

Minutes of the Arts Faculty Council meeting
Held on April 16, 2013 in room 104 CH

PRESENT: K. Bessant; D. Brown; J. Forsythe; R. Gasse; H. Gillander; L. MacKay; R. Major; M. Malainey; M. Malazdrewicz; A. McCulloch; S. Medd; J. Naylor; K. Noll; S. Petrella; M. Pollex; D. Racine; S. Robinson; L. Robson; B. Rose; M. Serfaty; D. Taylor; D. Winter; K. Wong; F. Zehtab-Jadid; D. Olsen (Geography); S. Grills (S.S.); J. Allan; M. Peuramaki-Brown; (Sessionals); B. Strang (Chair); L. Murray (recorder).

REGRETS: K. Beesley; E. Graham; A. Levy.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Naylor/Malazdrewicz) -- THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Gasse/Racine) – THAT the Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2013 be approved with the addition of A. Marshall to the list of those present.

CARRIED.

3.0 Chair's Report

The Clinical Specialization – We've been informed verbally that we have approval from COPSE. Once a formal letter arrives we will proceed further, including bringing forth the calendar languages for AFC approval. This means having an AFC meeting in May or June. Métis studies through Senate and off to the Board. The 2nd degree standards have now been approved by Senate. They are University policy but not yet in the calendar. It is however, noted online just under the 2013-14 calendar.

Faculty questioned why the calendar, which is now digital, is not updated regularly. Dr. Robinson noted that if a student dispute arises in the future, Registrar's has to be able to date all program changes and so they are reluctant to update it too often. The Dean also noted that at some point it may be useful to more narrowly restrict what year of study's calendar requirements students must adhere to. At the moment it is rather wide-open.

Hirings: We have completed the hirings in Native Studies and Anthropology. Two contracts are currently out to prospective hires (History and Visual and Aboriginal Art) and the fifth search (Sociology/Gender) isn't quite done. We are in the final stages of BU's CRC proposal for Aboriginal Health and Wellness. The candidate will be associated with our Native Studies Department. This position still requires final CRC approval.

4.1 Course Changes

MOTION: (Forsythe/MacKay) -- THAT the prerequisite for 20:267 *Character Studies I* be changed to 20:163 AND 20:164.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Rose/Robson) – THAT the prerequisite change for 30:273 *Narrative Film* be approved; THAT 30:337 *The Canadian Novel in English* be deleted; and THAT 30:3XX *Canadian Literature to 1990*; and 30:3XX *Canadian Literature Since 1990* be accepted as new courses.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (MacKay/Naylor) -- THAT 54:2xx *History of New Zealand* be accepted as a new Experimental course.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Noll/Major) -- THAT 58:CHI:1XX *Modern Chinese* be accepted as a new Experimental Course.

CARRIED.

There was discussion regarding the cross-listing in Religion and a friendly amendment was made to remove it.

MOTION: (Malainey/Racine) -- THAT 12:2XX *Introduction to Medical Anthropology* be accepted as a new Experimental and Regular Course.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (MacKay/Naylor) – THAT 54:3XX *Oral History* be approved as Experimental and Regular and 54:4XX *History of Sexuality* be approved as an Experimental course.

Students in Oral History will have to get individual ethics approval and there is an expedited process under TCPS II. History is happy to add this to the course outline.

CARRIED.

4.2 CRC Application Approval

Senate Research Committee has made a recommendation to the president and placed Arts' proposal in Gender as the first priority.

4.3 Advising – problems

Concerns have been raised that students are not getting adequate advising in Arts. First year students are getting advising through TREK by Student Services. The evidence seems to suggest that this is helping. However, after first year (SS interprets this as a calendar year), students are then supposed to be transferring to the faculty for advising. Students are saying that they have to go to various places. Perhaps Chairs only feel competent to advise their own areas and not advising for the Liberal Education requirements? How can we do a better job? Where do they go to get a degree audit? We need people to advise those undecided students also.

Perhaps undeclared students should continue to go to Student Services? (Students are required to declare after 30 credits.) Degree checks at the Senate Office are not always correct. Student Service's interpretation of first year advising is first calendar year. Therefore, those under 30 credit hours are orphaned after one year. Sheilagh Grills noted that Student Services has 5 retirees, none of who have been replaced, and one advisor is on leave. This leaves only one part-time advisor and two counsellors at the moment. She is also concerned that mature students seem to be falling through the cracks.

Departments should advise their own majors and minors. Anthropology has a degree checklist that's very useful and the Arts Faculty Office has prepared similar checklists for all Arts programs. Please see them to update your area's requirements and/or have copies made for advising purposes. The Dean requested that Chairs also discuss the liberal arts requirements with their students.

4.4 Elections

Dr. Robson noted that in February, the faculty representatives for CAP and BBC were separated but that Dr. Gasse kindly agreed to serve on both this year.

MOTION: (Robson/Serfaty) – THAT the elections be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5.1 Emergency Contacts

The Dean will speak again with Student Services about having this information circulated.

6.0 Other Business/Announcements

Dr. Allison McCulloch thanked all of those who participated in the Arts Seminar Series. Please contact Allison or Jim Naylor if you are interested in presenting in the future.

Strategic Research Adhoc Committee Town Hall Meeting will happen tomorrow morning in the LRR.

The Dean thanked faculty and Jim Naylor in particular for the Senior Seminar Series. Jim noted that they hope it will expand next year.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.