

Minutes of the AFC Meeting
December 5, 2023
Held In-Person in CHO 104 and by Zoom (Hybrid)

PRESENT: K. DeForest; M. Ebeid; P. Harms; D. Héту; R. Hinthier; W. Kelly; R. Kramer; M. Malainey; V. Maud; L. Mayer; A. McCulloch; K. McKenzie; J. Naylor; K. Noll; S. Petrella; I. Puppe; D. Ramsey; W. Robles; L. Robson; B. Rose; K. Saunders; D. Smid; M. Torabi; M. Tsoy; K. Wong; L. Wood; F. Zehtab-Jadid; L. Jardine; M. DiMuro (Education); C. Dupuis (Co-op); S. Gadbois (Science); T. Gill (Student Services); B. Spence (Chair); S. Mott (recorder)

ABSENT: A. Abdou; D. Combet; R. Dwivedula; K. Edmunds; H. Gillander; D. Klonowski; L. McLachlan; D. Racine; B. Strang; D. Taylor; E. Varley; D. Winter; L. Xu; H. Zhuang

REGRETS: J. Allan; R. Baker; K. Bessant; C. Boulton; S. Grills; A. Hanemaayer; E. Holland; S. Koosel; N. LaFleur; D. Lakevold; A. Marshall; S. Medd; S. Robinson; C. Schneider

ON LEAVE: W. Cook; R. Gasse; L. MacKay; E. Mihelakis; H. Venema

GUEST: None

Call to Order

Dr. Spence welcomed Arts Faculty members to the meeting and gave the Land Acknowledgement.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION (Smid/Petrella): THAT the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION (Smid/Hinthier): THAT the minutes of the AFC meeting held on November 7, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED.

3.0 Chair's Report

Dean's Council has been engaged in on-going discussions regarding the decision-making process at BU, especially in relation to the proposed re-purposing of the Evans Theatre. The Dean's Council wants to ensure there is effective communication about this and any other changes on campus, both presently and in future. A question was raised about whether the Evans Theatre has been closed and Dr. Spence replied that any planned changes have not yet been implemented and he still believes the decision can be reversed. A discussion took place about community upset at the possible closing of the Evans; Dr. Spence replied that the discussion continues to be on-going and efforts are being made to have the re-purposing decision reversed.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Calendar Revision – Ian Puppe

MOTION (Puppe/Smid): THAT the new course proposal for Native Studies be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Discussion: AFC is excited and supportive for this new course: discussion focused around this support and the community/cultural benefits of the course. Suggestions were also made about cross-registering opportunities: Ian will explore these ideas in future.

4.2 Committee Election – Senate Graduate Studies Committee – B. Spence on behalf of C. Boulton
MOTION (Ramsey/Smid): THAT Wayne Kelly replace Doug Ramsey as the Arts representative on the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

CARRIED.

4.3 Senate Examination Policy Review Subcommittee – B. Spence
MOTION (Spence/Hétu): THAT Deanna Smid be approved as the Arts representative for the new Senate Examination Policy Review subcommittee.

CARRIED.

4.4 New Courses to AFC – Guideline Development - S. Petrella on behalf of E. Holland
The AFC Executive discussed recently that new faculty do not necessarily know what the expectations are when proposing new courses. The Executive wondered if AFC should strike an ad hoc committee that would be responsible in making clear guidelines for new faculty.

MOTION (Petrella/Smid): THAT an ad hoc committee be struck in order to prepare a guiding document for new faculty on procedures to follow when introducing new courses.

NOT CARRIED.

Discussion of this Motion centered around why AFC would strike another new committee when the AFC Review and Planning committee could review this process.

MOTION (Smid/Mayer): THAT the AFC Review and Planning committee prepare a guiding document for new faculty on procedures to follow when introducing new courses.

CARRIED.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

6.0 Other Business/Announcements

Wilder Robles announced that the Department of Rural Development, in partnership with the Rural Development Institute (RDI) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana, have received funding from Global Affairs Canada (\$450,000). The project is titled “Leadership Training for Sustainable Rural Development: A Transformative Learning Experience”. Out of 26 applicants, the BU-KNUST submission was the top winner. It is a five-year funding which will allow top Ghanaian students to come to BU to pursue a MA in Rural Development with all costs funded. BU is represented in the project by: Dr. Wilder Robles (PI), Dr. Wayne Kelly (Co-PI), Dr. Emma Varley (Co-PI) and Dr. Lili Jardine (Co-PI).

Arts is needing a BURC adjudicator for the December 11th meeting: both the Arts rep Chris Schneider and his alternate, Denis Combet, are not able to attend. Dr. Mohamed Ebeid volunteered to sit in: thank you Mohamed!

Lisa Wood and Dominique Hétu talked about the upcoming “*Polytechnique*” movie screening in honour of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This event will take place on December 6th at 4:15pm in the Evans Theatre. All are welcome.

Dr. Spence congratulated the Business Administration department for a very successful business conference held on November 24th.

7.0 Adjournment (Smid/Puppe)

Meeting adjourned at 1:19pm.