

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held October 31, 2017 in the Little Theatre, Education Building

PRESENT: K. DeForest; E. Holland; R. Kramer; L. MacKay; M. Malazdrewicz; A. Marshall; P. Morin; S. Medd; K. Noll; S. Petrella; L. Robson; B. Rose; K. Saunders; D. Winter; L. Wood; L. Davidson (BUSU); G. McNeely; B. Davis (Sess.); L. Murray (recorder); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair).

REGRETS: J. Allan; M. Malainey; K. Noll.

GUEST: Lisa Park, Diversity and Human Rights Advisor

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Holland/Rose) -- THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Petrella/Malazdrewicz) -- THAT the Minutes of the AFC meeting held on October 19th be approved.

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

The Chair spoke about two books recently published by Dr. Deanna' Smid and Dr. Eftihia Mihelakis.

4.0 Chair's Report

Dr. Tryphonopoulos thanked his Acting Deans Drs. Kramer, Grills and Saunders, as well as Prof. Malazdrewicz for Chairing the last AFC meeting in his absence.

October numbers show we are up about 10% from this time last year and again, this is something to celebrate. *MacLean's* rankings show Brandon University as 6th in the category of Social Science and Humanities grants. This is mostly due to the success in Arts.

Staffing document has completed for 2018-19 and will be discussed later this week by the Senior Admin. He has asked again within this document for a position in Writing and Composition.

5.0 Course and Calendar Changes

MOTION: (Rose/MacKay) -- THAT 30:2XX *The Long Novel* and 30:4XX *Birds and Bees* be accepted as new courses, THAT 30:465 and 30:479 be deleted, and THAT the new course description for 30/36:451 *Jane Austen* be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (DeForest/MacKay) – THAT the Calendar Changes for Visual Arts' change to the Major, THAT 32:2XX *Experiments in Performance Art* be approved as a new course; and THAT the changes to 32:130, 32:271, and 32:272 be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Robson/Rose) -- THAT the degree changes and new course in Gender and Women's Studies, 36:3XX *Critical Encounters with French Feminism*, be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Winter/Robson) -- THAT new course titles be accepted for 54:268 *The Global South since 1700* and 36/54:375 *Women in the Global South since 1700*.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Petrella/Rose) -- THAT the new title, prerequisite and description for 64/67:281 *Theory I (Form)* be accepted.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Saunders/Combet) -- THAT 78:4XX *Issues in Comparative Politics* and 78:4XX *Issues in International Politics* be accepted as new courses.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Marshall/Medd) -- THAT 86:2XX *North American Gods* be accepted as a new course.

CARRIED.

5.2 Name Change, Department of Classical and Modern Languages

Dr. Bouliane explained to members that a new name would more accurately reflect the work being done at BU. 'French and Modern Languages' perhaps better than 'French and Spanish' in case at some point they are able to again teach languages such as Italian, German.

This is as recommended from the [2007] External Review. All Classical Languages would revert to Religion. No objection from Religion. Native Languages would only appear in Native Studies. In response to questions, Dr. Bouliane noted that the Calendar will note where to find these other languages. Dr. Kramer suggested the Department consult Dr. Gasse prior to making this calendar change.

MOTION: (Bouliane/Petrella) -- THAT The Department name be changed to Department of French and Languages.

CARRIED.

5.3 Election of Arts Rep to serve on the Search Committee for the President

MOTION: (Winter/Kramer) -- THAT Dr. Hinthier be elected to the Hiring Committee for the President.

CARRIED.

5.4 Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy

Ms Lisa Park joined the meeting and updated members on the progress of the new policy. The policy deals with Manitoba Human Rights Code violations and Sexual Harassment. The web page

<https://www.brandonu.ca/diversity/> offers a guide to resolving conflict, to investigations (financial impropriety, harassment, etc.), FAQs, etc. There will likely be revisions to the policy after campus-wide consultations including 2 town hall meetings. Ms Park is available to come to department meetings and provide opportunities to learn about these policies. Ms Park is happy to be involved at all stages of conflict or harassment. Please contact her if you seek suggestions or support.

5.5 Academic Writing Request – Dr. Lisa Robson

The English Department would like the faculty's support. English sessionals currently teach 10-12 sections per year of courses that don't count towards a degree in the English Department but are primarily service courses for students from all faculties. Most have waiting lists and demand is increasing. Some areas would like one of these courses to be program requirement but English can't support this type of demand. English has NO permanent full-time faculty dedicated to these courses; all are sessional offerings, with little consistency with instruction or instructors. This issue has been around for decades but things are becoming urgent. We would like the support of AFC even though we know that the Dean has asked annually for a position dedicated to organizing and offering these courses. The Dean and Dr. Robson noted that this person would teach but also needs teaching release in order to play a leadership role to recruit and train sessionals and ensure consistency. Members discussed whether to speak to other faculties and the type of position (Teaching or Regular appointment).

MOTION: (Winter/MacKay) – THAT the hiring of an Academic Writing Coordinator should be a top priority for the Faculty of Arts

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes None

7.0 Other Business/Announcements

Peter Morin has just received an invitation to exhibit at the Vancouver Art Gallery next year.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.