

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held November 10, 2015 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: J. Allan; K. Bessant; D. Brown; D. Combet; K. DeForest; R. Gasse; S. Grills; S. Gouthro; P. Harms; R. Hinthier; E. Holland; L. Mackay; R. Major; M. Malainey; M. Malazdrewicz; C. Mason; J. Naylor; K. Noll; M. Pollex; W. Robles; B. Rose; K. Saunders; M. Serfaty; D. Smid; E. Varley; L. Xu; F. Zehtab-Jadid; R. Herron (Geog.); B. Ntellinglou (Educ.).

REGRETS: D. Combet, S. Medd, C. Navid, L. Robson.

GUEST: Jon-Thomas Godin, Music

The Dean welcomed Jon-Thomas Godin and Rachel Herron.

1.0 **Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION: (Brown/Varley) – THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 **Approval of the Minutes**

MOTION: (Gasse/MacKay) – THAT the minutes of the AFC meeting of September 22 and continued on September 29 and October 13, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

The Dean will circulate something to everyone electronically as he didn't have a completed list with him.

4.0 Chair's Report

We are working on a staffing exercise and we are anxiously waiting for a response from the Administration. Workload assignments are coming up as well. Several Arts Committees are at work on a variety of initiatives. We will circulate the names of committees and members and we encourage your involvement. The Hiring Committee for the RDI director's sabbatical leave has made a recommendation to a candidate and they have accepted. Thanks to those who participated in that hiring committee.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Course and Calendar Changes

MOTION: (Malainey/Varley) – THAT the changes to 12:153, 12:282, 12:351/88:551, 12:358, 12:361, 12:372, 12:375, 12:392, 12:396, 12:399, 12:441 and 12:450 be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Malazdrewicz/Grills) – THAT the Business Administration calendar changes and course changes for 12:252, 12:354, 12:352, 12:368, 16:395 and 16:435 be approved.

CARRIED.

The description change for 16:090 was sent back to the Department for clarification.

MOTION: (Gasse/Allan) – THAT the course changes for 30:251, 30:254: 30:257, 30:263, 30:330, 30:332, 30:362, 30:374, 30:381, 30:382 and 30:475 as well as the new courses 30:3XX *20th Century American Poets and “The dead art / of poetry”*, 30:3XX *The Age of Beheadings*, and 20/30:3XX *Life Without Shakespeare: Other Early Dramatists* be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (C. Mason/J. Allan) – THAT the degree and course changes in Gender and Women’s Studies be approved.

Dr. Brown noted that the 300 and 400 level requirements in the degree program are incorrect; Disability Services is now called Ability Services; and the personnel listing for the IPC should be updated. (The members requested this information be circulated.) Dr. Gasse requested a rational for 36:162 to be added to the liberal arts requirement because it will be needed for CAP.

Degree changes referred back to the Program. Course changes voted on.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Naylor/Smid) – THAT 54:282 be deleted, THAT the title and description for 54:383 be changed, and THAT the new courses 54:3XX *Museums*, 54:4XX *The Early Cold War* and 54:4XX *History of the Devil* be approved.

Dr. Gasse noted that the course outline for History of the Devil is missing the accessibility, integrity, grade chart, etc. and suggested it be corrected prior to sending to CAP.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Pollex/Brown) – THAT the prerequisite change to 58:LAT:130 be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Brown/Smid) – THAT the course changes to 70:160, 70:258, 70:463, 70:496 and the new courses 70:1XX *Beer, Books and Sex: Ethics and Student life*; 70:1XX *What is the Meaning of Life?* and 70:4XX *Topics in Analytic Philosophy II* be approved.

Typos were noted as well as a prerequisite error. Dr. Brown will correct them. Dr. Serfaty started a discussion regarding the number and breadth of 100 level courses Philosophy offered.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Saunders/Serfaty) – THAT the course changes to 78:270, 78:372, 78:376, 78:352, 78:383 and 78:391 be approved.

Dr. Saunders noted a slight clarification to subfields on the CAP forms.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Noll/Allan) – THAT 86:1XX *Jew, Christian, Muslim* be approved as a new course.

There was discussion about the title. Dr. Gasse noted the rationale needs to include an explanation as to why it should be included in the Liberal Education Requirement before going off to CAP.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Grills/Bessant) – THAT the list of prerequisite changes in Sociology, the course changes to 90:261, 90:350, 90:361 and 90:369, and new courses 36/90:4XX *Body Studies* and 90:4XX *Sex and the State* be approved.

CARRIED.

The changes to the Visual Arts degree were withdrawn by the Department.

MOTION: (Godin/Brown) – THAT 64/67:4XX *Schenkerian Analysis I* be approved and allowed as an option for students in the BA in Creative Arts.

CARRIED.

5.2 Issues Arising from the Current Calendar

Ms McDaniels was unable to attend this meeting. Tabled until next meeting.

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Policy for the Establishment of For-Credit Certificate Program – S. Grills

The Strategic Planning exercise brought about interest in certificates. This would be an Arts policy, not a university-wide policy.

MOTION: (Grills/Naylor) – THAT the policy be approved.

There was discussion about the broad range of credit hours and the terms degree, diploma and certificate. Dr. Grills shared that the research Review and Planning did showed that some certificates are quite targeted for a specific skillset and therefore, few credit hours. Others have required more credit hours. The University Act allows us to offer certificate diplomas and

degrees. However, currently we don't have anything that is standardized. Faculty discussed whether certificates should exist alongside majors or minors or be offered independantly.

Dr. Herron noted that Geography was not allowed to count a certificate AND a major or minor. Dr. Grills mentioned that we already allow learning and credits to be applied to more than one area as in the 2+2 program in Business Admin, dual credit courses in high school and university, Justice Studies Certificate, etc. Currentl,y federal programs for vets are for 60 credits only and thus, this is used as an entry method for some learners. There was further discussion about flexibility, how certificates might be useful recruitment tools, and also that some certificates are consumer-driven.

CARRIED.

6.2 Testing and assignments in the last weeks of term

Dr. Grills noted that there were two separate motions: one that deals with work at the end of term, and another that deals with the problem of others' tests. Arts R&P sought input from the departments and from the registrar's office as to what is done elsewhere. The conclusion was that this couldn't just be an Arts policy since some of the issues involved other faculties.

MOTION: (MacKay/Gouthro) – THAT this item be tabled until the next regular meeting.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.