
Academic Council Notes November 3

Present: Matthew, Megan, Alyssa, Josh, Daniel, Nicole, Catriona, Aashish, Alexei, Gia, Alex

1. 1Ls feedback envelopes (for full-year core courses) to be handed out next week
2. Committees Updates
 - Appointment Committee- very busy! Reviewing files, interviewing candidates, and attending job talks
 - Examination- mark appeals that result in a reduction of marks: do current policies include providing reasons to student? The AC discussed and thought there should be some reasons. Exam committee student reps to follow up with Prof. Duff (Chair of Exams Committee) with this and related exam anonymity issue regarding exams done through Access & Diversity.
3. Library
 - Reserve seating should be starting next week
 - Happy face sticker identify you're a law student – 1L reps to help in distributing to students.
4. Building Access
 - Access through IDs before 8am
 - (24hrs during exam season access to building)
 - Matthew to contact Kaila in terms of preparing seminar rooms as group study and 104-106 as quiet study rooms.
5. Strategic Planning
 - Matt, Josh and Kristy finding main themes from AC/ALSS Exec feedback
 - Execs meet Thurs this week to go over their feedback and formulate the official student feedback give to committee → generating first draft of Strategic Plan (mid-January)
 - Town halls, surveys providing feedback to draft in 2016
6. Black Out Period
 - Per ALSS Constitution and based on outlook of issues on table, Matt proposes no meeting until 2016, but members should continuously update about any new things or issues. Members of the AC present agree.
7. Exam Season
 - Rooms 104, 105, 106 silent study rooms
 - Only available to law students
 - Outside library hours
8. Faculty Mixer
 - 2nd semester organized by 1Ls
 - early second semester
 - sometime in January before moot
9. Academic Exam Tips Panel
 - Academic tips last Tuesdays of November (Peer Tutors)
 - November 26th- life tips exam panel (Equity)

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10. National Wellness Day

- a. March 9th
- b. Catriona to be meeting with Kaila and wellness liaison.

11. Nicole Iaci – Co-Director of Indigenous Affairs

- a. All members of the AC thanked Nicole for her service this term to the AC and the school generally, as she will be heading off to Ottawa next term. Carly will assume full responsibility for the position beginning Jan 1, 2016.

REMINDER: Faculty Council **November 19th (Thursday at lunch)**

- Friendly reminder to have agenda 2 weeks before IT IS IN THE GOVERNING DOC- Matthew to follow up