

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held February 7, 2017 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: J. Allan; P. Bondy; C. Bouliane; D. Brown; R. Gasse; S. Grills; A. Hanemaayer; P. Harms; R. Hinther; E. Holland; M. Malainey; M. Malazdrewicz; L. Mayer; S. Medd; E. Mihelakis; J. Naylor; S. Petrella; D. Racine; L. Robson; K. Saunders; M. Serfaty; D. Smid; E. Varley; L. Wood; Davidson (BUSU); G. McNeely (sess); L. Murray (recorder); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair).

REGRETS: D. Combet; A. Marshall; B. Ntelioglou (Educ).

GUESTS: Kelley. Mitton (Co-op Coordinator); N. Simonot (Music)

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Holland/Gasse) – THAT the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Smid/Racine) – THAT the Minutes of December 13, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

The Dean introduced Ms Kelley Mitton, Cooperative Program Coordinator and Dr. Eftihia Mihelakis, Assistant Professor in Languages

4.0 Chair's Report

- The Dean represented our President at the Mennonite University, *Synagogues in German: a Virtual Reconstruction*. He circulated a book and noted that it was very much worth seeing.
- Business Administration consultation. Two consultants came January 12 and 13 and spoke to several people. They left with a very positive impression and we hope to have their report within the next two weeks. The Dean felt the report should be presented to the Faculty first as this body requested it, and then sent to the Department for their response. The Dean read the motion that prompted their visit:

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.

- The university is organizing the Black Canadian Studies Conference in mid-May. Aboriginal issues will also be discussed. The Dean invited members to view the link <https://www.brandonu.ca/bcsa/> and invited proposals.
- January enrolment figures in Arts note that we are up 9.9% -- cause for celebration!

5.0 New Business

5.4 Ms Kelley Mitton

Ms Mitton informed members that she has worked as a project manager for ten years, has worked on curriculum development, and has an M.Ed. in Adult Education. Since her arrival, she has been doing a type of program audit; reviewing similar programs from across Canada. She has met with the Dean of Science and Science Chairs and is getting an idea of what BU is currently doing and what the demand is from students. Essentially she will be doing a prototype by introducing possibly two departments (TBC) to the coop program and ensuring that the process, from admission, to reporting, to on-site reviews, feedback from employers and students, etc., works. Once the process is polished, then this arrangement will be repeated for other departments but tailored to their needs. Her goal is a combination of knowledge transfer to the workplace, and to also include a professional development process: consideration of workplace issues with fellow staff, policies, transition from student to employee, conflict management, and generally a more comprehensive approach.

Dr. Tryphonopoulos asked how we can get involved. Ms Mitton has already started contacting Chairs and would welcome recommendations on who else she should speak with. She is interested in knowing about existing connections, problems, etc.

5.1 Course Changes

MOTION: (Malainey/Holland) -- THAT the prerequisite change for 12:442 *Juvenile Osteology and Bioarchaeology* be approved.

Dr. Gasse noted that CAP will now likely want course outlines to go along with any and all changes that come to them.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Simonot/Smid) -- THAT 67:430 *Music History and Literature: Middle Ages and the Renaissance* be deleted and replaced by 67:3XX *Issues in Early Music*; and THAT changes to title, prerequisite and description be accepted for 67:362 *Theory and Analysis of Post-Tonal Music* and 67:3XX *Formal Functions in Tonal Music* be approved.

CARRIED.

5.2 Elections

MOTION: (Holland/Smid) – THAT Dr. Rhonda Hinthier be elected as the Arts Rep to the Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee.

CARRIED.

Dr. Tryphonopoulos noted we also require an external for a hiring committee in Philosophy. Nominations Committee brought forth Dr. Lorraine Mayer's name. Dr. Derek Brown noted that Dr. Mayer wasn't terribly interested in the position and nominated Dr. Gasse.

MOTION: (Brown/Naylor) – THAT Dr. Rosanne Gasse serve as the external on the Philosophy Hiring Committee.

**CARRIED.
One abstention.**

5.3 Student Letters Presentation – Dr. Christina Behme

Dr. Behme shared a tool used at Mount Saint Vincent University to encouraging students to get out of a fixed mind-set and move to a gross mind-set. Students were invited to write a letter to the next cohort of students. In that one-page letter to the new student, they were asked to reflect on how they felt in the first few weeks compared to the present: the transition from stranger to someone in the know. Was there a particular event or person that made a difference? What advice might they give to a new student? Dr. Behme has done this exercise in her class for the last three or four years as a homework assignment (without grades for style but rather for extra credit). This exercise builds confidence in the current student. She was asked by Movit8 to provide some of these letters which might be used for recruitment but also show community and how we care about our students. Good student testimony.

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes
None.

7.0 Other Business/Announcements

- The next AFC meeting was scheduled for March 21st but the Declare Fair falls on that day so we will postpone our meeting to March 28th.
- The Senior Colloquium. Dr. Naylor noted that members should have already received information and hoped faculty will encourage students to present their research. The Committee would like representation from all departments. Drs. Naylor, Smid and Holland are the organizers and are happy to take questions. Deadline is March 20th.
- Dr. Petrella is working in cooperation with the Arts Website Committee on a call for information on what you've done in 2016. We will get this information out to the public via the webpages and likely in booklet format as well.

8.0 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.