

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council  
Held December 13, 2016 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: J. Allan; K. DeForest; R. Gasse; H. Gillander; R. Kramer; M. Malazdrewicz; A. Marshall; S. Medd; J. Naylor; K. Noll; S. Petrella; L. Robson; M. Serfaty; D. Smid; L. Davidson (BUSU); R. Heron (Geog); L. Murray (recorder); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair).

REGRETS: R. Hinthier; E. Holland; K. Winzowski; R. Baker (Student Services)

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION: (Robson/Petrella) – THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

2.0 **MOTION: (Gillander/Petrella) – THAT the Minutes be approved with the change to 5.1.**

**CARRIED**

3.0 Recognition

None.

4.0 Chair's Report

The senior administration is still working through the budget process but some decisions have been made. The Dean will be in touch soon with Departments who have approval to advertise. Our sessional budget may not be supported at the same level as it has been in the past, and finding money for sessionals and overloads will be difficult. The Dean will meet with Chairs in January to discuss this and other matters. There are several things we can do to keep offering programs as well as we do now. Arts has been doing such a good job with promoting the faculty that it is difficult to hear that there will be cuts. The Dean will continue to fight for the Faculty.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> two consultants from New Brunswick and British Columbia respectively will travel here to review the Business Administration program. If anyone would like to speak with them this is the time to talk about where the Business Administration program should be going. Students, faculty, administration, representatives from ACC, government and the business community will also be invited to provide feedback. Enrolment in Business has grown 15% over each of the last two years and will continue to be robust and serve our students well.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Calendar Changes

**MOTION: (Gillander/Malazdrewicz) – THAT the minimum C+ requirement for 16:278 Business Finance be added for students completing a Business Degree though the 2+2 program.**

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: (Robson/Allan) – THAT the changes to the Liberal Arts Distributed Major and Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Ed (A.D.) be approved.**

These are minor changes and clarifications put together in consultation with Education. Dr. Kramer asked for clarification, hoping that the 3 cr. hrs. in Creative Writing referred only to the equivalent of the English minor, and not to the 6 cr. hr. English area requirements.

Andrea McDaniel suggested copying the chart to this section to clarify.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: (Naylor/Gasse) -- THAT 67:234 *History of Popular Music* be included in the Creative Arts degree.**

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: (Gasse/Petrella) -- THAT 36/68:4XX *Indigenous Masculinity* be approved as a new course.**

**CARRIED.**

## 5.2 Ad Hoc Arts Website Committee Report

The Dean thanked the committee for their work over the last several months. The ideas put forth are an important part of telling the world about the exciting things happening in the Faculty of Arts. Dr. Smid noted that the committee has been working closely with IT and Communications. The layout for our webpages is fixed but changes may be coming in the future. Regardless, content, not layout, is what's most important and why we think this committee should move from Ad Hoc to standing. It is important that our information is up-to-date. Faculty clearly wanted a research page in a prominent spot. This page would include upcoming talks, publications, creative works, etc. The Arts Faculty office has volunteered to assist. However, content should be funneled through a committee for consistency.

**MOTION: (Smid/DeForest) -- THAT the Ad-hoc Arts Website committee be a standing committee of the Arts Faculty with a mandate to maintain and update the Arts website content.**

**CARRIED.**

The information put together last year with the assistance of Dr. Brown and Dr. Allan was quite good but not complete. Dr. Herron suggested also including information from Geography. Dr. Naylor commented that it would be handy for us all to have access, especially to our own pages. Dr. Smid noted that faculty should absolutely have access to personal pages and we can work with IT to make that access clear and perhaps to offer workshops on the program used.

## 6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

**MOTION: (Gasse/Robson) – THAT the Valid Program Combinations Proposal be approved.**

Prof. Gillander noted that the numbers don't add up. Ms McDaniel gave some history on why this is being brought forward. Last year a situation arose where a student wanted to do a double-major and they were struggling with 'being over' the 120 credit hours. The electronic degree audit system

also needs to be able to review the programs. Caps should be minimums not maximum. Ms McDaniel suggested the addition of the phrase “certain program combinations may require a completion of more than 90 (or 120) credit hours” to each of the degree sections.

**CARRIED.**

## 7.0 Other Business/Announcement

### 7.1 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.