

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held September 12, 2017 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: J. Allan; D. Combet; K. DeForest; H. Gillander; A. Hanemaayer; P. Harms; R. Hinthner; E. Holland; D. Lakevold; L. MacKay; M. Malainey; M. Malazdrewicz; E. Mihelakis; K. Noll; S. Petrella; D. Ramsey; W. Robles; L. Robson; B. Rose; K. Saunders; D. Smid; B. Strang; D. Taylor; D. Winter; K. Wong; L. Wood; C. Kazakoff-Lane; Lucie Garcia (French Assistant); B. Davis; G. McNeely (sessionals); L. Murray (recorder); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair).

REGRETS: S. Grills, S. Medd, E. Varley.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Malazdrewicz/Strang) – THAT the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Petrella/Harms) – THAT the minutes of the April 18, 2017 AFC meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

The Dean announced the hiring of Dr. Cameron Boulton who joined the Philosophy Department this year and congratulated Dr. Wilder Robles, Rural Development, who has moved from a three-year term contract to a Tenure Track appointment. Ms Lucie Garcia was welcomed as this year's French Assistant. Dr. Kelly Saunders also welcomed Dr. Rick Baker who is on a one-year term, replacing Dr. Serfaty (now acting V-P) in Political Science. Dr. Bruce Strang also noted that Dr. Adam Sopuck is here teaching 12 credit hours for Philosophy.

4.0 Chairs Report

This is already an exciting year in terms of student numbers. Three years ago in 2014, our enrolments took a dip by 9.2%. This year alone we are at 20,415 credit hours or about 4,000 credit hours more than three years ago. Enrolments in Science and Arts have been very close these past three years and this year we are almost equal. This high enrolment in Arts at BU is against the trend nation-wide. The Dean will continue to be a champion of the faculty and let all know that we are growing, full of success, and that we need resources, not cuts. Business Administration is up 55% in the last three years. They, and other areas in Arts, need more support.

At Orientation this year, Mrs. Katie Gross asked the students in the HLC who were from out of town to stand up. Almost half of those in attendance stood up. We need to recruit more strongly locally and certainly to males who are under represented here. Growing our numbers directly benefits our community.

It has been an incredible year in terms of appointments, fellowships, publications, grants, and so many more activities. In many Departments and Programs we have books in the works. What doesn't often get

acknowledged is teaching. The Dean would like to celebrate this more all throughout the year and possibly establish an award. The Dean will soon announce who our Research Facilitator will be for the coming year.

A Liberal Education document, spear-headed by Dr. Rosanne Gasse, has been created and will be forwarded to the Review and Planning for report back to AFC. We need to revisit this dated degree requirement.

The Dean recognized the following promotions: to Full Professor are Dr. Ken Bessant, Dr. Rosanne Gasse and Dr. Kurt Noll; to Associate Professor are Prof. Kevin DeForest, Prof. Dale Lakevold, Dr. Corinne Mason, Dr. Emma Varley and Prof. Cathy Mattes. The following members of Arts received Tenure this year: Dr. Rhonda Hinthier, Dr. Corinne Mason and Dr. Emma Varley. Congratulations (and applause) to all!

The next AFC, in a week from today, will be to discuss the Joint BU/ACC venture. We have also just found out from the senior administration that the Public History program will need to go through the province again and so we would like to put that document at the beginning of next week's meeting. AFC has seen these documents previously and just needs to reaffirm our support.

Congrats to Dr. Smid on the very recent publication of her book "The Imagination in Early Modern English Literature."

5.0 New Business

5.1 Calendar Changes

MOTION: (Ramsey/Bessant) -- THAT the changes to the Rural and Community Studies Program be approved.

CARRIED.

Degree Conversion Policy Revision and Expansion

MOTION: (Petrella/Wilder) – THAT AFC approve the changes to the Degree Conversion Policy Document.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Strang/Gillander) -- THAT AFC's approval of these changes [to the Degree Conversion Policy] is contingent upon the understanding that appropriate courses marked extra from the first degree would be considered for credit to complete the fulfilment of a 4 year and 4-year honours degrees.

CARRIED.

5.2 Elections

Dr. Winter introduced the September elections. The Career Symposium position is still vacant. We will revisit this in October.

MOTION: (Holland/Allan) – THAT all nominations be approved.

CARRIED.

5.3 Co-op Program – Ms Kelly Mitton
Tabled until the next meeting.

5.4 Academic Indicators

MOTION: (Malainey/Allan) – THAT given the reporting period is from 1 April for the previous year to 31 March of the current year, and given that many faculty members are involved in research activities or on holidays in the summer, Institutional Data and Analysis should issue requests at least a month prior to the deadline for information and no later than the end of April of the current year.

CARRIED.

5.5 Syllabus Language in Sensitive Films – Dr. Alison Marshall
Dr. Marshall was unable to attend today so this item is tabled until the next meeting.

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Business Administration Review

The review will be discussed at next week's AFC meeting. Dr. Hinthier asked about the calendar changes in History and the Dean agreed to discuss those next week as well.

7.0 Other Business/Announcements

Dr. Eftihia Mihelakis informed members of two upcoming talks by Dr. Martine Delvaux on September 26 and 27. The talks are offered in collaboration with the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and the Gender and Women's Studies Program and as part of the Arts Speakers' Series. All members are invited to attend.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.