

## Arts and Science Faculty Council

### Minutes of Council

**Meeting #:** 35  
**Date:** April 24, 2019  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 5-142 (CN Theatre)  
**Initial Motion #:** 348

**Present: (updated May 2)**

Schalomon, M (Chair)	Dalsgaard, K	Hills, M	Nelund, A	Zadorozhna, N
Snefjella, B (Secretary)	Cobzas, D	Hilts, R	O'Connor, J	Zutter, C
Alam, R	Copland, S	Howell, A	Peace, K	<b>Other - Voting</b>
Andersen, H	Corrigall, K	Hutchinson, C	Perschon, M	Beke, N
Anton, Ca	Coulson, J	Indratmo	Pollock, C	Cartledge, S
Anton, Cr	Cowling, E	Irangu, J	Prince, P	Duffy, J
Atkinson, D	Das, M	Irwin, B	Raine, S	Gatto, D
Badalova, L	Davies, K	Islam, S	Ramsey, C	Honey, L
Bailey, C	Davis, M	Ivanescu, C	Robinson, J	Minaker, J
Barran, S	De Graaf, J	Jarick, M	Ross, M	Mustafa, S
Beauclair, A	Digdon, N	Judge, K	Ruiz Serrano, C	Norman, J
Becalska, A	Einarsson, R	Jyoti, R	Saberi, M	Park, O
Beltaos-Kerr, E	Elliott, C	Kim-Bernard, K	Shaw, R	Reekie, S
Bernstein, N	Epp, M	Korpesho, E	Shulist, S	Sidhu, R
Bica, I	Falconer, R	Lee, R	Sibley, L	Stieglitz, T
Biittner, K	Farvolden, P	Legge, E	Skeffington, J	Wiznura, R
Blatz, C	Ferede, E	Llano, G	Skelhorne, A	
Boag, F	Fong, J	Locky, D	Skye, A	
Boers, N	Friesen, K	Long, J	Smereka, T	<b>Ex-Officios and Delegates</b>
Bott, T	Gelmini, L	Lorimer, S	Soroski, J	Hanscomb, K
Boucher, JC	Giacomin, M	Lorkovic, E	Stepnisky, J	McLaughlin, D
Boulianne, S	Grant, D	Macdonell, C	Summers, K	Monk, C
Bowles, V	Grewal, S	Martin, D	Swanston, T	
Boyd, B	Hackett, E	McFadyen, D	Thompson, W	<b>Public Member</b>
Bratt, S	Haines, J	McKenzie, H	Thurairajah, K	Bruins-Smith, T
Byrne, C	Hannan, S	Mensah, C	Vo, N	Charles, S
Carroll, M	Harcombe, K	Mills, S	Vongpaisal, T	Munro, T
Christensen-	Hayduk, L	Milne, E	Walton, E	
	Hayman, S	Moscicki, M	Watson, D	
	Herbert, C	Murphy, G	Youzwysyn, G	

## Regrets

Aaquist, O	Drummond, R	Mewhort, R	Symbaluk, D
Anderson, N	Hamilton, T	Panjvani, C	Tcaciuc, A
Buro, K	Krys, L	Patterson, A	Toth, J
Culling, P	Lakowski, R	Rollings-	
Davis, J	McKenzie, D	Magnusson, S	
Digweed, S	McKeown, N	Schmaltz, R	

**Move into Session:** The meeting was called to order by Melike Schalommon at 1:30 pm

### Item I Adoption of Agenda

**Motion #348** Move that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion: **carried**

### Item II Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council #34, February 5, 2019

**Motion #349** Move to approve the Minutes of Faculty Council #34.

Motion: **carried by consensus**

### Item III Items Arising from the Minutes

- None

### Item IV Dean's Report

- Melike will return to her substantive role as Associate Dean, Administration, effective July 1, 2019. It has been an honour to serve as Interim Dean
- Revisions to the *Conflict of Interest Policy* and *Code of Conduct* reflect direction from the Ethics Commissioner to MacEwan. There will be online training and declarations/pre-approval required for some activities including concurrent employment, and receipt of gifts and honorariums.
- Dr. Shelley Boulianne and Dr. Erin Walton have been appointed the first MacEwan Board of Governor Chairs. All applications for the positions were from Arts and Science members, reflecting the scholarly profile and academic culture of our Faculty.
- In addition, all four Distinguished Teaching Award recipients this year are from Arts and Science: Jacqueline Baker, Dr. Ion Bica, Dr. Susan Mills, and Dr. Rod Schmaltz.
- There will be a number of changes in Department Chairs, effective July 1. Dr. Hugh McKenzie will start and initial three-year term as Chair of AEPS (though he has served one year as Interim Chair). Dr. Pam Farvolden will assume the Chair of English, and Dr. Adi Tcaciuc will

assume the Chair of Mathematics and Statistics. Thank you to the current Chairs and applicants.

- Successfully hired 10 (\*revised since Council) tenure track faculty in Computer Science, Humanities (History and Classics), Economics, Sociology, Physical Sciences, and Biological Sciences.
- Incredible success this year in hiring research students for summer 2019: nine STEP Students, nine USRA awards, 43 USRI awards, and three MITECS funded students.
- New post-doc and student research space will soon open in Room 5-162. Space can fit up to 32 research students. More information on how to apply for the space is forthcoming, as will a Post-Doc Policy currently in development.
- Tyler Kachmar has been cross-appointed to the role of Director, Finance for Arts and Science. Tyler will split his role between our Faculty, and the School of Business.
- We have received news that MacEwan will no longer be required to report yearly to Campus Alberta Quality Council on the Bachelor of Science. BSc reporting will normalize to reporting standards for established programs. This is a major step forward and this relaxation in oversight indicates the maturation of our BSc Program.
- Over the past 18 months, the Faculty has undertaken a major internal program review of our Bachelor of Arts led by a committee appointed by Faculty Council. The final report was submitted to external reviewers who gave very positive feedback about our BA program, as well as useful recommendations. I am working on the Dean's Response and there will also be an Action Plan, to follow. This was a huge task, and the Committee deserves thanks. Special recognition is due to Dr. Jeff Stepnisky, Chair of the BA Review Committee (Melissa Hills, BA Review Committee member and Vice-Chair of Council presented a letter of recognition to Dr. Stepnisky)

#### **Item V**

##### **Guest Presentation – Craig Monk, Provost**

- Dr. Monk provided an update on the Dean Search, set to take place for the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Provost's Office has a process in place, tested in the Dean of Library search and other senior administrator searches. Craig will write to the Faculty to seek volunteers for the Committee. The team would be set up before the fall, so there would be instructions to get to market, with the help of an executive search firm.
- There will be two rounds of interviews – first a private part of the search to allow initial discussion with potential candidates, and second a public round where candidates successful in the first round are invited to campus. There will be a secure mechanism to get feedback from staff and faculty.

- Not yet confirmed who would be Interim Dean for 2019-2020 but additional resources would be added to Dean's Office.
- Q: faculty hiring?
- A: Net gain of 50 new faculty positions are expected to be hired across the whole institution over the next five years (i.e. above retirement replacement)
- Q: space planning?
- A: We're not able to fix space issues immediately. The most exciting development is the five-year university plan which includes completion of the new Students' Union building (next year) and a new building for the School of Business (probably five to seven years) which will help in the medium term, as space used for those areas can be reallocated.
- Q: Update on Presidential Search?
- A: Provost has seat on the Search Committee, and the University Secretariat is leading the project. An executive hiring firm has been engaged. Consultation with the University Community will take longer, into the fall. However, there's an aggressive timeline and the hope is to have a new President hired between December and February, with a July 1, 2020 effective date. Considerations like restrictions on compensation set by government could come into play when attracting candidates.
- Q: What would new Government bring to MacEwan?
- A: Hope that if it brings financial constraints that this comes with relaxed oversight on other issues where outgoing government has been closely involved and some things have been more difficult to manage.
- We remain committed to the Strategic Plan being developed now, and this could help us in recruitment of the next President.

## Item VI

### Items for Action

#### *a) Curriculum*

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| <b>Motion # 350:</b> | That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body the changes to ENGL 103.                                      | <b>Motion: carried</b> |
| Skeffington/Copland  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions allow more flexibility and diversity in content and focus of the course.</li> </ul>  |                        |
| <b>Motion # 351:</b> | That the Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body ENGL 104 and ENGL 105.  | <b>Motion: carried</b> |
| Martin/Copland       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along with new ENGL 103, these new courses offer more diversity in first year English offerings which may be used to fulfill 3 credit English</li> </ul> |                        |

requirements. After taking English 102, student may select either 103, 104, or 105 to fulfill.

## Item VII

### Items for Information

#### a) *Updates from representatives to other Faculty/School Councils*

- Tina Bott, representative to FFAC noted use procedural differences, such as use of consent agenda, and also focus on PSLA changes and planning of major curriculum, including BFA and Major in Design.
- Eric Legge, rep to SoB, noted School of Business agendas very full and items addressed in significant detail. Each meeting opened with blessing from Indigenous Elder. More presentations from external groups and students, as well as updates from Associate Deans and Chairs. Appears shovels will be in ground for new building in 2021-2022. Strong focus on industry and development of transferrable skills in students. Hiring eight new faculty positions this year and introducing Honours to the BComm program.
- Janice De Graaf, rep to Con-Ed, indicated spots for guest speakers at Con-ED Council, as well as work on PABA courses (Psychology linkage)

#### b) *Creating Connections 2019*

- Teaching, Research, and Faculty Development Committee focused on the event taking place Tuesday, April 30. Please register, it's free. Focus is on integration of teaching and scholarship.

#### c) *Refresh on Travel Policy and Procedures*

- Documents provided in recent email from Joanne Minaker. Travel policy and procedure updates include access to International SOS service, which faculty, staff and students can register for. If you're travelling with students who are not part of a registered course need to register them separately as they're not covered by workplace compensation.

#### d) *PSLA Update*

- GFC has approved faculty and school councils as formal standing committees. Waiting on additional information about changes stemming from PSLA update, but will clarify information, such as approval levels for curriculum, membership. Development of Bylaws for PSLA will flow into updates for Faculty Council Terms of Reference.

#### e) *Committee election results*

- List of elected positions provided for information. Several seats not filled, will need to be appointed by Executive Committee.

#### f) *Dean's Request to GFC for Posthumous Credential for Nakehko Lamothe*

- Document submitted to GFC by Dean included for Faculty's information.
- Update, GFC approved the granting of a posthumous credential.

*g) Executive Minutes January 11, 2019*

- No items raised.

**Item VIII**

**Other Business**

- None raised

**Item IX**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #352**

Move that the Faculty Council adjourn.

Motion: **carried by consensus**