at least two students”
 - Students need to be at least one third the number of Faculty on Committee
 - There is probably room to play around with this
 - Thinking about guideline documents and how we need these
 - Related to website overhaul and creating a back end repository
- Sebastian – think about the future of the 1L elections
 - Probably should be connected to AMS elections systems

Navid has a list of to dos

- Reach out to Negin
- People will be reaching out to profs re: committees
- Kiera reaching out to Dean after Natasha talks to her about upper year decisions