

Date: February 12th, 2024

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Academic Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

UBC Law Students' Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: UBC Law Students' Society's Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 23, 2023 12:30 PM Vancouver

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Meeting ID: 649 4485 2526

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Attendees: Jameelah Ali, Ryan Sissons, Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi, Aki Kamoshida,, Kai Rogers, Cléa Catona, Vaibhav Aggarwal, Liam Peet-Pare, Katharine Lazar, Mustapha Zaidi

Regrets: Dante Agosti-Moro, Erin Chen, Gabby Lees, Shanice Harris

Agenda:

Item	Details	Action, Who and When	Vote
1 Call to Order 12:35pm			
1.1 Approval of Agenda		Moved: Clea Seconded: Vaughn Time:	Yes: No:
1.2 Approval of Minutes		Moved: Aki Seconded: Vaughn	Yes: No:
Item	Details	Action, Who, When	Vote
2 Open Business			

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Student Survey	Decided that instead of doing on big survey we will have smaller surveys that are more paired down: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Curriculum- Anti-black racism- EDI concerns- TBD Once the surveys go live and we decide on final questions the links will be posted on FB as well as through Newsflash and will be given to Shanice to distribute to the equity seeking groups		
Suggested Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are there any courses in 1L that you believe the structure of should change• Are there any courses you believe should be removed from 1L• Are there any courses you believe should be added to 1L• Are there any courses you believe should be a required course for upper years• Are there any currently required courses in upper year that you believe should not be required or should be restructured• Are there any practice competencies that you believe Allard Law should be teaching students that you do not think is currently being taught?• What competencies for practice do you believe the law school does well at teaching students• Do you have any suggested reforms for Allard 1L curriculum• Do you have any suggested	ACTION: Finalized list of questions by tomorrow February 13 end of day. Everyone should review the question and provide feedback.	

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	<p>reforms for Allard's overall curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you have any concerns with how classes or a specific class is taught		
Townhall	<p>Rooms bookings and dates have been set: Feb 29th, March 13th, March 28th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to come up with the ground rules for the town halls (what will they look like; how to ensure max student participation and turn out)- Need to make promotional materials with the dates and put them on FB and Newsflash- Poster is in the facebook chat- For the 29th, might be in the LSS lounge if there is no alternative → need to make ground rules<ul style="list-style-type: none">- But LSS Lounge is not ideal for the meeting- No staff or faculty there- Change date to Feb 28 if we cannot get a room		
1L Feedback	<p>Checking in to see if we are following up on doing monthly check-ins with the respective small groups and getting feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ISLR concerns are being addressed with another survey- Moots seem to be poorly organized → not much information or we get it really late.	<p>Lead: 1Ls ACTION: Jameelah to email Anne about issues with the moot</p>	
CSO & Recruit	<p>Update on checking in with Tinashe; document with written feedback from students (check for completion),</p>	<p>Lead: Liam + Vaib ACTION: Liam to send email by end of day</p>	

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	check-in for email to CSO; do we want to take these concerns to FC (if so we need to do a write up to submit to the next FC)	tomorrow (Feb 13).	
ISLR	Update; did Kaila say she would put an email out; next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dante said he was still waiting to hear back from ILSA, likely have not met with Kaila - Vaughn: Dante did not reach out. 	Lead: Dante + Katharine ACTION: Vaughn to ask for feedback from ILSA. Then give info to Katherine and Dante. ACTION: Katherine and Dante to email Kaila about ISLR. ACTION: Vaughn to set up meeting with Kaila	
3 New Business			
FC Update around Seminar/DR component	This is something that next years AC will probably look at; FC is trying to look into ensuring that all seminar and DR courses have some sort of substantial paper component in order to receive credits for the degree requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to have some baseline across all classes - Seminars are supposed to have papers 	Moved: Seconded:	Yes: No:
New Registration System/Workday	This would also be something to look at for next year; any foreseeable issues with the new workday system and for how many credits you can register for per semester		
ILSA Seat Letter Draft	Update on getting ILSA permanent seats on committees; discuss the meeting and how that went; review the	Moved: Seconded:	Yes: No:

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	<p>follow up email Jeremy sent and how to address it; write an email with ILSA to address our concerns with how the meeting was handled and the directions of the committee. (see email sent by Jeremy in the group chat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student advocacy for the future should not be discussed now, just want to talk about the seats. - Suggestion for the email: potentially include it was disrespectful to suggest that students to not contribute to the committee 		
Dean Meeting Update + Next steps	<p>5 actionable/tangible things we want to change or 5 results we want to see that can be brought to the Dean (need to loop in Kaila and Anne to ensure everyone is on the same page)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talked about anti-black racism, faculty EDI training 	ACTION: everyone to think about 5 actionable items to bring forward to the dean	
Teaching Awards Appointment + Adjunct Teaching Award	<p>Who has been appointed to the committee: Clea, Aki, Katharine Discussing the adjunct teaching award and how will be sitting on that committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjunct committee: Clea, Aki, Jameelah 	ACTION: Adjunct committee to make and send out nomination form by February 16th	
Sara G. Exit Speech and the consequences of that	<p>Dean had mentioned that he would be willing to talk about and go into depth about Sara leaving and the speech she made and the criticisms she had; looking at how that can be used to address the issues that were raised and how we can change that</p>		
CSO/Careers Committee	<p>Exec is meeting with them tomorrow (February 12)</p>		

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Discussions			
<i>In camera session</i>			
4 Updates			
Committee Updates	<p>Ensuring that all information is being passed along between FC and committees and then back to AC where appropriate (I have been made aware of issues around members not attending meetings regularly and then saying there are no updates)</p> <p>General Committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Curriculum: Canceled this week. Bringing in speakers from other schools to provide information. Meeting biweekly.- Appointments (Vaughn/Shanice): Haven't heard anything since December.- Admissions (Gabby): not here- Equity (Erin): not here- ILS (Vaughn): Haven't heard anything since December. - The biggest thing is appointments. Since the appointments committee has had no action, no point for ILS to meet.- Academic Procedures (Liam/Dante): First meeting last week. Want to change procedures when someone fails a course. Reading time with exams - want to change the ability for profs to decide whether they can write during reading time. Final deadlines for papers were also	<p>ACTION: Academic procedures to look into whether there is a policy regarding failing a course and passing the reevaluation. Ask about the reasoning too.</p>	

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	discussed. Whether there should be a maximum exam time.		
5 Adjournment			
5.1 Meeting adjourned	14:15	Moved: Clea Seconded: Aki Time: 14:15	
5.2 Minutes			

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