

Allard Law Students' Society
Executive Council Meeting
Date: February 1, 2017

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

Meeting with Associate Dean Benedet

1. Adam Albright Award

- Combined with Curtis Award selection committee (Curtis nominations already out, due Feb 10th)
- Megan sending out the nomination information

2. Midterm Course Feedback Surveys

- To be done week of Feb 12th
- Upper-year courses and Transnational Law
- Current distribution and evaluation method working well
 - Leslie will print and assemble envelopes, Megan to distribute
- What is the school doing to promote better teaching among faculty?
 - JB: CTLT, peer evaluations, sessions on teaching/pedagogy, retreat

3. Faculty Council Documents

- Looking to make Faculty Council documents available to students
- Jeremy (who is this?) is looking into it

4. Exams/Grades

- Concern over cancelled exams and what the policy is (Allard vs. UBC)
 - JB: Can't hold exams when UBC is closed. Allard can postpone exams when UBC is open. 1L exam was postponed because if Allard chose to do so, they could accommodate all students in Access & Diversity, whereas if they waited for the school to cancel exams, the A&D students would have had to write at different times. Also concerned about writing new exams for students who could not make it in even if the school was open.
- Late grades due to faculty on medical leave

- JB: If faculty can mark themselves but take longer, preferable to wait than pay outside person to mark. Prioritizing grades for graduated students, etc.
5. Teaching Evaluations
 - JB: Faculty meeting on Feb 9th about proposed or possible changes to the teaching evaluations
 6. Student Awards/Financial Aid
 - Designated staff for awards
 - Student concerns that need-based awards are also tied to grades – UBC-wide policy has a 75% minimum
 - Ben can bring it up at Senate Committee
 7. Law Games
 - Josh mentioning steps organizers took
 - JB received no complaints other than faculty frustration with student absence from class
 8. Wellness
 - Upcoming Indigenous student wellness meeting, facilitator booked similar to previous student-wide wellness meetings
 - Bringing Wellness issues to faculty at upcoming faculty retreat
 - Participating in project on classroom-focused wellness initiatives (e.g. syllabus design)
 - March 15 is National Law Student Wellness Day (lunchtime event put on by Wellness Committee)
 9. Re-Orientation Day
 - Challenge of enforcing mandatory attendance and making it more exciting for students
 - Following up with students who did not attend the Equity Vignettes seminar