



## Academic Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Attendees: Navid, Isabella, Caroling, Amit, Natasha, Sahand, Joanna, Trevor, Sarah, Alie, Kiera, Seb

### Agenda:

Item	Details	Action, Who and When
<b>1 Call to Order</b>		
1.1 Approval of Agenda		
1.2 Approval of Minutes	Link to <a href="#">14 Sept 2020</a> minutes	Move: Natasha, second Seb
1.3 Welcome 1Ls	Wherein we welcome our 1L reps!	Everyone! Always!
<b>2 Open Business</b>		
2.1 Update from Exec	1L Elections: any loose ends Name change: any developments Meeting with (interim) Dean Benedet	No appeals to 1L election  LSS [at UBC] is our legal name, not UBCLSS; have to ratify the new name change.  Minutes of meeting available in shared folder
2.2 Committee Updates	<u>Academic Procedures</u> <b>Closed versus open Exemplify:</b> Students advocated for open Exemplify so that students could use online textbooks, statutes etc. -> this was accepted by the committee  <b>Copy and pasting</b> Students advocated to have the copy and paste function while telling students that copying and pasting from external documents was not permitted, so that students could organize their	AP: Vote next month on exam overtime penalty (not on other matters).  Update from Fac Council: Grant feels these matters do not need to go to Faculty Vote, AP has authority to make these changes. Some challenge from students and profs. We shall see.

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	<p>exam answers better -&gt; this was rejected by the committee because of concerns with cheating</p> <p><b>What to do if your computer crashes</b> Students advocated that students be directed to switch to Microsoft word or a similar software if Exemplify crashes -&gt; this was rejected by the committee in favour of a switch to handwriting because of concerns that students would use excuses about Exemplify crashing to get around copy and pasting</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u> No votes, monitoring of ISLR &amp; other changes International Clinic: wanting unique course code and increased credit-load to reflect work in the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There were 3 things on the agenda during the meeting on October 13, 2020, but nothing came to a vote</li> <li>- Not expecting anything major to come up this year</li> <li>- Item 1: addition of the <b>ISLR course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Due to complaints from students and faculty regarding the hostile environment of the course, there has been a proposed sub-committee to address the issues</li> <li>o But this might be under exclusive purview of Bruce MacDougall, so may overstep jurisdiction if Curriculum Committee gets involved</li> <li>o Primary issue: the development of ISLR was rushed so professors may not have sufficient training</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Item 2: Nicole Barrett doesn't have unique course code for her <b>externship</b> and is concerned about course credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Other externships have credits</li> <li>o Nicole is trying to go to Senate to get a course number, but will need 2 numbers for the writing and practical components of the course</li> <li>o Susan Morin says there are limited numbers, so concerned that other externships won't have the numbers in the future</li> <li>o Ljiljana Biukovic is drafting the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<p>document and taking it to Senate but this might not happen until next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Item 3: BLSA's request for curriculum reform to address anti-racism             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Will form a sub-committee headed by Toby Goldbach and Graham Reynolds</li> <li>o Natasha Affolder will hire someone with training to craft the curriculum reform</li> <li>o Biggest issue: Curriculum Committee lacks funding, so need to reach out to Dean or another Committee to get budget to hire RA or grad student to look into these issues.</li> <li>o This will be a long consultation process</li> <li>o There was a suggestion for a faculty retreat so professors can discuss with each other</li> <li>o The Committee can put students not from LSS</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Curriculum Consultation Working Group</u> Group will finally start after last year's executive members wanting more student involvement in the curriculum changes Anyone can join this Group</p> <p><u>Admissions</u> Nothing new; admission rubric changes still being worked on.</p> <p><u>COVID-19 ad hoc Committee</u> There is a form for COVID complaints We will see how many complaints we get to guide advocacy Anyone can join this Committee If there are any COVID-related concerns, direct peers to fill out the form</p>	
<p>2.3 Faculty Council</p>	<p>What to expect If you'd like to be very well-informed, please review <a href="#">Faculty Rules of Governance</a> Arts. <b>3.1, 3.2.1</b> (many of these duties delegated to Committees), <b>3.3.6-8, 3.3.10, 3.3.12</b> (proxies discouraged), <b>3.3.13, 3.4.1, 3.5.4,</b></p>	<p>All members ensure you are able to make FC</p>

	<p><b>3.5.8, 3.5.10</b> (often used), <b>4.1.1–4</b> (note: several committee names have changed), &amp; <b>4.2.8</b>. Or skim the whole thing.</p> <p><u>AP Vote on exam overtime</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During April 2020 exams, students continued to type after exams were over</li> <li>- We advocated for a few minutes of grace period, but this was outvoted</li> <li>- There is a system in place if students have an issue (ie. phone Susan Morin)</li> <li>- We also advocated for clearer communication to students regarding the rules and what is permitted</li> <li>- LSS is not voting on this issue</li> </ul> <p>Currently, exam posted on Canvas 10 mins before exam starts (10 min prep time), type on unsecured Exemplify, submit when done. Academic Services can see when you start and stop typing, whether you copy/paste, move large chunks of text around/CANdump.</p> <p>In April 2020, issue with numerous students writing longer than allowed (over 10–20 mins in some cases).</p> <p>Rule for overtime not formally in place, so brought to FC tomorrow: 1 “grace” minute, 1% of final grade for every minute thereafter. Genuine interruptions will be exempt, on investigation and approval.</p> <p>Communication from AP in April: committee agreed it was messy, penalties and rules need to be <b>clearly</b> outlined for students.</p> <p>AP voted unanimously on this (our student reps advocated for simply warning students ahead of time that penalties will apply, but faculty felt the temptation to cheat is too much to trust with students, so our student reps secured the grace period and voted in favour).</p>	
<p><b>3 New Business</b></p>		
<p>3.1 Dean’s Search Committee</p>	<p>LSS Equity Clubs involvement JD Student Election for Committee</p>	
<p>3.2 Joint Motion: ILSA &amp; Academic Council</p>	<p>Motion and reasoning to be developed asking for an additional student seat on Academic Procedures for ILSA to appoint.</p>	<p>Develop motion &amp; supporting report to be done for Nov. Faculty</p>

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14 Oct 2020

12:45

Zoom

	Please refer to Arts 4.2.5, 4.2.6 & 4.2.8(d) of the <a href="#">Faculty Rules of Governance (2015)</a>	Council
<b>4 Adjournment</b>		
4.1 Meeting adjourned	Natasha adjourned the meeting (Seb 2nd)	at 14:01
4.2 Minutes	Submitted by Navid & Caroling	
4.3 Next Meeting	<b>Thursday, November 12 @ 12:45</b> on Zoom	

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