



Academic Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

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

Regrets: Cassandra

Agenda:

Item	Details	Action, Who and When
1 Call to Order		
1.1 Approval of Agenda	Anything to add?	3.2
1.2 Approval of Minutes	Link to 12 Nov 2020 Minutes No meeting in Dec due to exams & FC No meeting in Jan due to no FC	Approved
2 Open Business		
2.1 Successes & Learning Opportunities	<p>Minutes of Meetings now available to all students on LSS website</p> <p>Cut/Copy/Paste FC Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few votes in support from Faculty <p>AcProc ILSA Seat Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported by Faculty <p>Advocacy to Faculty & Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings with AD Academic (Isabelle Grant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anyone is welcome to attend ○ Discuss matters with AD Academic before bringing it up to Faculty Council 	
2.2 Committee Updates	<p>Academic Procedures (Gab, Natasha)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Uteck now sole Chair; anything we want to accomplish, 	Ask AP about specifying the standard time to end and eliminate the wording

	<p>let's ensure we raise with her & Committee first</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spellcheck in exams removed pls? ● Met during beginning of January to discuss about December exams ● Brought up some concerns, but Committee did not feel like there should be changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Except for overtime penalty: students did not have good reasons for writing overtime ○ Is it possible to build something into ExamSoft to end the exam? What about accommodations? Susan Morin is looking into options ● Consensus among faculty was that they don't want to change anything for April exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If we want to bring anything up, we should bring it up soon ● Some faculty might be confused about exam instructions ● Susan Morin gave information about what other law schools did for December exams: most were similar to us, some made students sign undertaking, UVic allowed students to type on Word <p><u>Admissions</u> (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No meeting since November ● Prof Lazarus is the Chair ● New policies to diversify class, but did not specify what diversity means <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faculty needs to discuss this and have a clear agenda during Faculty Council ● Think about what evaluative measures can actually be used ● Appointees to go through diversity training before vetting for admissions ● New admissions rubric for the incoming 1L (September 2021) 	<p>of "reading time"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work on communication strategy <p>LSS will create information campaign about the penalty for April exams (clear and condensed information about exam procedures) and share with faculty & peer tutors</p>
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	<p><u>Curriculum & Anti-Black Racism Subcommittee</u> (Alie, Caroling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub-Committee met, hired 2 RAs in response to BLSA memo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 law PhD student & one undergrad outside the law school hired to work on this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supervised by G Reynolds and T Goldbach ■ Working Feb–April ○ PhD candidate working on curriculum review (surveying faculty to see what aids they need, reviewing curriculum); starting with 1L and mandatory courses, then high-enrolment upper year classes if time ○ Undergrad student working on anti-racism pedagogical tools/techniques ● Curriculum committee meeting 5 Feb <p><u>Equity</u> (Trevor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership: they tried to add a 1L non-voting member to the committee, Dean more or less said it was improperly done procedurally (no added member) ● Meeting early next week ● Most likely discussing about Equity, Dialogue, Diversity day and the AD for Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback: performative, readings were poorly chosen, organization of the day <p><u>Other Equity</u> (Joanna)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More to come ● General issues: CSO email <p><u>Awards</u> (Alie, Amit, Isabella)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goold is chair of Faculty Awards Committee ● Send questions to Navid (ie. regarding eligibility) ● Students in committee can decide 	
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	<p>by ranking teaching evaluations, nomination statements, knowledge, then use ranking to facilitate discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Curtis Award: nominations open until 19 Feb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be in next week's LSS email update ● Adam Albright Award: open until 26 Feb ● Ray Herbert: committee being formed, headed by ... Student Services or Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Navid will put Joanna in touch with committee ● Committee wants to add awards for next year, so can bring ideas to committee <p><u>LSS Committees:</u> Curriculum WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tabled for next meeting 	
<p>2.3 <i>In camera</i></p>	<p>Council went <i>in camera</i> to discuss concerns raised by student equity groups re: faculty/admin relations</p>	<p>Motion to enter: Navid Second: Natasha Motion to exit: Kiera Second: Sarah</p>
<p>3 New Business</p>		
<p>3.1 Academic Events: 1Ls</p>	<p><u>Beyond 1L Panel w/Student Services (Mar 3)</u> Brainstorming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Format: open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Well-balanced panel and speakers (practitioner, clinic director, faculty) ○ Talk about choices for upper years ○ Over lunch hour ○ Doesn't have to be a panel ● Speakers ● Work with Kaila (SS) <p><u>Faculty Mixer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For 1L to interact with faculty to learn about courses and RA work ● Last year: over 2 lunch times ● Format might be different this year ● Professor Christie Ford sent emails on behalf of LSS to faculty 	<p>Navid to put Amit, Caroling, Sahand and Isabella in touch with Kaila M for Beyond 1L planning</p> <p>Faculty Mixer: Caroling & Isabella to head</p> <p>Beyond 1L: Amit & Sahand to head</p> <p>Resources from past years (Seb & Trevor, Kiera) shared with 1Ls via email or group chat.</p>

4 Feb 2021

12:30

Zoom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sebastian will share email• If separate from other panel, can use breakout rooms with each faculty (in conjunction with CSO for RA-ships)• Will there be a budget this year?• To get interest from faculty, reach out to Janice to bring up during Faculty Council	
3.2 Law Society & Employment Standards for articling students	Update from Trevor, from Chase <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details: https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/Website/media/Shared/docs/about/agendas/2021-01-29_agenda.pdf• Navid will forward Chase's notes to everyone	Tabled
4 Adjournment		
4.1 Meeting adjourned	Joanna adjourned the meeting Natasha seconded	At 1:56 PM
4.2 Minutes	Submitted by Caroling	