

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 36
Date: June 13, 2019
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Room 9-201
Motion #s: 353 - 370

Present:

Schalomon, M
 (Chair)
 Snefjella, B
 (Secretary)
 Aaquist, O
 Alam, R
 Andersen, H
 Bailey, C
 Bereska, T
 Biittner, K
 Blatz, C
 Boag, F
 Boers, N
 Boyd, B
 Bratt, S
 Byrne, C
 Christensen-
 Dalsgaard, K
 Cobzas, D
 Corrigall, K

Coulson, J
 Cowling, E
 Das, M
 Davies, K
 Davis, M
 Digdon, N
 Edwards, J
 Einarsson, R
 Farvolden, P
 Ferede, E
 Franczak, B
 Friesen, K
 Gelmini, L
 Giacomini, M
 Grant, D
 Gulayets, M
 Haines, J
 Hannan, S
 Harcombe, K
 Hayman, S

Herbert, C
 Howell, A
 Indratmo
 Irwin, B
 Islam, S
 Ivanescu, C
 Judge, K
 Kim-Bernard, K
 Long, J
 Lorkovic, E
 Macdonell, C
 Martin, D
 McMann, D
 Mills, S
 Milne, E
 Moscicki, M
 O'Connor, J
 O'Reilly, J
 Patterson, A
 Peace, K

Penney, A
 Pollock, C
 Powell, R
 Prichard, L
 Raine, S
 Robinson, J
 Ruiz Serrano, C
 Sibley, L
 Skeffington, J
 Skelhorne, A
 Stepnisky, J
 Tcaciuc, A
 Thuraiarah, K
 Toth, J
 Wagner, A
 Watson, D
 Youzwysyn, G
 Zadorozhna, N

Other - Voting

Beke, N
 Minaker, J
 Sidhu, R
 Stieglitz, T
 Wiznura, R

***Ex Officiis and
Delegates***

Hanscomb, K
 McGugan, D

Public Member

Bruins-Smith, T
 Charles, S
 Munro, T

Regrets

Becalska, A
 Beltaos-Kerr, E
 Bernstein, N
 Copland, S
 Culling, P
 Davis, J
 Duffy, J
 Epp, M

Grewal, S
 Hamilton, T
 Hiltz, R
 Honey, L
 Irangu, J
 Jung, S
 Krys, S
 Lakowski, R

Legge, E
 Llano, G
 Locky, D
 Lorimer, S
 McFadyen, D
 McKenzie, D
 McKenzie, H
 McKeown, N

Meleshko, R
 Mewhort, R
 Nelund, A
 Park, O
 Prince, P
 Schmaltz, R
 Shaw, R
 Sinclair, K

Smereka, T
 Soroski, J
 Swanston, T
 Symbaluk, D

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 10:30 a.m.

Item I Adoption of Agenda

Motion #353
Wiznura / Gelmini

Move that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Motion: **carried**

- Remove item VI d) Executive Minutes

Item II Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council #35, April 24, 2019

Motion #354
Wiznura / Hills

Move to approve the Minutes of Faculty Council #35.

Motion: **carried by consensus**

Item III Items Arising from the Minutes

- None

Item IV Dean's Report

- Rob Wiznura will be Acting Dean for Convocation, we had exactly 100 Faculty Members RSVP. Thank you!
- Hires for 10 new members are wrapped up in AEPS, BIOL, CMPT, HUMN, PHSC, and SOCI, a Term hire for ENGL and one Lab Tech each for PHSC and BIOL are in progress
- Sarah Shulist and Jean-Christophe Boucher are moving on to other opportunities, Shahram Manouchehri and Pat Sullivan retired in January, Ibrahim Sumrain, Maria Kozakiewicz, and Maritza Mark will retire in July. Best wishes to everyone!
- Reminder: Notifications of intent to apply for promotion are due to your Chair by July 1, 2019, Joanne will be the lead resource for sabbatical applications and dossier advice
- A new tab is available in the Portal under the Faculty Tab where resource documents are posted
- The post-doc / student space will be ready in July, application forms were sent by email alongside the updated membership list for the standing committees
- With the role of Chair of General Faculties Council (GFC) falling to the Provost for the upcoming year, Bronwyn Snefjella has accepted a secondment to assist the Provost's office with the organization and management of the GFC where her knowledge will be put to good use. She will have a large role in managing the link between GFC and Faculty/School Councils. Tamara Bruins-Smith was seconded into doing a lot of tasks Bronwyn was doing, including taking on the role of Secretary to Faculty Council and she will assist the new Interim Dean,

Edvard Lorkovic, with governance related tasks. Lee-Ann Jeffrey will take on an expanded administrative role and some of the other tasks will be re-distributed to the Associate Deans. Redistribution is underway, with some of Rob Woznura's tasks moving from his Associate Dean, Students role to Joanne Minaker while he takes on the challenge of supporting Lynne Wells' office with organizing advising for the university. His time will be split between Student Affairs and the Faculty of Arts and Science. Melike will return to her role as Associate Dean, Administration including HR matters, Research, and Space Management. Redistribution is not finalized yet, you will be updated as soon as it is

- Melissa Hills will speak later to the Code of Conduct, there were many concerns raised with the new legislation. Management and implementation of the new code is still being worked out

Item V

Items for Action

a) Curriculum

Motion # 355:

That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ANTH 332, ECON 289, and ECON 341.

Beke/Alam

Motion: **carried**

Motion # 356:

That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 103, BIOL 107, and BIOL 108; BIOL 201, BIOL 205, BIOL 207, BIOL 208, and BIOL 211; BIOL 300, BIOL 310, BIOL 313, BIOL 315, BIOL 317, BIOL 321, BIOL 337, BIOL 371, and BIOL 399; BIOL 413, BIOL 421, BIOL 430, BIOL 492, BIOL 498, BIOL 499A, and BIOL 499B; GENE 369, GENE 370, GENE 400, GENE 404, and GENE 418; ZOOL 224, ZOOL 241, ZOOL 242, ZOOL 250, ZOOL 324, ZOOL 325, ZOOL 400, ZOOL 401, and ZOOL 452.

Beke/Friesen

Motion: **carried**

- Background: There was a gap and student/faculty concerns that needed to be addressed. Worked closely with OTLS to create the Departmental Learning Outcomes. Changes to courses reflect these in descriptions and learning outcomes (LO).
- When the Program LOs are created, will this cause all these to have to change again? It is possible, but driving the processes bottom up may provide the departments a little more say in the development of the program LOs. There is a bit of a risk, but they should be on the website soon and the plan was to revise them in 5 years anyway

- Motion # 357:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CMPT 351, CMPT 370, CMPT 391, and CMPT 491.
Beke/Macdonell Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 358:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body CRWR 195, CRWR 304, CRWR 314, CRWR 315, CRWR 316, CRWR 317, and CRWR 498.
Beke/Skeffington Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 359:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CRWR 295, CRWR 305, CRWR 306, and CRWR 404.
Beke/Skeffington Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 360:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CLAS 333 and HIST 292.
Beke/Lorkovic Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 361:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body SPAN 360 and SPAN 370.
Beke/Lorkovic Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 362:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body MATH 223.
Beke/O'Connor Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 363:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to MATH 241, STAT 265, STAT 266, STAT 370, and STAT 412.
Beke/O'Connor Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 364:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body to reactivate STAT 312.
Beke/O'Connor Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 365:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PSYC 212, PSYC 223, PSYC 358, PSYC 400, PSYC 439, and PSYC 475.
Beke/Powell Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 366:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body SOCI 302, SOCI 328, SOCI 375, and SOCI 490.
Beke/Stepnisky Motion: **carried**

- Motion # 367:** That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to SOCI 327.
Beke/Stepnisky Motion: **carried**
- Motion was amended to read SOCI 327 instead of the recommended SOCI 227 as the course that is being changed is actually 327 and the number is lowered. They were overall minor changes, so it needed only a new number and did not warrant deactivating one and creating a new course
- Motion # 368:** That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to the programs of study for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts Honours, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Science Honours.
Beke/Bailey Motion: **carried**
- Motion # 369:** That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to the programs of study for the Computer Science Major, the Creative Writing Minor, the Mathematics Major, Honours, and Minor, and the Mathematical Sciences Major, the Sociology Major and Honours, and the Digital Experience Design Minor for BA and BSc.
Beke/Bailey Motion: **carried**
- Will there actually be spaces for our students? Yes, they are committing 10 seats per year to FAS, this is the same as other out of Faculty minors and admission is competitive. It is advertised as such and recommendations are given in regard to which courses are beneficial to have

Item VI

Items for Information

a) *Report from TRFDC on Creating Connections 2019*

- See attached
- The event was a remarkable success, 65 faculty members were in attendance
- 95% would recommend going to a similar event in the future
- Special thanks to Bronwyn, Lee-Ann and the TRFDC Committee for organizing
- Thank you to all the speakers who volunteered to present. Hopefully in January we will have another call for volunteer presenters

b) *Report from Curriculum Committee & Update on Initial Analysis of Honours*

- See attached
- Curriculum Committee Report

- All attachments come from the new Curriculum Management System, CIM which was implemented this year which the admins do not have access to
- The committee this year had special interest in the learning outcomes
- Going forward there was interest to review recommended versus required courses
- Thanks to the committee for the hard work and detailed review and welcome to the new members
- Honours
 - To conduct the review, opinions were sought from faculty and students via focus groups and a student survey
 - The objective has remained the same, might be something to review in the future
 - Goal was to make the program more flexible and accessible
 - Some programs are still working on structure which is time-consuming
 - The demand is overwhelming, but there is still some inequity amongst departments and supervisors
 - Overall students are impressed
 - Departments have discretion over what to include and which courses are required
 - This initial review brought good questions and exploration and investigation will continue

c) Report from Executive Committee

- As previously disseminated
- Thanks given to Melike for her role as Interim Dean as well as to Bronwyn for her guidance

Item VII

Other Business

- Members have brought items forward to Executive and it is great to see that happening. Last week there was a request for a statement of opposition for the travel authorizations and the code of conduct
- Executive discussed and despite being sympathetic to the concerns, the requests were denied as it did not fall in the scope of Faculty Council within the role of governance
- Reminder that the bicameral government allows academic matters to be heard at Faculty Council and GFC, administrative and business issues go up the executive route to the board
- It is possible to task Executive to investigate an issue and to bring a report to Faculty Council or to add a discussion item to the agenda before hand

- To bring as formal motion, it must meet 2 criteria: It is clearly an academic matter and enough information is provided in advance to ensure members can be prepared
- Q&A: GFC will work a bit different from AGC. GFC will hear all academic matters, so academic interest related issues can fall here, it depends on how it is worded
- Issue on Travel Authorizations is being brought to Provost's Group and from there it could possibly go to Dean's Council
- Code of Conduct is legislated, and independent judge made the decision who responds to legislature, not specifically to the government. Issues have been raised from faculty, staff, and administration

Item VIII

Adjournment

Motion #370

Move that the Faculty Council adjourn.

Motion: **carried by consensus**