

Minutes of a Meeting of Arts Faculty Council  
March 19, 2019 in room 104 Clark Hall

PRESENT: R. Baker; C. Boulton; D. Combet; R. Dwivedula; R. Gasse; H. Gillander; S. Grills; R. Hinthner; A. Inkpen; D. Lakevold; L. MacKay; A. Marshall; C. Mattes; A. McCulloch; E. Mihelakis; J. Naylor; K. Noll; S. Petrella; D. Ramsey; W. Robles; L. Robson; B. Rose; B. Strang; D. Winter; L. Wood; C. Kazakoff-Lane (Library); S. Grills (Student Services).

REGRETS: J. Allan; S. Medd.

### 1.0 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION: (Robles/Petrella) – THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of a Notice of Motion.**

**CARRIED.**

### 2.0 Approval of the Minutes of Arts Faculty Council

MOTION: (Gasse/Naylor) – THAT the minutes of December 11, 2018 AFC meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Grills/Robson) – THAT the minutes of the January 22, 2019 AFC meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

### 3.0 Recognition

None.

### 4.0 Chairs report

We have four active searches right now: Visual Arts, Business Administration and Native Studies are all Tenure Track positions; English and Creative Writing is a one-year sabbatical replacement.

The Dean invited members to forward their news on publications, achievements, etc. to our office. He congratulated Dr. Rosanne Gasse who had an article accepted in the *Chaucer Review*, one of the most prestigious journals in medieval literature. Dr. Emma Varley has published four articles recently including one in the *Journal of Medical Anthropology*. Dr. Tryphonopoulos co-edited with Ira B. Nadel, "Approaches to Teaching Ezra Pound's Poetry and Prose," set to be published this summer, as well co-editing "Approaches to Teaching the Work of C.P. Cavary," with Peter Jeffreys, schedule to be published in 2020.. Dr. Wilder Robles has had an article printed in *The Journal of Cooperative Organization in Management* and has been working on an agreement with the University of Brazil which was just recently signed. Dr. Ramsey noted that Rural Development just mounted the latest issue of their on-line journal this morning.

Dr. MacKay asked about Shari Maguire's position. The Dean replied that we have just received word today that we have approval to advertise it.

5.1 Dean of Arts Search – The Dean welcomed Dr. Meir Serfaty to the meeting. Dr. Steve Robinson who will be handling the search was unable to attend today. Dr. Serfaty noted that Motions from AFC indicated a desire for the search process to begin as soon as possible. Dr. MacKay noted that the Arts Faculty wanted the process started immediately but is now concerned with the tight time-frame. Dr. Strang elaborated by saying that an open search means opportunities for faculty and students to meet candidates and in May and June people travel to Congress, to research, etc. A timeline for the end of

June is too tight and excludes a number of people. Those on the hiring committee cannot simply clear their research in May and June. Dr. Serfaty said he was under the impression that AFC didn't want an acting dean unless absolutely necessary. If AFC wishes for the search to slow down it will.

The suggestion was that the preliminary work be done now; that the search begins over the summer months and continues into early fall; and that the shortlisting and interviews occur in perhaps October.

**MOTION: (Naylor/Grills) – THAT the work of the search committee begin immediately with an aim to constructing a shortlist in September.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In recognition of this likely being Dr. Serfaty's last AFC, Dr. MacKay offered a thank you and best wishes on behalf of the Faculty.

#### 5.2 Elections

**MOTION: (Winter/Petrella) -- THAT the Dean of Arts Search Committee be populated by Drs. Deanna Smid, Cameron Boulton, Rhonda Hinther, Scott Grills and Prof. Cathy Mattes.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 5.3 Course and Calendar Changes

**MOTION: (Gasse/Robles) -- THAT 12/68:176 and 177 Introduction to Linguistics I and II be deleted.**

**CARRIED.**

Dr. Mihelakis will take the possible deletion in Languages to their next department meeting.

**MOTION: (Marshall/Winter) – THAT 54/86:2XX Asian Civilization from 1368 and 54/86:2XX Asian Civilization to 1368 be accepted as new courses.**

**CARRIED.**

#### 5.4 Library Acquisitions New Allocation Model – R. Schira

Mr. Rainer Schira, Acting University Librarian, reviewed the material in front of AFC and answered questions. He noted that BU is the only University in the country that processes acquisitions this old manner.

#### 6.0 None.

#### 7.0 Other Business/Announcements

**NOTICE OF MOTION: (Robson/Naylor) – THAT membership of individuals on committees elected by AFC be limited to a period of two years.**

Dr. MacKay requested the clock be brought back in to 104 CH..

Dr. Naylor noted that the Arts Student Colloquium was not organized this year. Anthropology, Political Science and History are having a small one on April 9.

#### 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.