



16 August 2015

Response to Committee's recommendations:

Main recommendations (p. 13)

Recommendation:

1. Allow grant-obtaining faculty members to buy out a part of their teaching obligations

Steps toward implementation:

The University rector has recently decided to afford all faculty members who have obtained ERC grants with a weekly 10 hours teaching relief (divided over the 5 years of the grant, at the faculty member's discretion). This decision will be implemented already in 2015/16.

Recommendation:

2a. Improved coordination and burden alleviation of joint degree programs

Steps toward implementation:

As of 2015-16, the faculty will start appointing for each of the 8 principal joint degree combinations (law-business, law-accounting, law-economic, law-psychology, law-social work, law-social sciences, law-philosophy, law-humanities) administrative and faculty coordinators. The coordinators will work with the relevant secretariats and respective teaching committees to improve substantive and logistical coordination between the programs, and to develop specific courses and academic activities for students participating in the joint programs. In addition, as of 2016-16, the faculty will require all joint program students to extend their studies at least to 8 semesters. The Faculty of Law is also seeking to develop new student loan programs, that would ease the financial burden encountered by joint degree students. There is no firm deadline yet for introduction of such programs.

These measures will help improve coordination and alleviate the burdens of the joint degree programs.

Recommendation:

2b. Development of long-term status for clinical faculty

Steps toward implementation:

In June 2015, the Faculty of Law general meeting adopted a new academic track governing the appointment of clinical faculty as "clinicians" or "senior clinicians", on the basis of their academic and clinical achievements. The envisioned status would confer upon the clinical faculty an academic status (without tenure), voting rights in the Faculty meeting on issues related to clinical education, and access to research funds. The proposed track is now pending before the general governance bodies of the Hebrew University and we hope to initiate the first appointments in the new track in 2016.

Other recommendations:

Goals of the PhD program (p. 8) -

Steps toward implementation: Both points were noted although they are not directed specifically at the HU PhD program. Faculty responsible for admission and for developing

פרופ' יובל שני  
דיקן  
הפקולטה למשפטים

Prof Yuval Shany  
Dean  
Faculty of Law

ד"ר הצופים  
ירושלים 91905  
טל: 9-5882528-02  
פקס: 02-5823042

Mount Scopus  
Jerusalem 91905, Israel  
Tel. 972-2-5882528-9  
Fax. 972-2-5823042  
yshany@mscc.huji.ac.il

program of study will be advised of the need to advise candidates about the possibilities non-academic placements and to ensure a strong background in allied disciplines.

Developing a job outcomes database (p. 9) - Our placement office already monitors internship placements. We will start on in the upcoming year to collect in a more systematic manner post-internship placement data. We support the proposal for the issuance of a standardised national job placement report.