

**Minutes of the AFC Meeting**  
**OPEN SESSION**

**February 10, 2026**  
**Held In-Person in CHO 212**

**PRESENT:** A. Abdou; J. Allan; L. Barcellona; R. Baker; C. Boulton; D. Combet; R. Dwivedula; K. Edmunds; R. Gasse; P. Harms; D. Héту; R. Hinthier; W. Kelly; D. Klonowski; R. Kramer; D. Lakevold; L. MacKay; A. Marshall; A. McCulloch; L. McLachlan; S. Medd; A. Mulhern; J. Naylor; S. Robinson; W. Robles; L. Robson; K. Saunders; D. Taylor; A. Theuer; M. Torabi; M. Tsoy; E. Varley; D. Winter; R. Douris; C. Robinson; F. Akinbode (BUSU); J. Krentz (Education); J. Mateer (Science); G. Kennedy (Chair); S. Mott (recorder)

**ABSENT:** K. DeForest; S. Koosel; A. Lints; K. McKenzie; B. Rose; B. Strang; H. Venema; K. Wong; L. Xu; F. Zehtab-Jadid; H. Zhuang

**REGRETS:** K. Bessant; M. Ebeid; L. Laidlaw; E. Mihelakis; I. Puppe; D. Ramsey; D. Smid;

**ON LEAVE:** A. Hanemaayer; E. Holland; M. Malainey; S. Petrella; C. Schneider; L. Wood

**GUESTS:** G. Gatien, Acting Provost & Vice President (Academic)

1.0 Welcome

Dr. Kennedy welcomed Arts Faculty to the meeting and gave the land acknowledgment.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION (Robinson/Allan) – THAT the agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of Minutes

**MOTION (Gasse/Héту) – THAT the minutes for the AFC meeting on December 10, 2025 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

4.0 **MOTION (Naylor/Allan) – THAT AFC meeting be moved to a closed session.**

**CARRIED**

Note: Item 4.0 was deferred to later in the agenda, as the acting Provost & VP Academic being unable to present this early due to a scheduling conflict. The meeting resumed with Item 10 until he was able to join.

9.0 Motions/Action Items Moved from Closed Session

10.0 Chair's Report – G. Kennedy

No Discussion.

11.0 New Business

11.1 Committee Elections

**MOTION (Medd/ Hétu) – THAT the nominees for the Arts rep on BURC (Cameron Bolt) and the Senate ad hoc committee on External Review of Units and Programs (Steve Robinson) be approved by the Faculty of Arts.**

**CARRIED  
with Acclamation**

11.2 Dept of English, Drama and Creative Writing – New Course Proposal

**MOTION (Robson/Kramer) – THAT the new course proposed by English, Drama and Creative Writing be approved by Arts Faculty Council.**

**CARRIED  
1 Abstention**

11.3 Selection Committee Policy for Regular and Term Appointments - Arts Review and Planning

**MOTION (Dwivedula/Saunders) – THAT the updated Arts Selection Committee Policy for Regular and Term Appointments be approved by AFC.**

**DEFERRED**

Discussion: Concerns were raised about the limitations on department member participation, and perhaps there could be more flexibility worked into the policy. Faculty members were invited to submit their suggestions to the Arts Review and Planning Committee, and the updated draft will be brought forward at the April AFC meeting to vote.

12.0 Committee Reports

Thank you to everyone who submitted committee reports. Arts faculty have requested these updates and hopefully they will be helpful and give some insight into the important work the committees and Arts reps are doing. We hope to get a better process for submissions and discussion at Faculty Council, and this will be developed as we move forward.

13.0 Other Business/Announcements

- On March 5 the Drama Directing class will be performing a festival of five-minute plays
- On March 26, the Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada will be on campus. This is especially exciting as they are a graduate of BU!
- The Travel Club is taking a group of 15 students to Europe and will have a 50/50 fundraiser soon to assist with the student costs of travel.
- Patti Harms and Wilder Robles met with some Latino students recently and had a wonderful gathering. The students present have decided to establish a Latin America Student Club.
- Jonathan Allan volunteered to answer any Grammarly questions as he has used the program for years
- Lindsay McLachlan and David Taylor attended the CPA convocation in Winnipeg over the past weekend. It was nice to connect with past students and network with other attendees.
- Beyond Connect Mixer with BU and AC is on February 19 from 4:30-6:30 (come and go)

- Wayne Kelly announced the Shilo Base expansion: a panel will be held in April. He also mentioned the Grow Brandon campaign where Brandon hopes to grow to a population of 80,000 by 2024. If anyone is interested in being involved in either of these community initiatives, please let Wayne know.

14.0 Adjournment – 1:13pm