

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 57
Date: April 9, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 9-323 (Kule Theatre)
Motion #s: FC.20240409.01 - 10

Present:	Davis, J	Indratmo	Panjvani, C
Schalomon, M	Dawson, L	Intungane, D	Peace, K
(Chair)	Einarsson, R	Irwin, B	Penney, A
Patterson, A (Vice- Chair)	El-Hajj, M	Islam, S	Perschon, M
Bruins-Smith, T	Elliot, C	Jarick, M	Pope, A
(Secretary)	Elmorsy, M	Judge, K	Powell, R
Cott, A (Secretary)	Epp, M	Kenney, J	Prince, P
Abbas, N	Falconer, R	Kim, C	Qorbani, S
Alati, D	Farvolden, P	Kim-Bernard, K	Raine, S
Amundson, L	Fedoruk, J	Krys, S	Rezanejad, H
Anton, Ca	Ferede, E	Lee, R	Rezania, V
Anton, Cr	Fong, J	Legge, E	Romney, J
Avalos, E	Forth, A	Li, Y	Ross, M
Bailey, C	Furlong, C	Llano, J	Ruiz Serrano, C
Barran, S	Gelmini, L	Long, J	Schultz, W
Bernstein, N	Giacomin, M	Lorimer, S	Seredycz, M
Bica, I	Gibbs, M	Lorkovic, E	Shaw, R
Bowles, V	Gonzales-Lucena, F	Macdonell, C	Shin, J
Boyd, B	Guest, R	Martin, D	Sibley, L
Brisbois, M	Gulayets, M	Martin, L	Skeffington, J
Carroll, M	Haines, J	McFadyen, D	Skye, A
Cartledge, S	Hamilton, T	McKeown, N	Speake, S
Christensen-	Hannan, S	Mensah, C	Striemer, C
Dalsgaard, K	Harcombe, K	Mewhort, R	Strungaru, N
Cobzas, D	Hassall, C	Miller, J	Su, W
Colonescu, C	Hayman, S	Mills, S	Summers, K
Corrigall, K	Hills, M	Milne, E	Swanston, T
Cowling, E	Hira-Friesen, P	Moscicki, M	Symboluk, D
Davies, K	Holland, K	Nelund, A	Tcaciuc, A
	Hollingshead, D	Pang, C	Tessier, A

Thiessen, D
Thurairajah, K
Towle-Straub, K
Vongpaisal, T
Watson, D
Whiting, A
Woywitka, R
Zadorozhna, N
Zalghout, A

Other - Voting

Beke, N
Berezowsky, S
Friesen, K
Gilmour, L
Hesemeier, S
Jung, S
Lipes, R
McLean, V

Milner, K
Minaker, J
Mugo, S
Paparella, I
Robertson, S
Sander, B
Wiznura, R
Yakovenko, S
Wiznura, R

Ex Officiis and Delegates

Green, J
Khinkanina, N

Public Members

Dyer, C (CTL)
Hill, A (OCM)
Macauley, M (Psychology)

Regrets

Anderson, N
Beltaos-Kerr, E
Bereska, T
Bott, T
Bratt, S
Buchanan, D
Copland, S

Das, M
Digweed, S
Firoozjaei, M
Flaherty, L
Franczak, B
Fritz, T
Hackett, E

Honey, L
Ivanescu, C
Lakowski, R
Liu, J
Offrey, L
Overend, A
Papin, M

Peters, J
Prichard, L
Ramsey, C
Rogers, S
Schmaltz, R
Toth, J

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 1:34 pm.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #FC.20240409.01 To approve the agenda and consent items.

- Faculty Council Minutes of February 26, 2024
- Executive Committee Minutes from February 9th, 2024
- Program and Curriculum Information Items

Gelmini/Wiznura

Adopted

II. Reports:

a. Update from Office of Student Conduct

- Laura Bruner and Harry Linden provided an update from the Office of Student Conduct (OoSC).
- Contact information for the Office of Student Conduct: 780-633-3422 and studentconduct@macewan.ca
- They are there to help build support and community at MacEwan by upholding MacEwan's policies.

- Their goal is to ensure a fair, transparent, and reasonable process for all that are involved. They act as a complaint intake centre, and the main intent is not to punish.
- Faculty members should note that if there is an emergency, both the security emergency line 780-497-5555 AND 911 should be called. 911 dispatchers will connect with campus security for location details. The Safe@MacEwan app also has phone numbers. The non-emergency line is 780-497-5554.
- Concerns with student conduct should be reported to the Department Chair, as well as OoSC. Informal files are kept for cases that do not progress further.
- Academic integrity issues will go to Paul Sopcak.
- Student Conduct and Student of Concern are different:
 - Student of Concern is involved if there are concerns about the student's well-being. Student support coordinators refer students to on-campus and off-campus resources.
 - Student conduct is if a student is in breach of policy.
 - Often, both are connected to ensure required supports are available.
- OoSC is available for consultation, and intake forms are available through the HelpCentre. Upon request, OoSC can complete the form on behalf of the faculty member.
- Anonymity: It is challenging to conduct a full investigation if anonymity is desired. Should a student wish to keep anonymity, they should file the complaint via the Confidence Line.
- The support exists so faculty can focus on classroom management, contact them sooner rather than later. Initiating contact does not mean formal steps are taken.
- If ADR needs to be involved, contact them first. However, OoSC can work with the Learning Specialists to ensure the appropriate action is taken. Sometimes, rules are misunderstood by ADR students, and early resolution is a good opportunity to check that students understand where the boundary is.

b. Dean's Report

- We are nearing the end of the hiring season and currently have 15 newly signed faculty members, 21 sessional-extendeds, and one more limited-term appointment is ongoing.
- APQA approved the interdisciplinary minor in Cybersecurity, which will be available starting Fall 2025.
- The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis will be the first of its kind at MacEwan, and Arts and Science graduates will have access to it.
- The Environmental Sciences Major is out for external review, and Data Science is expected to go for review by the end of June.

III. Items for Action:

a. Curricular Items – Programs of Study (PoS)

- **Letter of Intent: Urban Wellness Minor**

Motion #FC.20240409.02 That Arts and Science Council recommend the letter of intent for the Urban Wellness Minor to Deans' Council.

Mensah/Tcaciuc

Adopted (1 opposed)

- This minor supports the work of the Canada Research Chair in Urban Wellness and aligns with the work of the Urban Wellness Centre.
- Deans' Council did not support a major in Urban Wellness at this time.
- Specific classes can be offered once per year and should support the 50-60 students that are expected.
- Note: Typo on page 4, change major to minor.
- How can students utilize an education in Urban Wellness? For work with the Government or for cities, urban policy. In Political Science, education is mostly related to the provincial and federal levels; this program will work more closely with the municipal level.

- **Letter of Intent: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis**

Motion #FC.20240409.03 That Arts and Science Council recommend the letter of intent for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis to Deans' Council.

Skye/Powell

Adopted

- Classes are mostly taught by sessional faculty who are certified, but a tenure-track faculty member with the required expertise will likely be hired.
- The Psychology Department is responsible for determining what resources are required.
- Courses can also be used to fulfill current students' degree requirements, but most students who access this program will have a Baccalaureate degree already. No additional stress on Psychology enrolment is expected. Most of the he courses are already offered by the School of Continuing Education, and seats are already being held for it.
- The certificate supports job readiness.

b. Curricular Items – MCS

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

Motion #FC.20240409.04 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to ANTH 206, ANTH 332, ANTH 385, ANTH 393, ANTH 395, ANTH 396, and ANTH 420.

Gelmini/Gulayets

Adopted

- N/A

Motion #FC.20240409.05 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to ECON 281, ECON 289, and 389.

Rezania/Islam

Adopted

- N/A

Motion #FC.20240409.06 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to POLS 365.

Krys/Boyd

Adopted

- N/A

- **MCS – Computer Science**

Motion #FC.20240409.07 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to CMPT 355, CMPT 380, CMPT 395, and CMPT 480.

Indratmo/El-Hajj

Adopted

- N/A

- **MCS – Humanities**

Motion #FC.20240409.08 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to CLAS 321.

Carroll/Romney

Adopted

- N/A

Motion #FC.20240409.09 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to FREN 111, FREN 112, FREN 211, FREN 212, FREN 297, and FREN 298.

Carroll/Kim-Bernard

Adopted (3 opposed)

- The major change is to bring the IH from 75 to 45. Contact hours will be reduced to 45, and enrolment caps will be reduced from 36 to 24 to ensure the pedagogy still works. Additionally, sections will be added to ensure workload balance and appropriate access for students.
- Having fewer contact hours will make scheduling for students easier.
- This change brings contact hours in line with comparator institutions and has been discussed at the Department level for some time.

Motion #FC.20240409.010 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve changes to SPAN 111, SPAN 112, SPAN 211, SPAN 212, SPAN 216, and SPAN 230

Carroll/Rezania

Adopted (3 opposed)

- The discussion from motion FC.20240409.09 is applicable for this motion.

IV. Items for Information

a. Update: BSc Action Plan

- Significant progress has been made, with an average completion of 70%. The BA Self-Study will commence in 2024-25 with data collection.

V. Other Business

- Reminder to register for Creating Connections
 - Exam Services – There is an overwhelming increase in requests for deferred exams and faculty are concerned that the window during which these exams can be written is not ideal. However, exam services are at capacity, and the window and deadlines cannot be

changed. Issues with both Exam Services and ADR can be brought to the Associate Dean, Academic.

- UDL can also be used to accommodate ADR students. Transferring weight to other exams is more challenging now that there is a 50% limit.
- Participant list in mēskanās – leadership has been advocating for the default to be changed to hide the list, but Legal Counsel determined that having the list visible is not a privacy issue. Each term, the instructions on how to hide the list will be communicated.

VI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.