

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council  
Held September 4, 2018 in room 104 CH

PRESENT: J. Allan; B. Ashton; D. Combet; R. Dwivedula; R. Gasse; S. Grills; A. Hanemaayer; P. Harms; r. Hinther; E. Holland; A. Inkpen; R. Kramer; D. Lakevold; L. MacKay; M. Malazdrewicz; A. Marshall; C. Mattes; E. Mihelakis; S. Medd; J. Naylor; S. Petrella; D. Racine; D. Ramsey; L. Robson; B. Strang; K. Wong; S. Grills; Sessionals C. Rodrigo; G. McNeely; E. Dowsett; Uzoma Duru (BUSU); D. Tryphonopoulos (Chair); L. Murray (recorder).

REGRETS: R. Hinther; K. Noll; K. Saunders; B. Nteloglou; L. Wood.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION: (Gasse/Petrella) – THAT Arts Sessionals be granted the right to vote at AFC.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION: (Malazdrewicz/Racine) -- THAT the Agenda be approved at circulated.**

**CARRIED.**

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

**MOTION: (Petrella/Robson) -- THAT the Minutes of the AFC meeting held on April 10, 2018 be approved.**

Sheilagh Grills, Student Services rep to AFC, noted a point of clarification to the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>. Under Business Arising, there is a question regarding which calendar students may use; they cannot choose any calendar year that they've been enrolled. Section 5.15 dictates the choice of calendar year to the window between the current year back to the year in which the major was declared. In the case of students returning after more than 3 years, the window is between the current year back to the year they resumed studies regardless of if the major was declared during their first attempt(s). The default is the current calendar year so students must specify if they wish to use an earlier year when they apply for graduation. Dr. Tryphonopoulos noted that the calendar isn't worded very clearly and that he may suggest some changes in wording for next year's printing.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3.0 Recognition

The Dean asked new members to introduce themselves to AFC. Sessionals Eric Dowsett (Non-Departmental) and Christine Rodrigo (Business Administration) were welcomed as well as Uzoma Duru, the BUSU Arts Director. The Dean introduced Ms KC Adams, who has a one-year term appointment in Visual and Aboriginal Art; Dr. Andrew Inkpen who is on a two-year term appointment in Philosophy; and Dr. Ravi Dwivedula who is in a one-year term appointment in Business Administration. He also noted that Dr. Rick Baker has been hired into the Tenure Track position in Political Science.

Our numbers and increases in enrolment ensure that Senior Admin cannot deny any such need for positions in Arts. We will make the same arguments to the new President.

#### 4.0 Chairs Report

1. The Dean noted that our Business Administration Department has grown by leaps and bounds – 70% increase in the past 3 years. Our numbers will be up again this year in terms of new registrations and enrolments. Arts has experienced a 30% increase in the last 3 years. We are doing great things in the classroom.
2. BUFA negotiations are up-coming. The Dean encouraged all to be good citizens and participate in this activity. Matters in the CA require attention and you should be well represented.
3. A Research Facilitator has been appointed in the Faculty for the past few years. The funds to support this initiative are gone but the Dean will try to find the money elsewhere. This supports so much good work that we may need to have a celebration this fall.
4. BU's new President begins May 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. David Docherty comes to us from Mount Royal in Calgary. He brings previous experience as a Dean and President. He plans to visit BU three or four times prior to the start of his term and the Dean encouraged members to speak with him if given the opportunity.
5. Possible changes to the Liberal Education requirement have been considered by both AFC Review and Planning and Dr. Rosanne Gasse. Another committee has been working on this over the summer and a proposal will come to CAP and then back to AFC perhaps for our October meeting.
6. It has been frustrating to argue again and again for a position in University Writing or Composition. The Dean hopes the new President will pay attention to this request. These courses need some oversight and some cohesive direction. We need someone to take control of things to ensure our many instructors are all on the same page. Dr. Robson reminded members that AFC strongly supported this request last year.

#### 5.0 New Business

5.1 Elections – deferred to the next meeting as no nominations were presented.

5.2 Emeritus Application - Dr. Laurelyn Whitt

**MOTION: (Racine/Strang) – THAT Dr. Whitt's application for Emerita status be approved.**

After much discussion, and moving to closed session, a paper ballot was taken.

**DEFEATED.**

Dr. Grills asked that the ballots be destroyed.

The Dean will encourage Dr. Whitt to apply for a Senior Scholar position.

#### 5.3 Liberal Education Requirement

This was discussed under the Dean's Report. Our AFC Review and Planning Committee's recommendation was that we remain with the current system.

#### 6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

## 7.0 Other Business/Announcements

- Dr. Holland told members that the Faculty of Arts Speakers Series (FASS) invites submissions from anyone interested in speaking or putting something forward for the schedule for the coming year. Dr. Boult and Dr. Lynn MacKay will continue on with the committee work this year. Please contact them if you are interested.
- Dr. Hanemaayer announced The Medical Humanities Symposium inaugural event on September 20 and 21, organized by the Medical Humanities Research Group at Brandon University. Centre co-founders and co-directors are Jonathan Allan, Ariane Hanemaayer, and Eftihia Mihelakis. The event includes two public talks by Dr. Daniel Laforest and Dr. Lucille Toth. Faculty, students, and members of the public are invited to attend.
- “Between IV,” is the fourth biannual exhibition of works from advanced students and recent graduates within Brandon University’s Department of Visual and Aboriginal Art, featuring over 20 works. These emerging artists’ demonstrate advanced technical skill in a variety of artistic mediums including painting, drawing, print, installation, sculpture, ceramic work, and photography. The majority of the exhibition’s artwork was created by the students/alumni while attending classes at Brandon University. On now at the AGSM.
- Mr. Duru, BUSU rep, reminded instructors that for first and other year students the beginning of the school year can be rough. He asked that instructors look out for their students and make sure they are aware of the services of BU counsellors.
- Dr. Bill Ashton noted the Faculty of Arts and Rural Development Institute have been awarded a two week summer institute in 2020 by the International Comparative Rural Policy Studies. Generally it occurs in late June and early July. Bill is inviting participation by faculty across campus for ideas for field trips and involvement in the program committee. A draft program will be presented in the 2019 summer institute in Finland.

## 6.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:31.