

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 52
Date: April 24th, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: 9-323 (Kule Theatre)
Motion #s: 479-483

Present:

Schalomon, M
 (Chair)
 Martin, D (Vice-
 Chair)
 Bruins-Smith, T
 (Secretary)
 Cott, A (Secretary)
 Alati, D
 Avalos, E
 Badalova, L
 Bailey, C
 Barran, S
 Bott, T
 Boyd, B
 Carroll, M
 Christensen-
 Dalsgaard, K
 Colonescu, C
 Copland, S
 Cowling, E
 Das, M
 Davies, K
 Davis, J
 Dawson, L
 El-Hajj, M
 Elliott, C
 Elmorsy, M
 Epp, M
 Farvolden, P
 Ferede, E

Flaherty, L
 Giacomini, M
 Gibbs, M
 Gonzalez-Lucena, F
 Gulayets, M
 Hackett, E
 Haines, J
 Hamilton, T
 Hannan, S
 Harcombe, K
 Hayman, S
 Hu, R
 Indratmo
 Intungane, D
 Irwin, B
 Islam, S
 Ivanescu, C
 Kenney, J
 Kim-Bernard, K
 Lakowski, R
 Lee, R
 Locky, D
 Long, J
 Lorkovic, E
 Macdonell, C
 McKenzie, H
 McKeown, N
 Miller, J
 Mills, S
 Milne, E

Moscicki, M
 Nelund, A
 O'Connor, J
 Pang, C
 Panjvani, C
 Papin, M
 Patterson, A
 Peace, K
 Penney, A
 Powell, R
 Prince, P
 Rezania, V
 Romney, J
 Ross, M
 Ruiz Serrano, C
 Schultz, W
 Seredycz, M
 Shaw, R
 Sibley, L
 Skeffington, J
 Soroski, J
 Stepnisky, J
 Striemer, C
 Strungaru, N
 Su, W
 Swanston, T
 Toth, J
 Towle-Straub, K
 Woywitka, R
 Wright, J

Zadorozhna, N

Other - Voting

Beke, N
 Foster, Ali
 Friesen, K
 Gilmour, L
 Lipes, R
 Minaker, J
 Mugo, S

***Ex Officiis and
Delegates***

Khinkanina, N
 McKenzie, D
 McLaughlin, D

Public Members

Champoux, G
 Dyer, C
 Hill, A
 Korpan, R

Regrets:			
Alam, R	Corrigall, K	Krys, S	Ramsey, C
Amundson, L	Croxen, H	Lemieux, S	Raymond, C
Anderson, N	Digweed, S	Lorimer, S	Rogers, S
Anton, Cr	Falconer, R	Lumsden, P	Rollings-
Beltaos-Kerr, E	Franczak, B	McGinn, F	Magnusson, S
Bereska, T	Grewal, S	McRae, H	Schmaltz, R
Bica, I	Honey, L	Mensah, S	Skye, A
Bowles, V	Howell, A	Milner, K	Tcaciuc, A
Buro, K	Jarick, M	Mewhort, R	Tessier, A
Cartledge, S	Jung, S	Overend, A	Thurairajah, K
Chartrand, J	Keiller, K	Perschon, M	Trimbee, A
	Korpesho, E	Prichard, L	Watson, D

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 1:02 pm.

Item I Adoption of Agenda

Motion #479 That the agenda and consent items be adopted.

- Minutes of March 6th, 2023 Faculty Council
- Executive Committee Minutes February 16th, 2023
- Curricular Items approved at Program and Curriculum Committee

Carroll/Striemer

Adopted

Item II Reports:

a) Dean's Report

- Curricular items that are now approved at the level of the Program and Curriculum Committee will be included in the consent agenda going forward. Only curricular items approved by Faculty Council will be discussed a priori
- The 2023 Intersession schedule is up 7% from last year, and 21% up from the last pre-pandemic year. Having more options in intersession allows students to progress through the program faster and provides more scheduling options for faculty.
- Work on the BSc Action Plan has started. A number of issues have already been addressed. Some are linked to the collective agreement.
- Alex Usher and Higher Education Strategy Associates will be sending a survey to faculty. A report is expected that will address workload specifically. Some of these issues can be addressed during the next round of bargaining starting in November 2023.
- Space issues were also raised, which has been an ongoing issue. The plan is to have the Business building completed in 2027, and Arts and Science will get the Building 5 space, but it will require some renovations first.
- In May, we will hold the annual DAG retreat, the tactical plan will be discussed, which will eventually come to Council before moving to GFC.
- The tactical plan will be an important opportunity to frame how the expected growth will affect Arts and Science.

- Still more faculty will be needed, but we hired 24 new faculty members this year, which is an unprecedented 10% increase.
- Three incoming Chairs were announced, two Chairs had their second terms extended, and two reappointments are still ongoing.
- Every year, the Vice-Provost role rotates between Deans and AVPs, and Dr. Schalomon will be in the role for the 2023-24 academic year. This should not have an impact on her regular duties, but she will have a seat at Executive Council and other tables to get more insight on various issues and will be positioned to advocate for Arts and Science.
- Natural Sciences has the most potential for growth, which will be the main goal. The expected growth rate for FAS over the next seven years is 60%. This will change how we conduct our work. Overall, we will need more space, more budget, more human resources, etc.
- FAS is the clear leader in research, and amazing work is done by our faculty and students. Approximately 75% of posters and talks recently presented at student research day were by FAS students. 68 applications for internal funding were submitted by faculty in FAS this Winter, 80% were successful.

Item III Items for Action:

a) Curricular Items

Motion #480 Bott/Macdonell	That Arts and Science Council approve CMPT 312, CMPT 381, CMPT 497.	Adopted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMPT has a quantum mechanics aspect but there is no introduction course required as pre-requisite. This is a smaller aspect to the course, so an introductory course is not necessary. 	
Motion #481 Bott/Farvolden	That Arts and Science Council approve ENGL 217 and ENGL 219.	Adopted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
Motion #482 Bott/McKeown	That Arts and Science Council approve changes to CHEM 391, EASC 101, EASC 102, EASC 334	Adopted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
Motion #483 Bott/Macdonell	That Arts and Science Council approve changes to the Computer Science Major	Adopted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment that Capstone and Internship learning outcomes are generally very different. Why do they fulfil the same program requirement? The capstone course was created when there were 40 majors, now there are 400 which is causing workload issues. Some students take the WINL 300 course, but it does not count towards the major. This change allows students to take different path while still having an applied component. It is structured similarly to the CHEM equivalent course. 	

Item IV **Items for Discussion**

a) Performance Evaluation Criteria

- With the implementation of the new Collective Agreement, the Evaluation (now Review) criteria needed to be reviewed. A working group of the Executive Committee reviewed the document and updated it based on the new Collective Agreement.
- Executive Committee is now asking for feedback. The document will be presented at June Council for approval, so it can be used for the 22/23 annual reports.
- Send questions or feedback to fasgovernance@macewan.ca.

Item V **Items for Information:**

a) GFC Update

- Investment management agreement negotiations are starting soon. The administrative spend ratio may be included, and MacEwan's ratio is currently the lowest in the sector in Alberta.
- Approved:
 - Revised GFC Bylaws and FAS Bylaws
 - Bridge to nursing program to make transitioning easier for foreign trained nurses
 - Digital experience post diploma
 - Tactical plan on scholarship
- The discussion about Sunday exams is ongoing, more information was gathered on student experience.
- The AI working group is discussing the impact of AI on teaching, results are expected to be shared early next year.

b) Student Advisory Committee Update

- This committee engages students to share their experiences. Only a third of students who volunteered attended the meeting.
- Some points that were raised are:
 - Workload, discussion about 100-level science courses having high weighting of tests, causing some anxiety. It is appreciated when instructors recognize this and provide lower stakes alternatives.
 - Concern raised about students not getting term marks back before the final.
 - Concern about high demand required courses not being offered each year, and there were mixed feelings about how the Psychology 400 level enrolment was managed.
 - Appreciation for flexible deadline options and free access supplementary texts.

c) Creating Connections 2023

- May 26 in Allard Hall. Registration link was shared. This is a free event for our Faculty members.

Item VI Other Business

- Nominations for committee memberships are still open.

Item VII Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.