

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held October 11, 2016 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: C. Behme; C. Bouliane; D. Combet; R. Gasse; H. Gillander; E. Holland; R. Kramer; D. Lakevold; M. Malainey; S. Medd; J. Naylor; D Racine; D. Ramsey; W. Robles; L. Robson; B. Rose; M. Serfaty; D. Smid; D. Taylor; K. Winzowski; L. Wood; L. Davidson (BUSU); G. McNeely; D. Brandt; D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair); L. Murray (recorder).

REGRETS: J. Allan; J. Dolecki; P. Harms; S. Petrella; M. Serfaty; E. Varley

GUESTS: Ms Marsha Harris, Ms Sherry Sawatzky-Dyck (Student Services)

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Malainey/Robson) – THAT The Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Petrella/Gasse) – THAT the Minutes of the AFC Meeting of September 6, 2016 be approved with a correction to the recording of the prerequisite change made to 12/90:259 Sociology of Medical Systems.

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

Dr. Tryphonopoulos referenced an updated document on research activities in the Faculty of Arts that was circulated to members and welcomed the new BUSU rep, Laura Davidson, and our reps from other areas.

4.0 Chair's Report

The Dean extended congratulations to those receiving grants and other honours, those who have published, etc., noting it has been a remarkable year for our faculty members. We will be celebrating these and other successes campus wide on October 25th. An event specific to Arts is also planned in the coming weeks.

Dr. Serena Petrella has been appointed as the Arts Research Facilitator and further information on upcoming events will be circulated soon.

The enrolment increase in Arts as of October 1 is 8.8% which is greater growth than in other areas. Science is up 7.3%; Education down about 4.6%; Music slightly higher; Health Studies up about 2%; and total university enrolment up 4.7%.

The Dean plans to meet with Chairs/Coordinators soon to discuss a number of things that he is seeking advice on, including marker budgets, responsibilities of chairs, enrolment matters, etc.

We have agreed to organize the Black Canadian Studies Conference in May 2017. We will need a lot of help and advice. If you are interested in assisting or have any comments, please contact the Dean.

Beginning April 15, 2017, Dr. Derek Brown will be leaving BU and starting work at Glasgow.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Marsha Harris – Introduction to Counselling Services

Marsha Harris and Shari Sawatzky-Dyck introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their positions in Student Services. They are available Monday – Friday 9:00-4:00 for appointments and always have appointments available daily should any crisis situation occur. . They partner with Klinik and the Regional Health Authority to assist all our students. An info card for students is being produced as a quick reference. This will also be made available to faculty to have on hand. Dr. Malainey asked for the emergency contact information to be made available on the main page of the BU home page.

Dr. Tryphonopoulos asked if there are enough resources in Student Services to deal with the increase in numbers. A request for an additional counselling person has been made. Wellness sessions, music therapy, and other group activities are scheduled as well to address relationship, stress, and other issues. Dr. Brandt suggested that students' workloads may be too heavy and contributing to their stress and anxiety. Ms Sawatzky-Dyck also noted that most of our students are not in residence. They commute and still have the tasks of shopping, cooking, driving, etc. which adds to their daily responsibilities.

5.2 Indigenous Education Committee (D. Winter)

No nomination has yet been received by our Nominations Committee; no volunteers from the floor.

5.3 Course Additions/ Changes

MOTION : (Petrella/Robson) – THAT *90/36:496 Sex and the State* be changed to Regular.

CARRIED.

70:2XX Evolution of Language was sent back to the Department to fully complete the form.

MOTION: (Gasse/Petrella) -- THAT *36:161 Issues in Feminism* be deleted.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Gasse/Behme) – THAT the change to the prerequisite for *36:385 Gender and Women's Studies Practicum* to 12 credit hours be approved..

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Gasse/Harms) -- THAT 36:2XX *Making Sense of Gender* be approved as a new course.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Gasse/Robson) - THAT the changes to the Degree Requirements in Gender and Women's Studies be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Robson/Gasse) -- THAT the prerequisite and description change for 30:146 and 161 and 162 be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Robson/Gasse) -- THAT the description change to 30:459 *Advanced Seminar in Creative Writing* be approved.

Dr. Brandt spoke against the motion, citing this as the capstone course of multi-award winning Creative Writing Program and that the change makes a mockery of the thesis program. She stated that if Prof. Lakevold thinks it's too much work, perhaps a lower enrolment cap or a cap on the length of the paper itself could be implemented. She noted that this change coincides with a tri-council review which asks if the university supports the externally funded program. This is difficult for her answer positively if these things happen. She noted she will be meeting with Drs. Fearon and Robinson.

Dr. Robson stated that the thesis remains unchanged: only the defense is in question here. There is still the option of a public presentation. It is not a matter of too much work as suggested. The Department has discussed all of Dr. Brandt's concerns previously..

CARRIED.

Abstentions 5. Against 0.

MOTION: (Robson/Kramer) -- THAT the prerequisite changes and implementation of a subject code in English and Creative Writing be approved.

The Department has run into problems with the computer system seeing all applied or creative writing or literature courses as the same. The new subtitles will clearly indicate the proper course area.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Robson/Kramer) – THAT the new course 30:3XX *The Joy of Text: Literature and Sexuality* be approved.

CARRIED.

5.3 Library Acquisitions

Ms Betty Braaksma and Ms Angela Revet joined the meeting. The Senate Library committee has been reviewing the budget process. Our process is anomalous to most other universities. The

problem currently is the complexity of the system. Three other faculties have the allocation done at the faculty level whereas Arts does so at the Departmental level. We are the only university where faculty members take on the task of budget of collection development.

Ms Revet outlined the current management model of the Arts budget and how effectively it is meeting the needs of faculty and students. The Library receives a lump sum from the university. 1) Formula used to allocate to library and the five faculties and this is communicated to each of the Deans offices. 2) Within our faculty, there is a second formula applied to divide budget to each area. Ms Revet transfers it in and communicates to all areas. Unspent acquisitions funds cannot be carried over and so there are two yearly ordering deadlines: In January, 75% of uncommitted funds at that time transfers into a central fund within Arts. The second final deadline is February 1. Anything after that date is held until the next fiscal year. Database licences are negotiated through a consortium that has firm deadlines as well.

Dr. Serfaty asked what percentage is not spent by Feb. 1. Ms Revet guessed at roughly 90%. Dr. Gasse inquired into endowed funds and Ms Revet noted they are treated separately. Dr. Tryphonopoulos suggested this should perhaps come to a Chair/Coordinators meeting. Heather Gillander who is Chair of the Arts Library committee is not here but is also in favour of making some changes. Dr. Serfaty remembered a time when the Library used to order on behalf of the departments. Questioned whether they have the resources to take this on. They do. Dr. Kramer really likes the current model. A high degree of consultation would seem to require more work. Ms Braaksma suggested we could simply skip the first step and allow all orders until January 25, leaving one pot to order from with some work to keep orders equitable. The new library system has the ability to track orders much more carefully, even on a daily basis. There is no timeline on this so the matter can be discussed when we have time. Dr. Tryphonopoulos thanked Ms Revet and Braaksma.

AFC will be continued next week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

