

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 39
Date: February 4, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Room 5-142
Motion #s: 387-396

Present:

Lorkovic, E (Chair)	Davies, K	Llano, J	Robinson, J	Honey, L
Thurairajah, K	Davis, J	Lorimer, S	Romney, J	MacDonald, C
(Vice-Chair)	de Graaf, J	Macdonell, C	Ruiz Serrano, C	Minaker, J
Bruins-Smith, T	Digdon, N	McFadyen, D	Shaw, R	Morrison, J
(Secretary)	El-Hajj, M	McKenzie, H	Sibley, L	Park, O
Alam, R	Elmorsy, M	McKeown, N	Skye, A	Reekie, S
Alati, D	Epp, M	Meleshko, R	Smereka, T	Robertson, S
Amundson, L	Farvolden, P	Mensah, C	Soroski, J	Schalomon, M
Andersen, H	Ferede, E	Mewhort, R	Stepnisky, J	Vasquez, S
Anton, Ca	Friesen, K	Mills, S	Summers, K	Waddingham, S
Becalska, A	Haines, J	Milne, E	Swanston, T	Wiznura, R
Bica, I	Harcombe, K	Moscicki, M	Tcaciuc, A	
Blatz, C	Hayduk, L	Nelund, A	Tessier, A	<i>Ex Officiis and</i>
Boyd, B	Hayman, S	O'Connor, J	Vongpaisal, T	<i>Delegates</i>
Buro, K	Herbert, C	Overend, A	Witherell, R	Ginther, R
Byrne, C	Hills, M	Panjvani, C	Zadorozhna, N	McLaughlin, D
Carroll, M	Howell, A	Patterson, A		McKenzie, D
Christensen-	Intungane, D	Peace, K	<i>Other - Voting</i>	Monk, C
Dalsgaard, K	Irwin, B	Powell, R	Beke, N	
Cobzas, D	Ivanescu, C	Prince, P	Cartledge, S	<i>Public Member</i>
Coulson, J	Kim-Bernard, K	Ravagnolo, K	Dykes, M	
Cowling, E	Lee, R	Rezania, V	Gatto, D	

Regrets

Bailey, C	Corlett, H	Forth, A	Hannan, S
Barran S	Corrigall, K	Franczak, B	Hutchinson, C
Beauclair, A	Das, M	Giacomin, M	Indratmo
Bernstein, N	Davis, M	Gonzalez-Lucena, F	Jarick, M
Boag, F	Falconer, R	Gulayets, M	Judge, K
Bratt, S	Flaherty, L	Hamilton, T	Jung, S

Krys, S
Lakowski, R
Legge, E
Martin, D

Pang, C
Penney, A
Ramsey, C

Rollings-
Magnusson, S
Schmaltz, R
Sibley, L

Su, W
Symbaluk, D
Thompson, W

Move into Session: The meeting was called to order by Edvard Lorkovic at 4:04pm.

Item I Adoption of Agenda

Motion #387 Move that the Agenda be approved as presented.
Thurairajah / Davis J

Motion: **consensus**

Item II Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council #38, Oct 17, 2019

Motion #388 Move to approve the Minutes of Faculty Council #38 as presented.
Thurairajah / Davis J

Motion: **consensus**

Item III Items Arising from the Minutes

- None

Item IV Dean's Report

- Decanal Search - candidate interviews Feb 7, 11, 13
- Budget - waiting still on next year's number, should know more no later than the next provincial budget
- 2nd quarter forecast is showing a smaller deficit than initially expected
- 10 OOS positions were reduced last month, 6 in academic affairs. These roles will not be filled
- Functional reviews are in progress. Financial report has been provided, advising review town hall was today, IT and Admin review are ongoing
- At the Faculty level, class sizes and section optimizations have happened which has reduced the budget for 2020-21 by roughly \$300,000 and increases seats. Having students finish in a timely fashion has always been a challenge, this will help.
- Performance evaluations have been uploaded, no numbers ready yet but will have them, if you'd like to follow up on the evaluations, ask for a meeting with the Interim Dean
 - Recommendations: to reflect more in general - why you've done what you did, anomalies can be accounted for, better articulation of scholarly plan
 - Overall, student feedback survey response rates should be higher. If you've been successful, please share your tricks
- 9 faculty searches are underway, 3 almost complete, 3 offers, 2 acceptances
- Tenure and Promotion hearings are underway, update in fall
- Code of Conduct - Thank you, disclosures have been handled smoothly
- PD Funds - PD allocations are now being tracked within the faculty by Shawna Charles. She can provide balances. Send the request to your chair for

approval, ask your chair to reply by email and attach that as PDF to your expense report.

Item V

Presentation from Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching and Learning

- The committee has been meeting regularly, making good progress, a survey is going to all members for feedback on program learning outcomes. Please complete the survey, implore that when you see it, provide as much info as you can as its exploratory. BSc may be different from BA cause teaching cultures matter, questions are vague, want authentic impressions on what they should learn or do by the time they leave. We really want your thoughts about the goals for learning
- Program learning outcomes, not teaching outcomes, what is the student developing, the student is at the centre
- Report should be an aspirational report, talk about your goals, what should/could we be doing in addition to what you think it is
- We would like as broad a sample of ideas as we can possibly get

Item VI

Items for Action

a) Program and Curricular Items

Omnibus:

Motion #389 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BICM 200, BICM 310, BICM 320, and BICM 330.

Motion #390 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BIOL 323 and BIOL 367.

Motion #391 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BOTN 205.

Wiznura/Friesen

Motion: **carried**

- Biochem 200, chem 102 101, error Naomi to correct
- Biochem, non-lab classes, typically they would also have 200 level research lab
- Lab component or research opportunity. We are talking about adding that, as part of the PLO and curricular mapping, and this was identified as a gap and that it could be developed better at 2 or 300 level

Omnibus:

Motion #392 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CLAS 271.

Motion #393 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to HIST 411 and HIST 476.

Motion #394 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PHIL 103, PHIL 215, PHIL 341, PHIL 355, and PHIL 365.

Wiznura/Carroll

Motion: **carried**

Motion #395 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Arts.

Wiznura/Beke

Motion: **carried**

- Both of the mature admission criteria has been updated for Canadian applications, included in rational changes but not in the document. Concern with it excluding immigrants who have not gotten PR yet. Follows Registrar's guidelines.
- We are bound by that, but it only applies to non-regular admission criteria. International students are under a different category
- If an applicant has done 24 credits, they've done some sort of writing and reasonable proof that they have the English pre-req. Must be university level, not just diploma level, must be transferrable

Motion #396 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to General Faculties Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Science.

Wiznura/Beke

Motion: **carried**

- Clarification: previous post-secondary required, math and scie under mature admission, must have 2 from the list, must have bio 30 or bio 101/102. Equivalencies can be used (e.g. math 120 instead of math 30-1)
- It doesn't say "or their equivalent", OUR would like us to use that language and would like consistency across faculties

Item VII **Items for Information**

a) TRFDC Report

- Creating Connections May first in the morning, we are a diverse faculty, but we all do teaching or scholarly inquiry or research, we are creating a space for faculty to work on this; something to take home and possibly integrate
- Workshops are better than a conference, minimizing non-action/sitting part, looking at dynamic workshops, implementing some of the changes allowing informal discussion
- Deadline for workshop leaders is Feb 28th, PDF submission to FASgovernance, topic title and brief bio
- For more info talk to Joanne

b) Executive Committee Minutes from January 17th

- As presented

c) *GFC Update*

- General studies has officially been terminated by the board
- The Library is getting its own council
- Official permission: academic OOS secondments can now name themselves and be elected to GFC

Item VIII

Other Business

- We are not aware of academic program closures. Seen it in other faculties, BA is largest in the uni, BSc is the second largest. Will depend on student interest, as long we have enrolments there shouldn't be reason to worry.
- There are set processes around adding and removing programs and majors and minors
- Program closures go to GFC
- Majors and Minors also with GFC, would have to come to Faculty Council via Dept Council
- A new major requires a lot of process, if we were to remove a major we have to go through the same steps as the termination of general studies, minors don't have additional cost
- Savings are not clear yet on the cancellation of German acquisition classes. Savings from this reduction are part of the overall savings achieved by reducing the schedule, reductions were made by demand, the count hasn't been done yet, final tweaks are still happening, once we have the final knowledge of schedule we can crunch numbers.

Item IX

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:57p.m.