MacEwan University

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 49
Date: September 6, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: 9-323 (Kule Theatre)
Motion #s: 464-465

Present:

Schalomon, M (Chair)	Colonescu, C	Hannan, S	Mills, S	Thompson, W
Martin, D (Vice-Chair)	Copland, S	Hayman, S	Milne, E	Thurairajah, K
	Corrigall, K	Hills, M	Moscicki, M	Toth, J
	Coulson, J	Hollingshead, D	Nelund, A	Towle-Straub, K
Bruins-Smith, T (Secretary)	Cowling, E	Honey, L	O'Connor, J	Wagner, A
	Das, M	Howell, A	Overend, A	Woywitka, R
Taylor, K (Secretary)	Davis, J	Hu, R	Pang, C	Zadorozhna, N
Alam, R	Davis, M	Indratmo	Panjvani, C	
Alati, D	Dawson, L	Intungane, D	Papin, M	***Other - Voting***
Amundson, L	Einarsson, R	Irangu, J	Patterson, A	Beke, N
Anderson, N	El-Hajj, M	Irwin, B	Penney, A	Foster, A
Anton, Cr	Elliott, C	Islam, S	Powell, R	Friesen, K
Avalos, E	Elmorsy, M	Ivanescu, C	Prince, P	Minaker, J
Badalova, L	Epp, M	Jarick, M	Raine, S	Mugo, S
Bailey, C	Falconer, R	Judge, K	Rezania, V	
Barran, S	Farvolden, P	Kim-Bernard, K	Robinson, J	***Ex Officiis and***
Beauclair, A	Ferede, E	Lemieux, S	Romney, J	***Delegates***
Bereska, T	Flaherty, L	Locky, D	Ross, M	Croxen, H
Bernstein, N	Fong, J	Long, J	Ruiz Serrano, C	Khinkanina, N
Bica, I	Franczak, B	Lorimer, S	Schultz, W	McKenzie, D
Bott, T	Gelmini, L	Lorkovic, E	Sibley, L	McLaughlin, D
Bowles, V	Giacomin, M	Macdonell, C	Skye, A	Monk, C
Boyd, B	Gibbs, M	Malloy, N	Stepnisky, J	
Carroll, M	Gonzalez-Lucena, F	McFadyen, D	Striemer, C	***Public Members***
Cartledge, S	Gulayets, M	McKenzie, H	Su, W	Chochula, L
Christensen-Dalsgaard, K	Hackett, E	McKeown, N	Swanston, T	Gilmour, L
	Haines, J	Mewhort, R	Symbaluk, D	Hill, A
Cobzas, D	Hamilton, T	Miller, J	Tessier, A	Kubish, S

Regrets

Beltaos-Kerr, E	Forth, A	Offrey, L	Schmaltz, R
Biittner, K	Harcombe, K	Peace, K	Shaw, R
Boulianne, S	Hatherly, C	Perschon, M	Skeffington, J
Bratt, S	Jung, S	Ramsey, C	Soroski, J
Buro, K	Korpesho, E	Rezania, V	Tcaciuc, A
Chartrand, J	Krys, S	Rollings-	Thurairajah, K
Danto, D	Milner, K	Magnusson, S	

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 1:05 pm.

Item I   Adoption of Agenda

Motion #464   Move to adopt the agenda and consent items.
- Minutes of June 16, 2022 Faculty Council as corrected
- Executive Committee Minutes May 26, 2022

Skye/Gelmini   **Carried**

Item II   Presentations:

a) **Q&A with the Provost**
The Provost presented his five strategic goals for the academic year to Faculty Council:
- Hire more tenure-track faculty. Currently below 55% of classes at the university are taught by tenure-track, trying to increase that amount to 60%
- Complete administrative review, looking to hire more MSA staff
- Work with Dr. Craig Kuziemsky to build the Vice-Provost portfolio
- Evolve academic governance as GFC enters its 3rd year, and involve faculty and Deans / AVPs in co-chairing standing committees
- Focus on policy work to ensure academic policies, which are sponsored by the Provost, support MacEwan's strategic vision

Q&A Period
- Decreasing class sizes is an administrative, budget-driven decision and there is no one-size fits all solution
- The focus is on having more sections taught by tenure-track faculty, decreasing class sizes would lead to increased sections and more sections taught by sessional faculty
- Enrollment numbers are soft this year across the sector and are not related to class sizes
- The university is willing to investigate offering shorter credentials to degree graduates, but would need to be differentiated from graduate studies
- The fundraising campaign was successful. Any fundraising ideas for awards, bursaries and scholarships are welcome.
- It is understood that tuition increases raise concerns about affordability and accessibility, however it is also important to increase when it is possible.

b) **Student Research Day – April 20, 2023 (Office of Research)**
- Faculty members are encouraged to promote and mentor students for Student Research Day. Includes students working on honours or independent study projects or as Research Assistants. Other ideas are welcome at research@macewan.ca.
- April 20, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Robbins Atrium in Building 9.
- Faculty and students are welcome to attend and ask questions of students
- Applications will be accepted January 9 - March 10, 2023.
- A website (MacEwan.ca/StudentResearchDay) has the information and templates necessary to participate

c) **Dean's Report**
- Everyone is encouraged to wear masks in crowded spaces and get boosters when available
- Unwell staff asked to advise their department that they are staying home. Discuss concerns about student absences with the Chair.
- Hopes to provide a sense of stability this year to allow time to determine what works or does not work with the new modalities.
- The Dean shared her five strategic goals for this year:
  - Increase student enrollment and retention
  - Increase International student recruitment
  - Increase collaboration with external faculties and schools.
  - Increase the breadth of applied learning opportunities for FAS students
  - Hiring third associate dean to start July 1, 2023
- A number of new hires will be joining the Faculty once the Provost announces how many hires will be approved for this year's hiring. The Dean submitted 16 requests along with three kihêw waciston cross hires.

Item III **Items Arising from the Minutes**
- None

Item IV **Items for Action:**

a) **Ratification of common External Tenure and Promotion Committee members**

Motion #465 That Arts and Science Council approve the following common external members and alternates to serve on Tenure and Promotion Committees, for the 2022-2023 academic year:

	External Member	Alternate
Humanities	Edvard Lorkovic Associate Professor, Philosophy	Josh Toth Professor, English
Natural Sciences	Lynne Honey Professor, Psychology	Vahid Rezania Professor, Physics
Social Sciences	Ergete Ferede Professor, Economics	Kalyani Thurairajah Associate Professor, Sociology

Striemer/Macdonell   **Adopted**

    Item V   **Items for Information:**

        a) **2022-23 Faculty Staff List**
- Provided.

        b) **Committee membership list**
- Provided.

    Item VI Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.