

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Faculty Council
Held November 5, 2019 in room 104 CH

PRESENT: A. Abdou; J. Allen; R. Baker; C. Boulton; M. Bower; K. deForest; R. Dwivedula; R. Gasse; H. Gillander; S. Grills; P. Harms; R. Hinthner; E. Holland; R. Kramer; M. Malainey; C. Mattes; V. Maud; L. Mayer; A. McCulloch; K. McKenzie; E. Mihelakis; S. Medd; J. Naylor; W. Robles; K. Saunders; B. Strang; M. Torabi; D. Wilson; D. Winter; K. Wong; L. Wood; H. Zhuang; S. Grills (Student Services); L. Robson (Chair); L. Murray (recorder).

GUEST: C. Dupuis (Co-op Program).

REGRETS: S. Asselin; K. Bessant; J. Dolecki; J. Forsythe; H. Gillander; A. Marshall; K. Noll; D. Ramsey; B. Rose; D. Smid; D. Taylor.

ON LEAVE: A. Hanemaayer; D. Lakevold; C. Mason; S. Petrella; D. Racine; E. Varley.

ABSENT: B. Ashton; D. Combet; A. Inkpen; D. Klonowski; L. MacKay; M. Malazdrewicz; C. Schneider; D. Taylor; H. Venema; L. Xu; F. Zehtab-Jadid.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Allan/Robles) -- THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Allen/Gasse) - THAT the Minutes of the AFC meeting held on October 1, 2019, be approved with the addition of B. Strang to the list of those present and A. Marshall moved to the list of regrets.

CARRIED.

3.0 Chair's Report

Recognition – Our office received nothing from this past period. We will remind members as we send out the meeting agendas. Dr. Robles noted he did send an announcement. Lisa Murray apologised for missing it for this meeting.

A course has been added to the second term course offerings in the Department of Political Science. *78:351 Politics and Media* will be taught by Kiran Nazish, our 2019-20 SKDVP with a focus on the post 911 world and how media and politics affect our reality. The prerequisite will be waived to encourage students to register. If you are interested in having your waitlists contacted about this new offering, please email Jan Mahoney and she will send something out to them.

Requests for nominations for the Senate Teaching and Research Awards and for next year's SKDVP recently came out. Please consider a nomination in any of these areas.

Staffing and budgeting process is revised this year. The next step is at PAC on November 12th where submissions will be reviewed and recommendations for positions will be made. Then to PEC on the 15th where preliminary decisions will be made and then likely back to PAC for feedback on those decisions.

We hope that in December we will find out just what has been approved. Workload and timetable will be approved by the Dean by December 15th.

The Dean gave department heads notice that a Chairs/Coordinator's meeting will likely be called after the study break. If you have any items you wish to discuss, please send them our way.

CA clarification – The Lisa's attended a session with BUFA and Dean's council re the changes to the C.A. A change to the hiring process requires everyone sitting on hiring committees to attend recruitment training and this includes sessional hiring. This has to be done once every 4 years and an online component will hopefully be available soon. All hiring committees since the ratification of the CA will be held to this.

A reminder that sessional hiring must be done by the department, or a subset of the department, not just by the Chair. The inclusion of the whole department extends to course and calendar changes as well. Please ensure these are being done as a unit.

A question arose regarding the situation where someone is added late to a hiring committee (eg. DOA search). Dr. Robson noted that the training requirement only comes into affect for committees struck after the C.A. was ratified.

The Course Evaluations language in the C.A. has resulted in some confusion between the faculty and the university. "In class" is the wording. To BUFA this meant paper copies. The University heard this differently and so this matter will be sent to JAC to work out. In the meantime, Arts will proceed with all evaluations being done in class for this term.

Matters to AFC need to be submitted by the noted deadline. We did allow some late submissions this meeting but will be more hard-nosed in the future.

Please take a look at the calendar proofreading email from Barb Harpe. Note that you need to review the faculty listing at the beginning of your calendar entry for omissions and errors. Dr. Winter noted that Promotions aren't announced until January/February and so are delayed in the calendar. It was also noted that Chair terms can be indicated in the calendar if that election has occurred.

The revised Academic Integrity Policy is at the lawyer now and will be sent back to us before going to CAP. The final draft feedback should go to Rosanne.

4.0 Course and Calendar Changes

MOTION: (Gasse/Harms) – THAT the prerequisite change to 30/36:383 *Between Men: Literature and Masculinity* be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Wood/Mayer) – THAT the word "Aboriginal" be replaced with 'Indigenous' in the course titles for 32/68:251, 261, 280, 382 and 481, and THAT the Degree changes proposed by Visual Arts be approved.

CARRIED.

When asked if the Visual and Aboriginal Art Department would also be changing their name, Prof. Mattes replied that this will be discussed by department members, knowledge keepers, and others.

MOTION: (Medd/Allan) – THAT 36:363 and 36:341 be deleted.

CARRIED.

Dr. Mihelakis will provide new forms with a more detailed rationale.

MOTION: (Winter/Naylor) – THAT the title changes to 54:255, 257 and 258, the number changes for 54:260, 261, 262 and 264, and the new course 54:3XX Themes in History be approved.

CARRIED.

Dr. Winter noted that History will not be changing the titles for 54:260 and 264. He will provide new forms that reflect this, and will ensure the 'cannot be held with' section is completed for each of the courses that have numbering changes.

MOTION: (Gasse/Boult) – THAT the prerequisite change for 68:387 *Issues in Contemporary Native Spirituality* be approved.

CARRIED.

Dr. Gasse noted that the course has existed for 10 years but hasn't been taught for several years. It will be taught winter term and Native Studies would like to bring the prerequisite into line with other courses. A course outline will follow once the instructor begins their contract.

MOTION: (Boult/Grills) – THAT the deletion of 70:162, 258, 264, 265, 268 and 269 be deleted, THAT 70:2XX *Ancient Philosophy*; 70:2XX *Early Modern Philosophy* and 70:2XX *Logic* be approved as new courses and THAT the new degree charts to reflect these changes be approved.

CARRIED.

Dr. Boult will revise the CAP form for Logic to include it on the Liberal Education requirement.

MOTION: (Saunders/Baker) – THAT 78:3XX *International Security* be approved as a new course.

CARRIED.

Dr. Baker noted that he has submitted a newer version of the CAP form which includes the required prerequisites.

MOTION: (Medd/Mayer) – THAT the prerequisite for 86:255 *Asian Religions and Cultures* be deleted.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Grills/Allan) – THAT that two changes to Sociology's Co-op Program be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Robles/Gasse) – THAT the Co-op additions to the 4-year and 4-year honours programs in English, Native Studies, Religion, Rural and Community Studies and Languages be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: (Strang/Grills) – THAT the Co-op Program addition be approved for the Department of Business Administration.

Dr. Strang explained that Business needs to do things somewhat different from other areas. Their Accounting students are already getting placed in their first year. After their 4th year, they working on their CPA exams. After extensive discussions within the Department, it was felt that students shouldn't do the 9 credit hours within the degree. What makes the Business Administration graduates excel (and

data confirms this) is their excellent critical reasoning skills. The Department doesn't want to see these important courses reduced. Therefore, of the 9 credit hours required for the co-op program, only 3 will count towards the degree. Additional calendar language is also required for the 2+2 program. These students can already have a high number of co-op placement courses in their block transfer to BU. They will not be permitted to enter the BU co-op program if they've already done similar work.

There was concern about the costs of an additional 6 credit hours for students. Sheilagh Grills, Student Services, noted that students who need to take several 090 courses are in the same situation. They can only count 6 credits towards their degree, but they may need to take more.

CARRIED.

4.2 Liberal Arts Distributed Major (4 Year Honours)

It was brought to the Acting Dean's attention that a requirement for IDS Honours Thesis has always been 'under development.' Shall we remove it? Develop it?

MOTION: (Gasse/Naylor) -- THAT the matter be referred to Review and Planning for review and recommendation to AFC.

CARRIED.

4.3 Grading System

Due to time constraints, we will discuss this at the next AFC.

4.4 Election – replacement on the Dean of Arts Search Committee

Dr. Hinthier has stepped off the committee as she is on sabbatical next term. We have the option of replacing her or not. Committee has been in process so a new person will have missed the initial conversations.

MOTION: (Strang/Winter) – that we replace the vacancy on the Dean of Arts Search Committee.

CARRIED.

Dr. Emily Holland volunteered. Elected by acclamation.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6.0 Other Business/Announcements

None.

7.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.