

Minutes of Arts Faculty Council Meeting held on
February 6, 2018

Present: C. Bouliane; C. Boulton; H. Gillander; S. Grills; A. Hanemaayer; E. Holland; R. Kramer; M. Malainey; M. Malazdrewicz; E. Mihelakis; S. Petrella; D. Ramsey; W. Robles; L. Robson; B. Rose; L. Davidson (BUSU); B. Ntelioglou); K. McDaniel (sessional); J. Mahoney (recorder); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair).

Regrets: J. Allan; S. Medd

Guest: A. McDaniel

Meeting came to order at 12:40 p.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda:

Dr S. Grills asked to add 'Bookstore' to 6.1 and under 7.0, Dr. E. Holland has an announcement.

Motion: (Malainey/Petrella) – THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of the AFC Meeting held December 5, 2018 – attached.

Motion: (Rose/Petrella) -- THAT the minutes of AFC Meeting from December 5, 2017 be approved.

Discussion – The Chair asked that a ' be added in chairs (Chair's).

CARRIED.

3.0 Recognition

None.

4.0 Chair's Report

a) The Chair reported on a note from the President. The Public History program was approved by Senate and will start in September.

b) President search – The consultant was unable to travel to Brandon for our original meeting. Arts were asked if a Skype conversation would work, but we felt a face to face meeting would be better. Another meeting will be scheduled. It is important to participate and tell the consultant what we are looking for in a president.

c) 3 searches ongoing – a term position philosophy; one-year term in business and tenure track position in political science. The Dean is still trying to get a position in Writing.

d) A Research Celebration is being organized for March. The Research Excellence booklet remains incomplete. The Dean would like representation from across the faculty. Interim

president says that the government is putting emphasis on students getting jobs. The Dean wants to tell them that our students do get jobs and that there is lots of research being done.

e) Applications for promotion and tenure were all successful – congratulations to them.

f) Our enrolment numbers last month showed that for the first time we had beat out Science! The current report shows us again a bit lower than Science but we have increased our enrolment by 4000 credit hours in the last 3 years. This is reason to celebrate!

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Courses/Course Changes

Motion: (Rose/Robson) -- THAT AFC approve 30:4XX American Abolitionism as a new course.

CARRIED.

5.2 Draft University Examination Policy

A. McDaniel: Ms McDaniel introduced the policy and explained the need for it. Comments included the difficulty of providing students' grades within the 7 day period, gym exams being stressful for students, not removing cheating students from the exam, etc.

5.3 Election - Arts Review and Planning Committee

Motion: (R. Kramer/Rose) – THAT Dr. Scott Grills be elected to the Review and Planning Committee.

CARRIED.

6.0 Arising business

6.1 Bookstore – Dr. Grills reported that once again, students were a full month into the term before books were here. This is a systemic problem. Not enough books are being brought in and it has a very negative affect on the students and our teaching. Several people noted they too had this problem.

Motion: (Grills/Petrella) – THAT AFC expresses its frustration at the bookstore's persistent inability to provide required materials in a timely manner and in the correct numbers, according to enrollments.

CARRIED.

7.0 Other Business/Announcements

Dr. Holland – Faculty of Arts Speakers Series is this Friday, Feb. 9th at 3:40. Dr. Adam Sopuck, Philosophy, will be giving a talk.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.