

AIC Meeting

Thursday, November 03, 2011

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Present: Erin Kizell, Emily Mackinnon, Mark Domer, Jeanette O'Sullivan, Sara Hopkins, Martin McGregor, Brendan Craig, Amelia Boulton, Ehsan Monfared

Regrets: Anthony Oliver, Angela Crimeni, Bryan Badali, Eric Gauf, Jessie Gill

1. Law in Context

- We can't make any substantive changes for this year
- Not that the course is unimportant, but there are already 6 foundational courses in first year, and the course is lost on the first years, who are more focused on the foundational courses
- Many first years feel it is detracting from the foundational courses
- Could we put a partial course in second semester?
 - Upper years really don't like this suggestion
 - Second semester is really hard!
- Next steps?
 - **ACTION ITEM: Be constructive in your advice to the faculty**
- Is the faculty intending to send out feedback forms at the end of the first semester?

2. Code of Conduct Committee

- Ansari offered to come to the committee and discuss his perspective
- Deadline for submitting names will be Monday, Nov 14
 - Have one meeting before exams start
- **ACTION ITEM: Martin will forward the e-mail on to Shannon and it will come out soon**
- **ACTION ITEM: First years, please announce this in your classes**
 - Ubclawethics@gmail.com

3. Access Statement

- This will be 2 lines saying we strongly support the highest level of access to all students at UBC Law, which means advocating for spaces temporarily during construction, and long term spaces
- Sara wants to send this to Duff, telling him we will be presenting this at the next faculty council meeting

4. Admissions Update

- The same criteria will apply to everyone (no discretionary category)
- Don't want students to review applications anymore
 - Reviewing your peers?
 - Privacy issues
- AIC is not yet ready to discard the discretionary category until we are satisfied that the values of discretionary will not be lost
- AIC also does not feel that students should be removed from the application process
 - Though we do agree that the privacy concern is an issue
 - Perhaps we should remove student names from the files, and create more procedures to protect privacy
- **ACTION ITEM: Mark: give Prof. Gould a heads up about some of our concerns and questions**
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5. Other Committee Updates

- Library

- Emily spoke to Sandra about our concerns with space and reporting non law student behaviour
 - Sandra is supportive of us sending an e-mail about library etiquette
 - In drafting the e-mail we should use the term "library staff" and not "librarian"
 - If you don't feel comfortable encouraging other library patrons to respect the rules, feel free to approach the library staff
 - Dedicated space during exams
 - She is open to the idea, but wants to wait and see if it is a problem
 - **ACTION ITEM: report incidents of lack of space**
 - Clarification: can groups less than 3 use the study rooms if no one else is using it?
 - **ACTION ITEM: Jeannette/Emily will follow up**
 - After exams we should send out a feedback form asking students on their experience during exams
 - This year the library will not be having extended hours
 - **ACTION ITEM: Emily: We think this should come from the library, not the LSS**
 - Environmental Committee
 - New environmental moot
 - New environmental externship
 - Faculty Advisory Committee
 - Working on governance
6. Other business
- General cleanliness
 - Sara will see about putting up signs up at events and in the library regarding general cleanliness