

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 60
Date: November 25, 2024
Time: 2:15 p.m.
Location: 9-323 (Kule Theatre)
Motion #s: FC.20241125.01 - 05

Present:

Schalomon, M
(Chair)
Schultz, W (Vice-
Chair)
Bruins-Smith, T
(Secretary)
Cott, A (Secretary)
Abbas, N
Alati, D
Anton, C
Augustyn, C
Bailey, C
Barran, S
Bernstein, N
Bica, I
Bott, T
Bourrie, B
Brisbois, M
Carroll, M
Cartledge, S
Colonescu, C
Copland, S
Corrigall, K
Davies, K
Dawson, L
Elliot, C
Elmorsy, M

Elsaadany, M
Epp, M
Falconer, R
Farvolden, P
Fong, J
Forth, A
Franczak, B
Friesen, K
Furlong, C
Giacomin, M
Gibbs, M
Haines, J
Hayman, S
Hills, M
Holland, K
Honey, L
Hunter, H
Indratmo, I
Islam, S
Ivanescu, C
Johnson, B
Jyoti, R
Krys, S
Lakowski, R
Lara-Arboleda, I
Lemieux, S
Liu, J
Llano, J
Martin, L

McFadyen, D
Mewhort, R
Miller, J
Mills, S
Moscicki, M
Murphy, G
Ndulue, C
Nelund, A
Offrey, L
Pang, C
Panjvani, C
Patterson, A
Penney, A
Pope, A
Prince, P
Rezania, V
Ross, M
Ruiz S
Semenyna, S
Shaw, R
Skye, A
Speake, S
Stepnisky, J
Strungaru, N
Summers, K
Swanston, T
Symbaluk, D
Tcaciuc, A
Thiessen, D

Thurairajah, K
Towle-Straub, K
Vongpaisal, T
Whiting, A
Wiznura, R
Wolansky, M
Woywitka, R
Yakovenko, S
Zaidi, Z

Other - Voting

Beke, N
Gujjar, S
Hesemeier, S
Lipes, R
McLean, V
Minaker, J
Skeffington, J

Ex Officiis and Delegates

Buckle, T
de Toledo, R
Monk, C
Reisdorfer, E
Revitt, E

Public Members

Dyer, C (CTL)
Kuziemy, C (ORS)
Macauley, M (PSYC)
Powell, R (PSYC)

Regrets

Amundson, L	Einarsson, R	Howell, A	Overend, A
Anderson, N	Elsaadany, M	Hu, R	Papin, M
Beltaos-Kerr, E	Fedoruk, J	Irangu, J	Peace, K
Bereska, T	Firoozjaei, M	Irwin, R	Perschon, M
Berezowsky, S	Flaherty, L	Judge, K	Ramsey, C
Biittner, K	Fritz, T	Jung, S	Rezanejad, H
Bratt, S	Gonzales-Lucena, F	Kim-Bernard, K	Rogers, S
Buchanan, D	Gulayets, M	Krasotkina, A	Rollings-
Chalifour, M	Hackett, E	Locky, D	Magnusson, S
Christensen-	Hamilton, T	Long, J	Schmaltz, R
Coulthard, R	Hannan, S	McKeown, N	Seredycz, M
Cowling, E	Harcombe, K	McKenzie, H	Sibley, L
Dalsgaard, K	Hassal, C	McLaughlin, D	Su, W
Davis, M	Hatherley, C	Mensah, C	Wagner, A
Dawson, L	Hira-Friesen, P	Mewhort, R	Zadorozhna, N
Digweed, S	Hollingshead, D	Milner, K	Zutter, C

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 2:18 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda and Consent Items

Motion #FC.20241125.1 To approve the agenda and consent items.

- Faculty Council Minutes of August 29, 2024.
- Executive Committee Minutes from August 20th

Tcaciuc/Krys

Adopted

II. Reports:

a. AVPR Faculty/School Updates for 2024-25

- Dr. Kuziemy provided an update regarding the Tactical Plan from the research office. One of the goals was to support early-career researchers, which has been achieved. 54% of internal funding went to early-career researchers.
- Tracking has been implemented to ensure data is available in the future.
- Research Groups: This is a newer concept intended to support interdisciplinary research. Applications are required to demonstrate a plan, how it will be funded, and tie into the tactical plan and strategic vision. To find connections, join the OUR Research Connection Events; if you have other ideas, pitch them to the ORS.

- The Research Office is working on creating a community partner database.
- Due to the high demand for support for students, student engagement is now part of the regular funding opportunities.
- Chris Striemer and Alain Beauclair are the GFC Standing Committee contacts for FAS for this year.

b. Dean's Report

- Announced the change in Executive Committee membership and that William Schultz is the new Co-Chair/Vice-Chair.
- 17 Hires were approved, currently longlisting and shortlisting.
- Curriculum development is ongoing; much of it is connected to the increases in enrollments. Recent articulation agreements signed with Norquest, Bow Valley College, and imminent with Red Deer Polytech.
- Work is ongoing with the Registrar's Office to streamline and increase international admissions, as well as recruitment and retention initiatives.
- Due to the growing demand for more lab space, work is ongoing with project planners for an expansion project. The standard for teaching labs is that 27 hours of teaching are scheduled in those labs. A consultation revealed that we would need an additional 1900 square meters of space to accommodate our students. The project is restricted to lab and office space and does not consider classroom space. Prior to the possible construction of a new space, we need at least one biology and one chemistry lab. The project group has come up with proposals that will first go to the Provost, then to the Executive Council and the Board.
- Thank you to members of the Dean reappointment advisory committee and those who participated by providing feedback.

III. Items for Action:

a. Curricular Items – Programs of Study (PoS)

• **Engineering Transfer Termination**

Motion #FC.20241125.2 To approve and recommend to Academic Planning and Quality Assurance the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Transfer Program Termination.

Wiznura/Tcaciuc

Adopted

- No discussion

• **Data Science Major**

Motion #FC.20241125.3 To approve and recommend to Academic Planning and Quality Assurance the proposed Data Science Major.

Elmorsy/Indratmo

Adopted

- No discussion

b. Curricular Items – Admission Criteria

- Changes to BA and BSc Admission Criteria

Motion #FC.20241125.4 To approve and recommend to Academic Standards, Curriculum & the Calendar, changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science.

Beke/Elmorsy

Adopted

- We are already working on applying readiness evaluation for ENGL and MATH, and the only change is how we evaluate international students.
- Current requirements are too specific, creating barriers for individuals who come with schooling from countries that have different curricular paths.
- This change in admission should streamline the process, hopefully helping us meet the quotas. We have the capacity to add more international students.
- Evaluators in the departments will be consulted regarding the “readiness” judgments.

- Post-baccalaureate certificate in Behaviour Analysis admission criteria

Motion #FC.20241125.5 To approve and recommend to Academic Standards, Curriculum & the Calendar the Admission Criteria for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis.

Honey/Elmorsy

Adopted

- Students must have a completed degree, but conditional admission can be granted prior to graduation.
- It might seem redundant, but the two paths recognize the typical versus atypical paths to admission. Typical is the Psychology degree, atypical would be a different degree with a minimum of introductory psychology courses.
- Not all psychology degrees require 6 credits of intro PSYC. Therefore, even if someone graduates with a psychology degree that only has 3 credits in intro PSYC, they are admissible, versus someone with a social work degree would require 6 credits of intro PSYC to be admissible.

IV. Items for Discussion:

a. Baccalaureate Program Self-Study Committee creation process

- This process is written to fill a gap in the policy/guidelines that do not address how the committee is constructed.
- Please submit feedback to FASgovernance@macewan.ca by January 15, 2025

V. Items for Information:

a. New Library System and Website (E. Revitt/V. McLean)

- Emails went out to the Faculty. On Dec 11th, we are getting a new library website. Some permalinks will break on Dec 11. Faculty can link to the item directly, for e-books, please remove links until the new links are available. Support is available for updating links.
- If links don't work, students can still search for the item by title and will be able to access it that way.

- The date was imposed by the vendor and cannot be changed.
- Librarians can support updating links in mēskanās and on course outlines. Contact reserves@macewan.ca for assistance. For mēskanās, email the course name and section.
- For videos, if you are linking to Kanopy directly, those links will still work. For support with other links, contact reserves.
- The new system will allow access to more university libraries, and the databases are more integrated.

VI. Other Business

- PAWSS: The program is under review and requires further organization and someone is being hired to look after the program.

VII. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.