

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held December 11, 2018 in room 104 CH

PRESENT: J. Allan; R. Baker; C. Bouliane; J. Dolecki; R. Dwivedula; R. Gasse; S. Grills; A. Hanemaayer; D. Lakevold; L. MacKay; M. Malazdrewicz; A. McCulloch; S. Medd; J. Naylor; S. Petrella; L. Robson; L. Wood; C. Kazakoff-Lane (Library); S. Grills (Student Services); D. Tryphonopoulos (chair); L. Murray (recorder).

REGRETS: C. Boulton; A. Marshall; C. Mattes; K. Noll; B. Rose; N. Newall (Science).

GUEST: R. Schira, Library

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Gasse/Petrella) -- THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

The Dean asked that a brief presentation from RDI be added to the top of the agenda.

CARRIED.

Ms Aimee Couelsan spoke about the International Comparative Rural Policy Studies (ICRPS) Summer Institute late June/early July 2020. They are looking for faculty who will be interested in participating by suggesting presentation topics or field trips, as panel participant, as co-chair with RDI, etc. An information meeting will be held tomorrow in the RDI classroom area. An email sent previously also provides this information. Dr. Naylor asked if there was a set theme. It is 'The Future of Rural (to 2040).

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Dolecki/Petrella) -- THAT the Minutes of the AFC meeting held on September 19th be approved with a correction to 'Printmaking III' (rather than II).

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

None.

4.0 Chair's Report

- The Dean thanked Dr. Naylor for Chairing the previous AFC meeting.
- The Dean told members that next year we have a tenure track hiring in Business Administration in Strategic Management. One other position may also open up in Business depending on the situation of a member who has been on leave. We have a tenure-track Native Studies position open to fill the Whitt vacancy. Two sabbatical leave positions have been approved for Dr. Racine in Native Studies and in English to replace Prof. Lakevold. Other requests didn't go through including the one in Rhetoric and Composition. The Dean is not pleased with this and thinks this faculty needs this position desperately. As an open university, we need to provide such supports

to our students. I would encourage you to continue talking about this issue and to let the new president know our feelings.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Responsible Substance use and Harm Reduction Policy

Please contact Ms Karen McDonald if you have any questions about the policy.

5.2 Weeding Policy for the Library – R Schira

Dr. Schira explained why and how the Library weeds publications. The library is 25 years old and at 93% capacity. They have added more shelving than previously thought needed and the only option left is to remove study space for students. Being a resource for students is an important part of their function. The library notifies all areas as to what may be weeded and trusts that faculty will let them know if items must be kept. The library needs to be up-to-date and that requires space. Most students and faculty use online sources. Periodicals are also most often accessed online. All weeding is done purposefully, in an open manner, and feedback and conversation are desired.

Questions arose about converting video formats, how items are determined to be irrelevant, and the timing of weeding lists. Mr. Schira noted that librarians do not like to get rid of books. They continually review what is being taught, what resources they have, and work with instructors to have the best possible collection. However, the final decision is the Library's. If weeding lists come at a busy time, please just let them know you need more time. The Library has worked to normalize list times so that areas can anticipate them.

Prof. Dolecki stated that since these books are purchased with Departmental funds, areas should be refunded. Mr. Schira corrected this and noted that the funds are Library funds, not departmental funds. They are delved out to departments because here at BU there isn't enough staff to order for departments.

Dr. McCulloch questioned if this is not a simply a quick fix and if a long term strategy is in place? Mr. Schira said that there is no request for an expansion to the library. They understand that the Science building is desperately needed. Originally, a second floor was planned for the library expansion. However, that's no longer possible due to changes in building codes. They may be able to do offsite storage if needed.

Mr. Kazakoff-Lane mentioned that the world of information is changing very quickly. Information is not being lost and the technology allows us to pull from other libraries. Information is doubling every few years and so new ways of accessing it will come up. Dr. Allan inquired if there was a place where faculty can recommend titles for weeding. There is nothing yet. In response to the question of 'where do the books go?' Mr. Schira replied that they go into the landfill, book sales, given away to Better World Books. Prof. Dolecki expressed his concerns about items stored digitally. He was reassured that physical items can be found and are being housed and backed up in many ways. Items are simply more accessible to more people in digital format.

5.3 Calendar Changes

MOTION: (MacKay/McCulloch) – THAT 70:151 Beer, Books, Sex be deleted.

CARRIED.

5.4 Elections

MOTION: (Winter/Petrella) – THAT Drs. Scott Grills and Rick Baker be elected to the Business Administration Hiring Committee.

CARRIED.

Dr. MacKay said that she understand there was confusion in this search and asked Department Chairs to let nominations know if they have suggestions for members to serve on their hiring committee.

MOTION: (Winter/Gillander) – THAT Prof. Forsythe and Dr. Bouliane be elected to serve on the English and Creative Writing Hiring Committee.

CARRIED.

A question arose about the election of the external for the Native Studies hiring. Ms. Cathy Mattes was elected to this position previously by the AFC Executive.

7.0 Other Business/Announcements

None

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.