

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 64
Date: August 28, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 9-323 Kule Theatre
Motion #s: FC.20250828.1 - 3

Present:

Friesen, K (Chair)
 Schultz, W (Vice-Chair)
 Bruins-Smith, T (Secretary)
 Cott, A (Secretary)
 Abbas, N
 Ali, H
 Abdullah, S
 Alam, R
 Alati, D
 Amundson, L
 Anderson, N
 Anton, Ca
 Anton, Cr
 Bailey, C
 Barran, S
 Bereska, T
 Bica, I
 Blatz, C
 Bowles, V
 Brisbois, M
 Buryak, S
 Cartledge, S
 Chalifour, M
 Christensen-Dalsgaard, K
 Cobzas, D
 Colonescu, C
 Copland, S
 Cowling, E
 Dawson, L
 Devo Colis, A
 Edge, L

El-Hajj, M
 Elliot, C
 Elmorsy, M
 Elsaadany, M
 Epp, M
 Falconer, R
 Fedoruk, J
 Ferede, E
 Flaherty, L
 Fong, J
 Foster, J
 Fox, C
 Franczak, B
 Furlong, C
 Giacomini, M
 Guerbias, A
 Guest, R
 Gulayets, M
 Hackett, E
 Haines, J
 Hanlon, M
 Harcombe, K
 Hassall, C
 Hira-Friesen, P
 Holland, K
 Honey, L
 Hu, R
 Hunter, H
 Indratmo
 Irangu, J
 Irwin, B
 Islam, S
 Ivanescu, C
 Jarick, M
 Judge, K
 Jung, S

Jyoti, R
 Kim, C
 Kim-Bernard, K
 Krasotkina, A
 Krys, L
 Keiller, K
 Lee, R
 Legge, R
 Lieffers, C
 Lemieux, S
 Li, Y
 Lipes, R
 Llano, J
 Lorimer, S
 Malloy, N
 Martin, D
 McFadyen, D
 McKeown, N
 Mensah, C
 Miller, J
 Milne, E
 Moscicki, M
 Munaweera, I
 Murphy, G
 Napier, K
 Ndulue, C
 Pang, C
 Patterson, A
 Penney, A
 Peters, J
 Qorbani, S
 Ramsey, C
 Raudsepp, M
 Rezania, V
 Rogerson, L
 Romney, J

Ross, M
 Ruiz Serrano, C
 Saleh, H
 Scadeng, O
 Semenyna, S
 Seredycz, M
 Shamseldin, S
 Shaw, R
 Shin, J
 Sibley, L
 Skelthorne, A
 Stepnisky, J
 Striemer, C
 Su, W
 Summers, K
 Thiessen, D
 Thuraijah, K
 Troup, D
 Vongpaisal, T
 Whiting, A
 Willms, R
 Wiznura, R
 Wolansky, M
 Yakovenko, S
 Zadorozhna, N
 Zaidi, Z
 Zhai, Z

Other - Voting

Beke, N
 Berezowsky, S
 Coulthard, R
 Fatima, A
 Fritz, T
 Macdonell, C
 McNeil, T

Mugo, S
Nyade, P
Skeffington, J
Stieglitz, T

Tcaciuc, A
**Ex Officiis and
Delegates**

Buckle, T
Green, J
Monk, C
O'Shea, J

Public Members

Guenther, Sheldon (ITS)

Regrets

Beauchair, A
Beltaos-Kerr, E
Bernstein, N
Bittner, K
Botero-Ramirez, A
Bott, T
Bratt, S
Carroll, M
Corrigall, K
Davies, K
Dyer, C
Einarsson, R

Farvolden, P
Firoozjaei, M
Forth, A
Gilmour, L
Gonzalez-Lucena, F
Hamilton, T
Hannan, S
Hayman, S
Hesemeier, S
Intungane, D
Johnson, B
Koon, K

Long, J
Lorkovic, E
Mewhort, R
Mills, S
Minaker, J
Offrey, L
Overend, A
Panjvani, C
Papin, M
Peace, K
Pope, A
Prince, P

Rezanejad, H
Rogers, S
Schmaltz, R
Skye, A
Smith, M
Speake, S
Swanston, T
Symbaluk, D
Tessier, A
Towle-Straub, K
Witherell, R

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Kevin Friesen at 10:03 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda and Consent Items

Motion #FC.20250828.1 To approve the agenda.

Cartledge/Franczak

Adopted

Motion #FC.20250828.2 To approve the consent items.

- Faculty Council Minutes of June 12, 2025.
- Executive Committee Minutes from May 27, 2025

Schultz/Haines

Adopted

2. Reports:

2.1. Academic Affairs Update – Dr. Craig Monk

- The university is growing and is responding to the space crunch. The new Business Building is expected to open sometime next year. Interim measures are being implemented while work is underway on the science expansion.
- The university will be submitting a report to the government to advise on our progress. Fiscal uncertainty is a topic for the current fiscal year.
- Priority: Allocating 110 alternate workloads under the new Collective Agreement and considering the allocation of sabbaticals.
- An expansion of the Chancellor's Research Chair program is forthcoming.
- Allocated new positions will centre around areas where increased student numbers are anticipated.

- Units in Academic Affairs will be undergoing reviews, similar to program reviews, as guided by the CAQC.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the structural impact of reaching 30,000 students and improving the admissions process.
- A record number of Extension of Probation and Tenure files is expected this year.
- Discussions are ongoing about the possibility of incorporating a collegiate school as part of the funding request for a new building.
- Q&A followed.

2.2. Dean's Report – Dr. Kevin Friesen

- The Interim Dean shared a brief introduction.
- Welcome to all new hires.
- The faculty Co-Chair of the Executive Committee and Vice-Chair of Council for this year will be William Schultz.
- Priorities:
 - Review and implementation of the new Collective Agreement. Multiple units are involved in rolling out the new processes. If you have questions, please take them to your Chairs, who can bring them to the Dean's Office.
 - Ongoing issues regarding growth, meeting student needs, and finding space.
- Due to the Policy change from last year, there will be a new process for exam deferrals. There was extensive discussion at the last meeting. The internal process is still being developed, but clear instructions will be shared once ready.
- The university has a new digital ID card, which will replace the physical employee and student IDs. It can be added to your phone, or you can request a new physical card from ITS. New incoming students will have this card, and therefore, they might have to show you their phone if you ask for ID. Impacts should be discussed at your department. Physical cards will be phased out as students graduate.
- Q&A followed.

2.3. GFC Report – Dr. Cristina Anton

- Topics of discussion: November Reading Week
- New Research Institutes and Research Groups
- AI Systems Governance Policy, Emerging Technology Subcommittee
- Academic calendar and Fall term start date
- The need to have more discussions about AI

3. Items for Action:

3.1. Ratification of common External Tenure and Promotion Committee members

Motion #FC.20250828.3 That Arts and Science Faculty Council approve the following common external members and alternates to serve on Tenure and Promotion Committees, for the 2025-2026 academic year:

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| For Natural Science Files | External Member | Alternate |
| Humanities | Daniel Martin, Associate Professor, English | Erin Cowling Associate Professor, Spanish |
| Social Sciences | Kristine Peace Professor, Psychology | Michael Seredycz Associate Professor, Sociology |

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| For Humanities and Social Science Files | External Member | Alternate |
| Natural Sciences | Rui Hu Associate Professor, Mathematics and Statistics | Calin Anton Professor, Computer Science |
| Humanities | David Buchanan Associate Professor, English | |
| Social Sciences | Hugh McKenzie Associate Professor, Anthropology | |

Wiznura/Ramsey

Adopted

- The blue academic staff list (information items) indicates which division members are assigned to.

4. Items for Information 11:25

4.1. Maintaining Connections (By the Teaching and Scholarship Committee)

- Poster was included in the meeting materials.
- The first one is Sept 5, 12 – 1:30 pm.

4.2. 2025-26 Academic Staff List

- Presented in the meeting materials.
- Notify FASgovernance@ to correct errors

4.3. 2025-26 Committee Membership List

- Presented in the meeting materials.

5. Other Business

5.1. Exam Services: They are strictly managing accessibility exams and scantrons.

6. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.