

FFAC Council Minutes

January 15, 2019
Room 9-102, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Chair

Allan Gilliland

Vice-Chair

Raymond Baril

Attendees

Robert Andruchow	Emily Gryba	Lucille Mazo	Dawn Sadoway
Robyn Ayles	Travis Hatt	Gloria Olchowy	Kent Sangster
Elisabeth Belliveau	Paul Johnston	Jamie Philp	Aubrianna Snow
Craig Brennan	Milo Knauer	Sony Raj	Jennifer Spencer
Rose Clancy	Annetta Latham	Bill Richards	Isabelle Sperano
Heather Fitzsimmons-Frey	Michael MacDonald	Chandelle Rimmer	Scott Spidell
Rose Ginther	Iain Macpherson	Leigh Rivenbark	Tom Van Seters
Brian Gorman	Darci Mallon	Denise Roy	Leslie Vermeer

Ex-Officio Members

Theresa Chika-James	Birgitta Fishwick	Melissa Merrigan
Cassie Prochnau	Rosie Gakhal	Sandy Stiff

Guests

Kathleen Byrne	Shelley Josey	Ken Ristau	Lynn Wells
David Garfinkle	John Montague	Danica Rose	

Regrets

Rubim de Toledo	Emilie LeBel	Dianne Nicholls	Wayne Williams
Jim Guedo	Nichole Magneson	Constanza Pacher	
Marcel Hamel	Jason Malenko	Peter Roccia	
Kate Kosinski	Kathy Neiman	Rey Rosales	

Minutes

Christine Valentine

1. Call to order

The Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications (FFAC) Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda and consent agenda

Allan Gilliland, Chair, FFAC Council, presented the agenda for the January 15, 2019 meeting for approval. The following items were approved/ reviewed on the consent agenda:

- October 23, 2018 FFAC Council minutes
- January 7, 2019 Executive Committee minutes
- Results of FFAC extended call for sessional faculty nominations
- Updated FFAC Council linked schedule 2018-2019
- Graphic Design diploma proposal
- Bachelor of Fine Arts proposal (revised)

Motion to approve the January 15, 2019 FFAC Council agenda and consent agenda, as presented.

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Moved by M. MacDonald and seconded by J. Spencer

CARRIED

3. Chair's update

Reported by A. Gilliland, Chair

The following items were reported:

- Allan welcomed Bachelor of Communication Studies faculty to Allard Hall and thanked Lucille Mazo, Chair, Department of Communication and staff in the Dean's Office for their work in coordinating the move from Building 7.
- Allan will strike a committee to discuss the involvement of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications in celebrations for MacEwan University's 50th anniversary in 2021.
- Faculty who are interested in publishing with Palgrave can contact Allan for the publisher's information.
- Allan welcomed new sessional faculty representative, Gloria Olchow, to the FFAC Council.

4. AGC update

Reported by E. Gryba, AGC Student Representative

Emily Gryba provided the following report from the October 30, 2018 and November 27, 2018 Academic Governance Council meetings:

- The legislative changes that established MacEwan as an undergraduate university in the Post-Secondary Learning Act come into effect February 1. AGC will provide more updates as they are available.
- AGC endorsed a full fall reading break beginning in fall 2020.
- Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approved the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education proposal and the Committee on Admissions and Transfer approved the admission criteria.
- AGC approved the Research Council Terms of Reference.
- AGC approved curriculum changes proposed by the faculty/ school councils.

5. New business

5.1 Presentation on Services to Students with Disabilities

Presented by L. Wells, Associate VP, Students and Teaching, and D. Rose, Learning Specialist

Lynn Wells, Associate VP, Students and Teaching, provided an overview of her role and responsibilities overseeing all areas in Student Affairs. Danica Rose, Learning Specialist, provided information about services to students with disabilities. More information on services for students with disabilities can be found on the Services to Students with Disabilities [website](#).

5.2 Bachelor of Communication Studies baccalaureate program review action plan

Presented by L. Mazo, Chair, Department of Communication

Motion to recommend approval of the Bachelor of Communication Studies baccalaureate program review action plan to Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC).

FFACFC-02-01-15-2019

Moved by R. Ginther and seconded by R. Baril

CARRIED

5.3 Bachelor of Communication Studies admission criteria

Presented by L. Mazo, Chair, Department of Communication

Motion to recommend approval of the Bachelor of Communication Studies admission criteria to Committee on Admissions and Transfer (CAT).

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Moved by D. Sadoway and seconded by L. Rivenbark

CARRIED

5.4 Social media engagement

Presented by A. Gilliland, Chair, FFAC Council

Allan Gilliland asked that faculty refrain from replying directly to comments on social media and to send any issues or concerns to him. In cases where an institutional response is needed, the Office of Communication and Marketing or the Office of General Counsel may respond.

5.5 Post-Secondary Learning Act changes update

Presented by A. Gilliland, Dean

Overview of changes

The move to Part 1 of the PSLA establishes MacEwan as an undergraduate university, institutes a true bicameral structure, and makes other substantial changes to our governance processes. A General Faculties Council (GFC) will replace Academic Governance Council (AGC) and will have similar responsibilities to AGC, except that it will approve its own Bylaws. The Board may appoint a chancellor, who will be nominated by a joint committee. Under Part 1 of the PSLA, the President is vice-chancellor.

The membership of the Board of Governors will be expanded to include one (1) student, one (1) faculty, one (1) chancellor, two (2) alumni (based on establishment of an Alumni Association), with the possibility of additional members who are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister. MacEwan University will formally establish a Deans' Council and Faculty/ School Councils and will have the authority to grant honorary degrees (including doctorate degrees).

Impact for Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications

The FFAC Council will likely have more decision-making powers, however the exact impact on Faculty/ School Councils is difficult to determine at this point until the structure of the General Faculties Council is established.

5.6 FFAC organization chart

Presented by A. Gilliland, Chair, FFAC Council

Allan Gilliland provided a revised FFAC organization chart, which includes changes to the reporting structure of the administrative support and advisors, among other changes. These organization changes came as a result because Dianne Westwood, Director, Finance and Business Operations, is retiring, and this position is likely to change as many finance functions in the university are being centralized. The new position, likely a manager-level position, cannot be advertised until the dean has received approval from the Budget Committee. The new proposed structure is subject to change and will take effect only when the new manager is hired.

5.7 Departments of Arts and Cultural Management and Communication chairs

Reported by A. Gilliland, Chair, FFAC Council

Lucille Mazo is completing her term as Chair of the Department of Communication at the end of June and a call has gone out to eligible faculty members within the department to put their names forward for this position. Denise Roy, Chair, Department of Arts and Cultural Management, is retiring and Leslie Vermeer,

faculty member in the Department of Communication, has agreed to serve as chair for a one-year term until a faculty member from the department is eligible to put their name forward for the position.

6. Committee business & reports

6.1 Curriculum Committee

Reported by C. Rimmer, Chair, FFAC Curriculum Committee

Chandelle Rimmer, Chair, FFAC Curriculum Committee, provided the following report:

- Leslie Vermeer was elected as Vice-Chair for the remainder of her two-year term
- The committee has continued their discussion about the course approval process in lieu of the new online syllabus system
- The committee approved the deactivation of AGAD 201 Advocacy in the Cultural Sector

6.2 Research Committee

Reported by L. Mazo, Chair, FFAC Research Committee

Lucille Mazo provided the following report:

- Isabelle Sperano was elected as Vice-Chair for the remainder of her two-year term.
- The committee reviewed the first of five research goal statements, which were taken from the Research Council strategic plan. The committee will also be looking at the guidelines for the research lab (11-434) and making recommendations about how the room will be used.
- The committee met with the Chair of the Research Ethics Board, Mike Seredycz, and discussed research approvals for creative research at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications.

6.3 Research Adjudication Committee

Reported by D. Roy, Chair, FFAC Research Adjudication Committee

Denise Roy provided the following report:

- The committee adjudicated project and dissemination funds for a total of \$48,945.67 of the \$50,000 available funding (\$18,245.67 for Dissemination Fund applications and \$30,700 for Project Fund applications). Seven out of nine applications were funded.
- The committee adjudicated Student Undergraduate Research Funds (SURF) for a total of \$9,000 of the \$10,000 available funding. All nine applications received funding.
- A second call for funding may be distributed if there is funding available in the next quarter.

7. Open discussion

Denise Roy, Chair, Department of Arts and Cultural Management announced that Dr. David Stevenson will be visiting MacEwan University from Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh and will be hosting a special session on research on January 21. Any faculty who are interested can book a 30-minute session with Dr. Stevenson to discuss their research. To sign up for a session, email Sherrell Steele at steeles2@macewan.ca.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.