

ALSS Academic Council Meeting Notes

January 12, 2016

Attendance: Matthew, Meg, Alexei Gia, Alyssa, Benj, Kristy, Aaashish, Daniel, Josh, Carly, Catriona, Erica, Alex

- I. **Faculty Advisory Committee – Strategic Planning Phase 2**
 - a. First draft for consultation from all JD students
 - b. Survey (to send out later this week) distributed in email/Facebook/newsflash
 - c. Office hours- last 2 weeks of January
 - i. Strategic planning opinions
 - ii. In person feedback
 - iii. **Tuition!!!**
 - iv. Curriculum, transnat
 - d. Dean's Town Hall – **February 2, 2016 (but date changed to Jan 28)**
 - i. Strategic plan
- II. **National Competency Assessment consultation**
 - a. Lunch session on **January 13, 2016 (TOMORROW)** Rm 106
 - b. 30 minute speech Law Society/30 min questions
 - c. Benchers likely vote against it
 - i. Deadline: Thursday
 - d. Do you support? Yes/No and Comments on back
- III. **Project teams:**
 - a. Faculty Mixer –
 - i. **Feb 11** (Thursday at lunch 12:30-2:00) forum booked
 - ii. Email professors date
 - iii. Contact Allanah & Gloria (both on faculty and student calendar and weekly bulletin)
 - b. Mid-term feedback – Round 2
 - i. When? Pre or post reading break?
 - ii. Questions we ask and how we conduct it
 1. Aboriginal perspectives on questionnaire? (comments section)
 - a. Aboriginal content into non-Aboriginal courses
 2. Email Matthew suggestions of questions
 - iii. New profs: Aboriginal, Charter, Transnat
 1. Email Matthew names of profs
- IV. **Committee reports**
 - a. Appointments
 - i. Alex and Aashish made recommendations for Associate Professor and Feminist Legal Chair position and will make recommendation for Canada Research Chair in the weeks to come
 - b. Syllabus Database
 - i. There already is one! Password enabled
 - ii. Link into LSS database
 - iii. Not comprehensive

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- iv. ACTION ITEM: GO to database, check if there are any missing syllabus and if you have them, send them Matthew's way!
- v. Year and prof columns designation
- V. Feedback from December 2015 exam season**
 - i. Sign in sheets before writing time starts
 - ii. ID student cards and returning exam questions and write exam code on questions
 - 1. Purpose?
 - iii. Regulations and policy distributed before
 - iv. Handwriting rooms adequate number
 - v. Troubles? See Kaila
- VI. Any other business**
 - a. In house Psych Counselling
 - i. Anonymity
 - ii. Equity and Diversity
 - iii. How do we structure wellness in student governance
 - iv. March 9th (Wed- no class) Mental Wellness Day
 - v. Go see Kaila- Crisis Intervention
 - b. Jurisprudence
 - i. 60% final/40% group project
 - ii. evaluation format concerns not advertised on syllabus and changed from 100% to this other format
 - iii. 5 point differentiation (did well or got 5% less)
 - iv. group project everyone gets the same mark
 - c. Strategic Planning
 - i. Advocate uniform standards for required courses
 - ii. Uniform policy of immediate section changes (procedural changes prof obliged to email students)
- VII. Next meetings – proposed: Jan 26, 2016 (Tuesday) – Lunch, ALSS executive room**
 - a. Reminder for *Faculty Council – January 21 (Thursday) at lunch Rm 104*