

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 56
Date: February 26, 2024
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: 9-323 (Kule Theatre)
Motion #s: FC.20240226.01.01 - 05

Present:

Schalomon, M
 (Chair)
 Patterson, A (Vice-
 Chair)
 Bruins-Smith, T
 (Secretary)
 Cott, A (Secretary)
 Abbas, N
 Alam, R
 Bailey, C
 Beauclair, A
 Bernstein, N
 Bica, I
 Bott, T
 Brisbois, M
 Carroll, M
 Cartledge, S
 Christensen-
 Dalsgaard, K
 Cobzas, D
 Corrigall, K
 Davis, J

Dawson, L
 Einarsson, R
 Falconer, R
 Farvolden, P
 Forth, A
 Furlong, C
 Giacomini, M
 Guest, R
 Gulayets, M
 Haines, J
 Hannan, S
 Harcombe, K
 Hassall, C
 Holland, K
 Hollingshead, D
 Indratmo
 Intungane, D
 Judge, K
 Kenney, J
 Krys, S
 Lemieux, S
 Li, Y
 Llano, J
 Long, J

Macdonell, C
 Mensah, C
 Miller, J
 Mills, S
 Moscicki, M
 Nelund, A
 Overend, A
 Panjvani, C
 Papin, M
 Penney, A
 Puplampu, K
 Rezanejad, H
 Rezanian, V
 Romney, J
 Ruiz Serrano, C
 Shaw, R
 Skeffington, J
 Skye, A
 Strungaru, N
 Su, W
 Tcaciuc, A
 Ting, Z
 Toth, J
 Towle-Straub, K

Whiting, A
 Zadorozhna, N

Other - Voting

Adesopo, M
 Beke, N
 Coulthard, R
 De Vera, P
 Friesen, K
 Lipes, R
 McLean, V
 Milner, K
 Mugo, S
 Paparella, I
 Robertson, S
 Wiznura, R

**Ex Officiis and
Delegates**

McLaughlin, D
 Monk, C
 O'Shea, J
 de Toledo, R

Public Members

Davis, K (OCM)

Regrets

Alati, D	Epp, M	Lakowski, R	Prince, P
Amundson, L	Flaherty, L	Liu, J	Qorbani, S
Anderson, N	Fong, J	Lorimer, S	Ramsey, C
Anton, Ca	Franczak, B	Lorkovic, E	Rogers, S
Anton, Cr	Fritz, T	Martin, D	Sander, B
Avalos, E	Gibbs, M	Martin, L	Schultz, W
Beltaos-Kerr, E	Gilmour, L	McKenzie, H	Seredycz, M
Buro, K	Hamilton, T	McFayden, D	Sibley, L
Copland, S	Hatherly, C	McKeown, N	Soroski, J
Das, M	Hayman, S	Mewhort, R	Speake, S
Davies, K	Hesemeier, S	Minaker, J	Swanston, T
Davis, M	Hira-Friesen, P	Pang, C	Symboluk, D
Digweed, S	Honey, L	Peace, K	Thurairajah, K
Dyer, C	Howell, A	Perschon, M	Zutter, C
El-Hajj, M	Irangu, J	Peters, J	
Elmorsy, M	Irwin, B	Pope, A	

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 2:07 pm.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #FC.20240226.01 To approve the agenda and consent items.

- Faculty Council Minutes of November 27, 2023
- Executive Committee Minutes from November 3, 2023 and December 14, 2023
- Program and Curriculum Information Items

Cartledge/Krys

Adopted

II. Reports:

a. Dean's Report

- An update was provided on where we are at for tenure and promotions. All but 1 file have been heard
- Hiring update: We have hired 9 new faculty members so far, for the first time we also confirm the hire of 2 former students into tenure-track positions and up to 27 sessional-extended positions are available.
- As we are implementing the BSc Self-Study Action Plan, the BA Self-Study is forthcoming. The call for volunteers will be included in the call for nominations for the upcoming election.
- The Dean's Office has looked into faculty concerns about Exam Services. Many of the issues that were noted regarding Exam Services are due to lack of clear communication or confusion of ADR versus Exam Services. A new process is being worked on that will be implemented in the Fall term.
- Budget update: FAS is over budget on various lines. There was a significant amount of unbudgeted hiring last year. The surplus of expenses will be covered by the Provost Office's budget. To accommodate higher enrolment numbers,

there was also significant spending related to the relocation of the EASC lab and the new Bio lab. \$225k went to course releases for more than 10% of faculty.

- The budget for next year will remain the same. 83% - salary 16% - benefits, 1% for everything else. Naomi Beke is seconded to the Office of the University Registrar for the next two months to support the development of new enrolment and admission processes.
- Course releases: One can apply at any time during the year via email to the Dean. It is preferable to apply prior to the confirmation of workloads for the upcoming year. Exam scheduling. Resources (time and space) are not available at this time to ensure students write on the same day the exam is planned. In order for the requests to be accommodated, they have to be spread over several days. The demand has doubled between Fall 2022 and Fall 2023. However, the clarification of simplified processes that are being created should help.

III. Items for Action:

a. Curricular Items - MCS

- **New: CYCS 200 and CYCS 300**

Motion #FC.20240226.02 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve CYCS 200 and CYCS 300.

Intungane/ Towle-Straub

Adopted

- None

b. Curricular Items – Programs of Study (PoS)

- **Cybersecurity Studies Minor**

Motion #FC.20240226.03 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve and recommend to GFC or is designated subsidiary the Cybersecurity Studies Minor.

Intungane/ Lemieux

Adopted

- The goal is to offer this to HCS students as part of their new justice program as well as to BCom students. Proposals are still being developed.

- **Childhood, Youth, and Family Studies Minor Proposal**

Motion #FC.20240226.04 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve and recommend to GFC or is designated subsidiary the Childhood, Youth, and Family Studies Minor.

Intungane/Rezania

Adopted

- The list of options is very long due to the multidisciplinary nature of the program and the variety of courses that can satisfy the requirements for this program. This is similar to options in other multi-disciplinary programs.

c. Faculty Council Membership Cycle

Motion #FC.20240226.05 That Faculty Council approve the change in the membership cycle to align with GFC.

Patterson/Mensah

Adopted

- Currently our membership cycle runs from September 1st to August 31. This is problematic because many committees need to meet in late August.
- GFC has modified their membership cycle to July 1 to June 30 and it aligns better with how we work.

IV. Items for Information

a. Member Request: Council Meeting Modality

- Item coming from Executive Committee. Topic has been discussed several times, ultimately the decision regarding scheduling lies with the Dean. The Dean wants input from the membership regarding preferred meeting modality and a poll will be included in the upcoming election.
- Hyflex is not currently possible due to limitations of available technology.
- To get the best sense of what people prefer, options are either fully in-person, fully online, or I don't have a clear preference.
- The results will inform scheduling decisions for the next academic year; a mixture of online and in-person may be an option.
- Due to our size, in-person meetings have to be held in the Kule.

V. Other Business

- None

VI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.