

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 28
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Room 5-142 (CN Theatre)
Initial Motion #: 260

Present:

Monk, C (Chair)	de Graaf, J	Irangu, J	Milne, E	Smereka, T
Sneffjella, B	Deline, T	Irwin, B	Mugo, S	Soroski, J
(Secretary)	Digdon, N	Islam, S	Olchoway-	Stepnisky, J
Alam, R	Eberhart, J	Jeffrey, L	Rozeboom, G	Strayer, K
Amundson, L	Einarsson, R	Katz, M	Panjvani, C	Su, W
Anton, Ca	Elliott, C	Lee, R	Penney, A	Sullivan, P
Bailey, C	Flaherty, L	Legge, E	Pienkowski, A	Tcaciuc, A
Becalska, A	Franczak, B	Llano, J	Pollock, C	Thurairajah, K
Beke, N	Friesen, K	Lorimer, S	Powell, R	Watson, D
Boag, F	Gatto, D	Lorkovic, E (vice-	Prince, P	Wiznura, R.
Bott, T	Gelmini, L	Chair)	Robinson, J	Wojtowicz, R
Boulianne, S	Grant, D	Macdonell, C	Ross, M	Youzwyshyn, G
Buro, K	Gulayets, M	Manouchehri, S	Rychliski, R	Zutter, C
Carroll, M	Hackett, E	Mark, M	Schalomon, M	
Copland, S	Hannan, S	Martin, D	Sekulic, M	<i>Members of the</i>
Corrigall, K	Hanscomb, K (For	McGugan, D	Seredycz, M	<i>Public</i>
Cowling, E	Terri Suntjens)	Meleshko, R	Shulist, S	Ristau, K (IAP)
Davies, K	Hayman, S	Mensah, C	Sibley, L	
Davis, J	Honey, L	Mewhort, R	Sinclair, K	
Deleurme, K	Howell, A	Mills, S	Skeffington, J	

Regrets:

Aaquist, O	Cobzas, D	Jung, S	Minaker, J	Shaw, R
Baker, J	Coulson, J	Kim-Bernard, K	Nelund, A	Solez, K
Bernstein, N	Das, M	Krys, S	O'Connor, J	Stock, M
Bica, I	Davis, M	Lakowski, R	Parrish-Craig, A	Swanston, T
Blittner, K	Degner, M	Locky, D	Prichard, L	Symbaluk, D
Blatz, C	Farvolden, P	McFadyen, D	Ravagnolo, K	Toth, J
Boers, N	Grewal, S	McKeown, N	Ruiz Serrano, C	Valdez, L
Braun, D	Hamilton, T	McMann, D	Schmaltz, R	Zadorozhna, N

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Craig Monk at 4:00 pm

Item I**Motion #260**

Honey/Tcaciuc

Adoption of Agenda

Move that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Motion: **carried**

- Addition of action item to approve membership on the BA Review ("self-study") Committee.

Item II**Motion #261**

Skeffington/Mensah

Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council #27, September 20, 2017

Move to approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion: **carried****Item III****Items Arising from the Minutes**

- None

Item IV**Dean's Report**

- The report addressed: the opening of Allard Hall for Faculty of Fine Arts and Communication; Arts and Science participation at amiskwaciy High School; reminder to update benefits plan ahead of change in providers; Dean's Café session on writing Statements of Case for Tenure and Promotion; Confidence Line usage; plans to recruit a new position, Associate VP, Students; annual reports and eCV feedback; institutional push to enhance entrance scholarships; launch of Martine Partridge Memorial Award in English; move to include each Dean to membership of other Faculty/School Councils (non-voting); update on Sabbatical application process; update on Tenure and Promotion Committees; update on searches; update on broader financial and budgetary environment; introduction of Sessional members on Faculty Council; update on next Open House; notification of return of Shawna Charles as Faculty's Divisional Accountant, with thanks to Jason Steele; and, the formal scheduling of Dean's presentation on reappointment.

Item V**Presentations***a) introduction of staff of Research Services Office (Cynthia Zutter)*

- Vice Provost, Cynthia Zutter, introduced her team at Research Services, including Faculty Research Officers Sam Mugo and Michael McDonald to provide peer support on applications for research grants.
- Cynthia and her team can be reached at Research@macewan.ca

b) Ombudsperson Presentation (Cathryn Heslep)

- Overview of role and services offered (presentation deck appears in Faculty Council package).
- Key function is supporting students in navigating institutional processes and policies. Ombuds works closely with program advisors, Wellness and Psychological Services, the Academic Integrity Office, and with administrators like the Associate Dean, of students.
- 154 individuals have sought the service since May 2016. There are repeat interactions and time per case varies depending on issues.

- Faculty members can refer students and parents early – ex., can refer students who need support in understanding appeals processes.
- StudentsOmbuds@macewan.ca or heslepc@MacEwan.ca

Item VI

Items for Action

a) Program and Curricular Items

Biological Sciences

Motion #262

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BIOL 314.

Beke/Friesen

Motion: **carried**

Motion #263

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body BIOL 316 and BIOL 414.

Beke/Friesen

Motion: **carried**

Computer Science

Motion #264

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CMPT 330.

Beke/MacDonell

Motion: **carried**

Motion #265

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body CMPT 398 and CMPT 498.

Beke/MacDonell

Motion: **carried**

English

Motion #266

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ENGL 381.

Skeffington/Beke

Motion: **carried**

Humanities

Motion #267

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CHIN 101, CHIN 102, JAPN 101, and JAPN 102.

Beke/Lorkovic

Motion: **carried**

Motion #268

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PHIL 381.

Beke/Lorkovic

Motion: **carried**

Mathematics and Statistics

Motion #269

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to MATH 410.

Beke/Buro

Motion: **carried**

Physical Sciences

Motion #270 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CHEM 353, CHEM 372, and CHEM 472.

Beke/Hackett

Motion: **carried**

Motion #271 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body EASC 240 and EASC 406.

Beke/Hackett

Motion: **carried**

Psychology

Motion #272 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PSYC 385 and PSYC 408.

Beke/Honey

Motion: **carried**

Sociology

Motion #273 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body SOCI 496 and SOCI 497

Beke/Stepnisky

Motion: **carried**

Motion #274 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to SOCI 498.

Beke/Stepnisky

Motion: **carried**

Honours Thesis Courses

Motion #275 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ANTH 499A, ANTH 499B, BIOL 499A, BIOL 499B, ECON 499, POLS 499, PSYC 499A, and PSYC 499B.

- There was debate on the floor on the recommended approach to include an Honours Advisor workload element in the MCS (counting the role as 45 Instructional Hours in Departments with over 10 Honours students). The chief concerns raised in response to the proposal were the advisability of linking workload to an MCS, crediting a service (or combined teaching/service) task as teaching workload, potential for use of Collective Agreement mechanisms to achieve similar ends, and the number of students to invoke the option. Support from Council was roughly divided.

Beke/Honey

Motion: **failed**

Faculty of Arts and Science

Motion #276 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body COSL 200 and WINL 200.

- General questions and explanation about why COSL and WINL exist at 200 and 300 level and which unit owns the course. These courses are owned by the Dean's Office and are primarily intended for interdisciplinary courses for credit where there is no discipline

Beke/Honey

Motion: **carried**

Motion #277

That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to WINL 300.

Beke/Honey

Motion: **carried**

Programs of Study

Motion #278 (omnibus) That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body:

- Changes to Programs of Study for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts Honours, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Science Honours.
- Changes to the Degree Regulations for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science.
- The Programs of Study for the Accounting Minor for Arts and Science, the Finance Minor for Arts and Science, the Human Resources Minor for Arts and Science, and the Marketing Minor for Arts and Science.
- Changes to Programs of Study for the Biological Sciences Major and Honours.
- Changes to Programs of Study for the Computer Science Major.
- Changes to the Program of Study for English Honours.
- Changes to the Program of Study for the Planetary Physics Minor.
- Changes to the Programs of Study for the Sociology Major, Honours, and Minor.

Beke/Honey

Motion: **carried**

- Approval of BA Review (Self-Study) Membership*

Motion #279

That Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve the following membership to serve on The Bachelor of Arts Self Study Committee, for the Academic Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019:

Department of Anthropology, Economics, and Political Science: Chaldeans Mensah
Department of English: Pam Farvolden

Department of Humanities: Ben Garstad
Department of Psychology: Nancy Digdon
Department of Sociology: Jeffrey Stepnisky
External (Natural Sciences): TBD

- As there were no volunteers for the external role in the general call, Executive Committee to Faculty Council will follow-up to identify and appoint a representative of the BSc.

Lorkovic/Buro

Motion: **carried**

Items for Information

a) AGC Report

- Protection of Minors policy endorsed by AGC. Arts and Science representatives raised several questions and concerns about particulars. Implementation may impact, for example, activities where children and youth are invited to campus.
- Academic Planning and Priorities Committee is seeking to clarify its role and mandate
- Adi Tcaciuc, Chair of Research Council, introduced 2017-2020 Research Strategic Plan
- Policy on Sabbaticals was rescinded - now covered by Collective Agreement

b) Budget Update

- With budget now in place, we are working out anticipated spending for the remainder of the year. We anticipate hiring 12 new faculty members, but this would not come out of this year's budget. If there is money available for projects like modification of spaces, it will be communicated through DAG. Will return to Council with hard numbers later in the year.
- \$25,000 allotted to student travel in a one-time windfall

e) Minutes Executive Committee

- Enclosed for information. No questions.

f) Staff list 2017/2018

- Corrected version enclosed for information.

Item VII

Other Business

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Item VIII

Motion #280

Skeffington/Tcaciuc

Adjournment

Move that the Faculty Council adjourn.

Motion: **carried**

Item IX

Question Period – Not minuted

Future meeting dates: Dec. 5, at 1pm, Feb, 7 at 4pm, and Apr. 24, at 1:30pm