

Allard Law Students' Society
Executive Council Meeting
Date: October 5, 2016

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

Meeting with Associate Dean Benedet

Orientation

- Change to 3-day length went well
- Pros: PBSC, LSLAP, Careers panel
- Mixed: Respectful Dialogue (but to be expected)
- Complaints: Too much sitting
- First year adjustment issues
 - LRW started with legislation instead of cases and O-Week didn't include the "how to brief a case" session
 - Still struggling with Public Law
 - Hard to ask questions in big class
 - In-class assignment causing anxiety
- Benedet: Starting next year schedule already and will consider updates to Public Law format/curriculum
 - Expense to set up forum

Wellness

- Administration working to change alcohol availability at Allard faculty events and school-hosted events (e.g. Welcome Day for admitted students)
- O-Week: No open bars and no banquet afterparty
- Ongoing conversation about setting up expectation for students with regards to alcohol at school events
- Patricia Barkaskas as faculty point person for committee addressing designing curricula for wellness
- Examinations committee addressing grading system

Strategic Plan: JD Student Workload

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Midterm Student Evaluations

- Pilot last year – faculty feedback mostly positive, no impact on formal evaluations at the end of the term
- Last year was only mandatory for full-time faculty. Valuable to extend to sessional faculty. Academic Council/ALSS Exec could take ownership of the project and expand it to all of the courses (~50).
- Can be distributed as early as end of next week

Experiential Learning

- Two new clinics up and running (women's clinic and business)
- Proposal for new limits on clinical credits
- Proposal for common date for clinic and moot offers
- Looking into the future: required clinical/experiential component – current issue is that currently the programs are competitive and offerings may need to be expanded; also more litigation focused