

Meeting #: 61
Date: February 24, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Microsoft Teams
Motion #s: FC.20250224.01 - 15

Present:	Davies, K	Hira-Friesen, P	Murphy, G
Schalomon, M	Davis, J	Holland, K	Ndulue, C
(Chair)	Dawson, L	Hollingshead, D	Nelund, A
Schultz, W (Vice-Chair)	El-Hajj, M	Honey, L	Offrey, L
Bruins-Smith, T	Elliott, C	Hunter, H	Overend, A
(Secretary)	Elsaadany, M	Indratmo	Pang, C
Cott, A (Secretary)	Epp, M	Islam, S	Panjvani, C
Alati, D	Falconer, R	Jarick, M	Papin, M
Amundson, L	Farvolden, P	Jing Liu, J	Patterson, A
Anderson, N	Ferede, E	Johnson, B	Peace, K
Anton, Ca	Firoozjaei, M	Judge, K	Penney, A
Badalova, L	Flaherty, L	Jung, S	Pope, A
Bailey, C	Forth, A	Korpescho, E	Puplampu, K
Beauclair, A	Fox, C	Krasotkina, A	Raine, S
Beke, N	Franczak, B	Krys, S	Ramsey, C
Bereska, T	Furlong, C	Lawry-Batty, K	Rezanejad, H
Bernstein, N	Gelmini, L	Lemieux, S	Rezania, V
Bica, I	Giacomin, M	Li, Y	Ross, M
Biittner, K	Gibbs, M	Llano, J	Ruiz Serrano, C
Blatz, C	Grewal, S	Locky, D	Schmaltz, R
Bott, T	Guerbas, A	Long, J	Semenyna, S
Bourrie, B	Gulayets, M	Martin, D	Seredycz, M
Buryak, S	Haines, J	Martin, L	Shaw, R
Carroll, M	Hamilton, T	McFadyen, D	Skye, A
Christensen-Dalsgaard, K	Hannan, S	McKenzie, H	Speake, S
Colonescu, C	Harcombe, K	Mensah, C	Stepnisky, J
Copland, S	Hassall, C	Mewhort, R	Striemer, C
	Hayman, S	Mills, S	Strungaru, N
	Hills, M	Moscicki, M	Su, W

Summers, K
Swanston, T
Symbaluk, D
Tcaciuc, A
Tessier, A
Thiessen, D
Thompson, W
Toth, J
Towle-Straub, K
Whiting, A
Witherell, R

Wiznura, R
Wolansky, M
Yakovenko, S
Zadorozhna, N
Zaidi, Z

Other - Voting

Beke, N
Berezowsky, S
Colbourne, S
Friesen, K

Gilmour, L
Gujjar, S
Hesemeier, S
Lipes, R
McLean, V
Milner, K
Minaker, J
Mugo, S
Robertson, S
Skeffington, J
Uzor, C

Ex Officiis and Delegates

Buckle, T
Chapardar, H
de Toledo, R
O'Shea, J
Reisdorfer, E

Public Members

Alex McDonald, R (FFAC)
Chamot, D (ORS)
Ginther, R (FFAC)

Regrets

Botero-Ramírez, A
Brisbois, M
Cartledge, S
Corrigall, K
Cowling, E
Elmorsy, M

Fedoruk, J
Gonzales-Lucena, F
Guest, R
Hatherley, C
Intungane, D
Kim-Bernard, K

Lakowski, R
Legge, E
McKeown, N
Miller, J
Perschon, M
Prince, P

Sibley, L
Skelhorne, A
Thurairajah, K
Watson, D
Wright, J

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 2:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda and Consent Items

Motion #FC.20250224.1 To approve the agenda as amended and consent items.

- Faculty Council Minutes of November 25, 2024.
- Executive Committee Minutes from November 4, 2024
- Curricular Information Items

Gelmini/Overend

Adopted

- The Chemistry minor was removed from the agenda.

II. Reports:

a. Dean's Report

- Announced and congratulated the faculty members who have successfully completed extension of probation and tenure.
- For the first time, we have more promotion applications for full professors going to UPC than for Associate Professor. The final decisions will be made in May.

- So far, 12 offers have been made and accepted. This year's hiring process is still ongoing and will end with hopefully 17 new faculty members being hired.
- Thank you to everyone who has served during these important processes.
- MacEwan is fortunate to be able to continue hiring when other universities are facing budget cuts and program closures.
- We are committed to increasing the proportion of classes taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty, and sessional-extended faculty are being hired into tenure-track positions.
- Both students and faculty are still experiencing stress and anxiety, particularly during Reading Week. Mental health and balancing the workload and mental well-being presents a challenge and will be discussed further with Department Chairs.
- The provincial budget will impact available funds for hiring, special events, and other initiatives. Plans continue to move forward for the new science building. MacEwan has a lower percentage of international students and, therefore, is less impacted by the new restrictions.
- Once the School of Business building opens, Arts and Science will move into the vacated space in Building 5. Computer Science will move from the ground floor to the second floor, and both Sociology and the Dean's Office will move into Building 5, allowing other units to expand into the vacated space. There is still a need for more lab space, and plans are in place to create new labs on the main floor in Building 6.
- Faculty members are concerned about recent or attempted break-ins. It is not necessary to take laptops home. Saving files in the cloud will ensure they cannot be lost. There are planned updates to the security system as the new buildings are being built and a security desk has been added in Building 5. Security is also monitoring the camera feeds. If you see anything suspicious, including marks of an attempted break-in, notify security. Download the Safe@MacEwan app for real-time updates.

b. Update from the Office of Research Services

- Presented by Sandy Jung and Dana Chamot.
- For current information from the Office of Research Services, bookmark their website and sign up for the newsletter.
- Slides were provided.
- Research Assistants cannot report more than 40 hours per week and 8 hours per day. Hours cannot be submitted for Statutory Holidays. If a student has multiple employment records, the second record will be responsible for overtime rates.
- If hours are not monitored and entered correctly, there is a risk of running out of funding earlier than anticipated.
- The Research Office (ORS) can only help with funds that are administered through ORS; staying on budget is the responsibility of the researcher.
- Ensure approvals are received prior to claiming expenses. If you go on a complicated trip that combines work with pleasure, it is recommended to reach out for support prior to starting the trip.
- The importance of obtaining ethics approval for research involving human subjects was emphasized. Rebecca Mitchell, the Research Ethics Officer, is able to answer questions. Resources can be found on the website.

- Student Research Day: Students need a faculty supervisor to participate.
- Reminder to contact the ORS through the general mailbox and to treat the staff with respect.
- Contact the office if you have questions about funding. If you are a co-applicant for another university, the Dean still needs to approve and address conflicts.
- The submission deadline is always two weeks prior to the sponsor deadline.
- Project grants can also be used for SOTL.

III. Items for Action:

a. Curricular Items – Programs of Study

- **Art History Minor Proposal (Out of Faculty)**

Motion #FC.20250224.2 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve and recommend to Academic Planning and Quality Assurance the Art History Minor Proposal for Arts and Science.

Mugo/Beke

Adopted

- No discussion

- **Indigegogy Minor Letter of Intent**

Motion #FC.20250224.3 That Arts and Science Faculty Council recommend the letter of intent for the Indigegogy Minor to Deans' Council

Murphy/Mugo

Adopted

- The name "Indigegogy" came from a consultation process with kihêw waciston and the Indigenous Advisory Council.
- Communication around what it is and why students should take it will be essential to promote the program.
- Indigegogy comes from Indigenous Education Studies and pedagogy, which is distinct from Indigenous Studies. The focus will be on how Indigenous Peoples learn and teach.

- **Financial Economics Stream for Economics Major and Honours Letters of Intent**

Motion #FC.20250224.4 That Arts and Science Faculty Council recommend the letter of intent for the Financial Economics Stream, for students in the Economics Major or Economics Honours to Deans' Council

Murphy/Mugo

Adopted

- No discussion.

- **Physical Sciences Program changes**

Motion #FC.20250224.5 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to the Environmental Sciences Minor.

Rezania/Mugo

Adopted

- One typo was noted for correction in the introduction.

b. Curricular Items – MCS

- **MCS - Anthropology, Economics, and Political Science**

Omnibus

Motion #FC.20250224.6 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to URBW 289.

Motion #FC.20250224.7 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to URBW 490.

Murphy/Mugo

Adopted

- No discussion.

- **MCS - Physical Sciences**

Omnibus

Motion #FC.20250224.8 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to CHEM 496.

Motion #FC.20250224.9 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to ENVS 200.

Rezania/Mugo

Adopted

- No discussion.

- **MCS - Psychology**

Motion #FC.20250224.10 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to PSYC 439.

Striemer C/Rezania

Adopted

- No discussion.

- **MCS - Sociology**

Motion #FC.20250224.11 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve SOCI 416 and SOCI 418.

Nelund/Schultz

Adopted

- No discussion.

c. Revised Funding and Awards Committee Terms of Reference

Motion #FC.20250224.12 That Arts and Science Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Funding and Awards Committee.

Bott/Friesen

Adopted

- No discussion.

d. Baccalaureate Program Self-Study Committee creation process

Motion #FC.20250224.13 That Arts and Science Council approve the Baccalaureate Program Self-Study Committee creation process as presented.

Schultz/Beke

Adopted

- No discussion.

e. Delegation of authority - Admission criteria with no changes

Motion #FC.20250224.14 That Arts and Science Council approve the delegation of authority for approving admission criteria with no changes to the Program and Curriculum Committee.

Schultz/Beke

Adopted

- No discussion.

f. GFC Report to Faculty Council

Motion #FC.20250224.15 That Faculty Council endorse adding a standing GFC Report to future Faculty Council agendas, which will be presented by an elected Arts and Science GFC member.

Schultz/Skeffington

Adopted

- A General Faculties Council (GFC) report to Faculty Council would keep members informed about the activities of GFC.
- We will ask an Arts and Science GFC representative to volunteer to present this brief report for Faculty Council starting in the next academic year.

IV. Items for Information:

a. Creating Connections and Pi Day (Teaching and Scholarship Committee)

- Elaine Beltaos-Kerr, faculty Co-chair of the Teaching and Scholarship Committee (TSC), presented some of the upcoming activities for the TSC.
- Creating Connections will be held on Friday, May 9th. The TSC will accept proposals up until Wednesday, February 26th.
- The Pals and Pis social event will be held at Towers on Friday, March 14th from 1 – 3 p.m.

V. Other Business

- N/A

VI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.