

## Arts and Science Faculty Council

### Minutes of Council

**Meeting #:** 50  
**Date:** November 21, 2022  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** WebEx  
**Motion #s:** 466 - 467

**Present:**

Schalomon, M (Chair)	Davies, K	Irangu, J	Panjvani, C	Wright, J
Martin, D (Vice- Chair)	Davis, J	Irwin, B	Patterson, A	Zadorozhna, N
Bruins-Smith, T (Secretary)	Davis, M	Islam, S	Peace, K	Zalghout, A
Alam, R	Dawson, L	Jarick, M	Penney, A	
Alati, D	Einarsson, R	Judge, K	Powell, R	<b>Other - Voting</b>
Amundson, L	El-Hajj, M	Jung, S	Prince, P	Beke, N
Anderson, N	Elliott, C	Jyoti, R	Ramsey, C	Foster, A
Anton, Cr	Elmorsy, M	Korpesho, E	Rezania, V	Friesen, K
Avalos, E	Epp, M	Lakowski, R	Rollings-	Gilmour, L
Badalova, L	Falconer, R	Lee, R	Magnusson, S	Kachmar, T
Bailey, C	Farvolden, P	Legge, E	Romney, J	Lipes, R
Bereska, T	Ferede, E	Lemieux, S	Ross, M	Milner, K
Bernstein, N	Ferguson, J	Llano, J	Ruiz Serrano, C	Minaker, J
Bica, I	Flaherty, L	Locky, D	Shaw, R	Mugo, S
Biittner, K	Fong, J	Long, J	Sibley, L	Robertson, S
Blatz, C	Forth, A	Lorimer, S	Skeffington, J	
Bowles, V	Franczak, B	Lorkovic, E	Skye, A	<b>Ex Officiis and</b>
Boyd, B	Garstad, B	Macdonell, C	Soroski, J	<b>Delegates</b>
Buro, K	Gelmini, L	Malloy, N	Stepnisky, J	Croxen, H
Carroll, M	Giacomin, M	McFadyen, D	Striemer, C	Keiller, K
Christensen-	Gonzalez-Lucena, F	McKenzie, H	Strungaru, N	Khinkanina, N
Dalsgaard, K	Gulayets, M	McKeown, N	Swanston, T	McKenzie, D
Cobzas, D	Haines, J	Mewhort, R	Symbaluk, D	McLaughlin, D
Copland, S	Hamilton, T	Mills, S	Tcaciuc, A	McRae, H
Corrigall, K	Harcombe, K	Milne, E	Thompson, W	
Coulson, J	Hayman, S	Moscicki, M	Thurairajah, K	<b>Public Members</b>
Cowling, E	Hills, M	Nelund, A	Toth, J	Korpan, R
Das, M	Honey, L	O'Connor, J	Towle-Straub, K	Kubish, S
	Howell, A	Offrey, L	Wagner, A	Kuziemyksy, C
	Indratmo	Overend, A	Watson, D	
	Intungane, D	Pang, C	Woywitka, R	

## Regrets

Bott, T	Hollingshead, D	Perschon, M	Trimbee, A
Bratt, S	Hu, R	Schmaltz, R	
Hannan, S	Kim-Bernard, K	Schultz, W	

**Move into Session:** The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalomon at 3:02 pm.

### Item I Adoption of Agenda

Motion #466 Move that the agenda and consent items be adopted.

- Minutes of September 6, 2022 Faculty Council
- Executive Committee Minutes August 25, 2022 and October 6, 2022

Skye/Foster

**Consensus**

### Item II Reports:

#### a) Tactical Plan for Scholarship at MacEwan

- Dr. Craig Kuziemy, AVP, Research presented the draft tactical plan for scholarship and sought feedback.
- The tactical plan was created following the implementation of the University's strategic vision
- The draft will remain online on the Office of Research Services website for feedback until the AVP, Research has spoken to all Schools and Faculties, at least until the end of the year

#### b) Dean's Report

- Rate of illness has been high. If you feel ill, please take a sick day
- A letter of intent for the creation of an Environmental Sciences minor is in progress. If approved, it will come to Council for approval
- Review of annual reports is in progress. Because all reports were submitted before the new Collective Agreement was ratified, the Dean will still use the five evaluation categories, but formative feedback is more important
- Tenure and Extension of Probation files are being reviewed and a total of 14 hires have been approved. Longlisting has started, and the first-round virtual interviews are starting in December, on-campus interviews will take place in January and February
- The Dean will communicate further information about process to apply for the course releases as conceptualized in the new Collective Agreement
- External reviewers were on campus as part of BSc self-study, the review was positive about faculty and student engagement, acknowledging that we are committed to doing the best possible for students. The Dean is currently working on a response to the external review. Hopefully the requirement for annual reporting to the Government will be removed
- Performance evaluation question: Chairs only used the "meet expectations" category. All Deans are required to use the 5 categories
- Next year, there are workshops for Chairs on how to write formative feedback

- Why was ECON not part of the Interdisciplinary environmental studies discussion? Contact Naomi to let her know what the proposal would be from ECON. Currently, we are still in the process of getting approval to proceed, once received, the proposal will be developed with more detail

### **Item III            Items for Action:**

- a) **Endorsement – Creation of Funding and Awards Committee**  
**Motion #467**            That Faculty of Arts and Science Council endorse the plan to create the Funding and Awards Standing Committee.

Martin/Minaker

**Consensus**

- The Co-Chair of Executive presented the background information
- To accommodate various recommendations, it was determined that it would be too much work for one committee and that it might be better to create an extra committee and to re-envision the mandate for TRFDC
- Many individuals were involved in this process along the way
- Question was raised about aligning the committees with GFC (Scholarship / Funding and Teaching / Awards). Goal was to ensure the committee would retain the focus on connecting teaching and scholarship. Having all awards and funding together will make for easier communication. It was discussed at length to mirror GFC or to do it this way. Was important to keep the integration and both was a priority. Consensus voice was that our strong research and our strong teaching culture could be fostered more if they are kept together under one committee
- If there are concerns, please address them in the Google Form

### **Item IV            Items for Information:**

- a) **Consultation – Revision of Faculty Council Bylaws**
- Faculty Council Bylaws are overdue for revision
  - After the meeting, you will receive a link to a Google form to submit feedback. The feedback period closes on December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Request: To verify the FA endorsed definition of Academic Staff In the briefing note, ensure all the changes are addressed
  - Possible discussion point: Director of KW – voting or non-voting
  - A summary of feedback will be shared at the next meeting

### **Item V            Items for Discussion:**

- a) **Collective Agreement Q&A**
- An email is coming out about course release and hiring Sessional Extended faculty into teaching and service only tenure-track positions is now possible

- Process for teaching and service positions: To be discussed with Chairs at the next DAG meeting. Chairs will have the possibility to consider how many of these positions might be feasible for their departments
- Decisions will be made in January, and internal ads will be posted ASAP
- The Dean does not know yet how many course releases are available, this depends on how much room is in the FAS budget to pay for releases
- Course release decisions will be appealable
- A process is being implemented due to the sheer volume or expected requests

**Item VI      Other Business**

- N/A

**Item VII      Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.