

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held March 28, 2017 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: C. Bouliane; D. Combet; K. DeForest; R. Gasse; H. Gillander; S. Grills; E. Holland; R. Kramer; M. Malainey; E. Mihelakis; S. Medd; J. Naylor; K. Noll; S. Petrella; D. Racine; W. Robles; L. Robson; M. Serfaty; D. Smid; L. Wood; L. Davidson (BUSU); C. Kazakoff-Lane (Library); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair); L. Murray (recorder).

REGRETS: K. Bessant; A. Marshall; R. Herron (Geog.)

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Noll/Naylor) – That the Agenda be approved.

Mrs. Erica Brown's presentation was moved to earlier in the meeting.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Combet/Gasse) – THAT the Minutes of the February 7, 2017 AFC be approved with addition of Prof. Lisa Wood to the attendance list.

CARRIED.

5.3 Accessibility for Manitobans Act – Mrs. Erica Brown

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) Legislation came into place in 2013. First standard is Customer Service to our students, visitors, and fellow employees. All BU employees are to be trained by end of November 2017. This consists of three 10 minute online modules and then an in person session that is 2 hours. We have a duty to accommodate in the classroom and work place, and we have supports to help us do this. You will receive further emails with dates and times of sessions and Mrs. Brown could do an Arts session we desire.

3.0 Recognition

The Dean noted that he is aware of some great things happening and hopes to have a full report at the end of term.

4.0 Chairs Report

4.1 Admissions to BU

On the 15th of every month our office receives an admissions report. As of March 15th, Arts is up 40% from last year at this time. The Dean is advocating to all, that with last year's 20% increase and an estimated 20% more this coming year (as not all those accepted will attend BU), Arts needs more resources. Arts at BU is doing very well and we should celebrate this! Dr. Grills asked if we had any information on incoming grade averages? Any particular stresses on our student supports? The Chair noted that the University is looking to restructure our first years program but perhaps not in time for this September.

The Dean was asked by the President to organise the Black Canadian Studies Conference, May 11 -13th. There will likely be 100 attendees and presenters. If you have a chance, please take a look at the program and join us if you can. Dr. Wilder Robles noted that our own Rural Development grad students will also be presenting.

4.2 BU/ACC Programming Review Document

The Dean received the report late last week. He suggested that AFC have the report sent first to the Department for a response and then to AFC.

MOTION: (Gasse/Naylor) -- THAT the report be referred to the Department of Business Administration for action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Calendar Changes

MOTION: (Serfaty/Holland) – THAT 78:3XX Political Anthropology be cross-listed with 12:375.

There was brief discussion about prerequisites and Dr. Gasse noted that when the form goes forward to CAP it will need to have attached the course outline.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Combet/Petrella) -- THAT the Introductory and Intermediate Italian and German language courses be removed from the Classical and Modern Languages' calendar entry.

Dr. Combet informed members that these courses are not taught often and draw little enrolment. They have no instructors available to teach them and receive very few requests for the courses to be taught. Dr. Gasse asked if there had been any discussion with the School of Music? Dr. Combet said he had not. Dr. Grills suggested we try not to lose our transfer credit abilities and transfer designations. Arts will work with the Registrar to make this clear.

CARRIED.

5.2 Arts Website Committee

Dr. Deanna Smid asked faculty to take a look at their departmental web pages for accuracy, dead links, etc. The AWC can trouble-shoot technical issues or get you in touch with those that can assist you. The AWC is seeking a faculty member(s) who would be interested in keeping the following pages up-to-date: Creative Arts, the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies and the Liberal Arts Major.

Mr. Greg Misener from IT presented the new look of the Arts webpages, noting that the content had not been changed. Mr. Misener has been a driving force for some of the changes we're making. Faculty listings are revamped and content is automatically generated through a form rather than through individual editing. This helps create continuity throughout our pages. If you have a personal/people page, the link automatically appears.

The Committee asked for a Research Hub page. You can now add your awards, grants, accolades, publications, etc. This information can then be viewed by individual, Department or by the whole Faculty.

Dr. Malainey asked if we could come up with a tool that will allow us to fill out the information on line, submit to the website committee, and if approved then it would be sent off to the site. This would avoid transcription errors and lesson the work. Mr. Misener said that was something to consider and promised they will try to make it as easy as possible so that more people are encouraged to participate.

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7.0 Other Business/Announcements

None.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.