

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held March 15, 2016 in the Little Theatre, Education Building

PRESENT: A. Abdou; J. Dolecki; R. Gasse; S. Grills; D. Klonowski; L. MacKay; R. Major; M. Malainey; M. Malazdrewicz; S. Medd; D. Ramsey; L. Robson; B. Rose; K. Saunders; M. Serfaty; S. Stankovic; F. Zehtab-Jadid; R. Herron (Geog.); L. Murray (recorder); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair).

REGRETS: J. Allan; D. Brown; P. Harms; D. Smid.

Dr. Ramsey reviewed "calling the question" during a meeting. When this is done it does not mean the debate ends. Calling the question requires a mover and seconder and then 2/3 of the majority has to support calling the question.

Prof. Dolecki asked if the speakers list from last meeting had been obtained from Dr. Naylor. It was not.

Dr. Gasse spoke against the motion as premature; all avenues should be explored. The Gender & Women's Studies Program at BU was not put together by our staff. An external person was brought in and that should happen here.

Prof. Malazdrewicz made the point that this is not a motion from the department of Business Administration. He agreed that there are difficulties and an outside person would be beneficial. There is a true opportunity for program enhancement supported by the government. The Departmental external review of Business recommends increasing our connections with ACC. Current motion is against this.

MOTION: (Malazdrewicz/Gasse) -- THAT consistent with the current AFC motion to support in principle a proposed joint BU-ACC program and in acknowledgement of the lack of progress demonstrated to date, we move that AFC reaffirm its support but also recommend that external assistance, as agreeable to the Department, is offered to the department in planning its collaboration with ACC.

Dr. Klonowski said he'd received a call this weekend that the administration was thinking about a potential consultant and feels the optics of this move are not good. It is an attempt to resurrect something and speaks to the poor governance that the department has gone through. He would have welcomed a consultant/'turn-around artist', but months ago. He would like closure on this matter.

In response to comments by Prof. Dolecki, Dr. Tryphonopoulos asked Prof. Dolecki to respect the position of the Chair and stated that his sarcasm and attacks are not welcome.

Dr. Serfaty and Dr. MacKay spoke in favour of not cutting off talks.

Prof. Dolecki asked if the building referred to is the driver of the proposal. Dr. Tryphonopoulos replied no; that this is an academic matter only.

Prof. David Taylor suggested the original AFC motion was flawed because it was so unclear and should be withdrawn. The process essentially started from the President's office. Prof. Gillander was invited to try to develop a program which seemed reasonable at that time. She also felt this was a done deal without options, but she kept at it. The President of ACC said that ACC wanted all of our first and second year students. This is not acceptable. We are not averse to discussing a good proposal.

Dr. Saunders noted that a *Brandon Sun* article notes a Board of Governors motion regarding the establishment of a downtown campus.

Dr. Grills stated that the Faculty and University have much at stake in this debate. First year intake and student exposure to the liberal arts experience affects all of us. To have all of those students bound for ACC is not good and that's unacceptable to the Faculty of Arts. Dr. Tryphonopoulos agreed that this is not an option.

MOTION: (Klonowski/Strang) – THAT on the basis of new information provided by the Department of Business Administration, the Faculty of Arts Council withdraws its support of the proposed joint ACC/BU business administration program amalgamation, and THAT this decision is communicated to the Brandon University Senate and the Brandon University Board of Directors.

DEFEATED.

Prof. Dolecki requested a recorded roll call vote. Those in favour: Dolecki, Robson, Taylor, Zehtab-Jadid, Klonowski, Abdou. Against: MacKay, Gasse, Serfaty, Saunders, Malainey; Hinthier; Ramsey, Grills, Malazdrewicz, Stankovic, Rose. Abstentions: Major.

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Dr. Klonowski stated that Business Administration did not appreciate the box they were put in and felt this motion puts them in the same construct.

Dr. Gasse felt the external facilitator needs to be acceptable to Business Administration and AFC.

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned.