

**Minutes of the AFC Meeting
October 14, 2025
Held In-Person in CHO 104**

PRESENT: L. Barcellona; R. Baker; K. Bessant; D. Combet; K. DeForest; R. Dwivedula; K. Edmunds; R. Gasse; P. Harms; D. Héту; R. Hinthier; W. Kelly; D. Klonowski; Laidlaw; D. Lakevold; L. MacKay; A. Marshall; E. Mihelakis; A. Mulhern; I. Puppe; D. Ramsey; L. Robson; A. Theuer; M. Torabi; M. Tsoy; E. Varley; D. Winter; K. Wong; L. Wood; C. Robinson; F. Akinbode (BUSU); C. Dupuis (Co-op); T. Gill (Student Services);

G. Kennedy (Chair); S. Mott (recorder)

ABSENT: A. Abdou; A. Lints; A. McCulloch; L. McLachlan; K. McKenzie; C. Schneider; B. Strang; H. Venema; L. Xu; F. Zehtab-Jadid

REGRETS: J. Allan; M. Ebeid; S. Medd; S. Koosel; R. Kramer; S. Robinson; W. Robles; B. Rose; K. Saunders; D. Smid; D. Taylor; H. Zhuang

ON LEAVE: C. Boulton; A. Hanemaayer; E. Holland; M. Malainey; J. Naylor; S. Petrella

GUESTS: None

1.0 Welcome

Dr. Kennedy welcomed Arts Faculty to the meeting and congratulated both Lisa Wood for her successful gallery opening and Kelly Saunders for her event this evening at the Lt. Governor's House. The chair opened the floor for additional faculty acknowledgements, none were brought forward.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION (Hinthier/Puppe) – THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION (Gasse/Héту) – THAT the minutes for the AFC meeting on September 16, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Liberal Arts Requirement – Greg provided an update that the Liberal Arts committee is currently dealing with some last-minute edits, such as cross listing courses and finalizing specific language. Once this is complete, the proposal will be presented to AFC.

5.0 Chair's Report

Discussion:

- A question was asked about the Jessica Riddell report and the Arts Faculty Retreat: would we expect to have a Retreat every year, every few years etc: what is the desired frequency? The chair indicated that he is not sure yet, but would consult with faculty about this soon.

-A question was asked about the new Research Office position and if it was a new position: it is a new term position.

-It was clarified that the Native Studies position is a replacement position (Indigenous Language) plus the department will hire for the deferred position from last year. Clarification was also given on the hiring committee and specifically that external members would come from the Faculty of Arts.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Calendar Revisions – Public History

MOTION (Hinther/MacKay) -THAT the calendar changes for Public History be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6.2 Calendar Revisions – History

MOTION (Winter/Baker) – THAT the calendar revisions for the Department of History be approved by AFC.

CARRIED.

6.3 New Course Proposals – Religion

MOTION (Mulhern/Marshall) – THAT the new course proposal for Religion be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Discussion: Dr. Robson confirmed approval of cross listing this course with GWS.

6.4 Calendar Revisions – IWGIDVA Visual Arts

MOTION (Wood/deForest) – THAT the proposal to update core requirements for Visual Arts be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION (Wood/Hétu) – THAT the minor requirement change for IWGIDVA be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6.5 Course Revisions – Native Studies

MOTION (Puppe/Harms) – THAT the cross-listings for 68.203 and 68.204 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION (Puppe/Kelly) – THAT the course name change for 68.461 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Discussion:

- History suggested course 68.461 could be cross-listed with their department and they will discuss it further at their next department meeting. Dr. Puppe is open to the suggestion.

6.6 Course Revisions – Rural Development

MOTION (Ramsey/Puppe) – THAT the proposed calendar revision for Rural Development be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6.7 Course Revisions – English, Drama and Creative Writing

MOTION (Gasse/Robson) – THAT the changes in correcting credit hour arithmetic be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Discussion:

- Cora Dupuis will ensure these changes coincide with the co-op requirements.

6.8 Course Revisions – Francophone Studies & Languages

MOTION (Mihelakis/Hétu) – THAT AFC recommends calendar changes as presented by Francophone Studies & Languages.

CARRIED.

MOTION (Marshall) – THAT item 6.10 be discussed before item 6.9 due to time constraints of presenter.

CARRIED.

6.10 Committee Elections – Alison Marshall

MOTION (Marshall/Gasse) – THAT all Arts committee representatives be approved as presented for items 6.10.1-4.

CARRIED.

6.9 Process Strategies – AFC Executive

AFC Executive would like to explore options on calendar changes and how they are passed on to Senate: they hope to develop a more agile and efficient process for Arts faculty. The committee wonders if minor changes could be moved onto the next level without being brought forward to AFC although criteria would need to be determined on what minor changes are and what would then need further AFC approval. This could perhaps be managed by either AFC Executive or the Arts Review and Planning Committee.

- A suggestion was made to create a consent calendar where these types of requests could be submitted and circulated to all faculty. Consent would be implied unless an issue is brought forward. Any questions or issues could come to AFC for discussion and vote.

- Arts reps and the dean will continue to advocate for more efficient processes and procedures across the institutions of collegial governance.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Adjournment

MOTION to Adjourn (Hétu) - 1:34pm

CARRIED