

MINUTES
Monday, January 29, 2024
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
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Voting Attendees:

Anna Azulai	Fred McGinn	Matthew Halton
Baiju P. Vareed	Jeff Moggach	Matthew LaGrone
Brendan Cavanagh	Jenny McGrath	Nancy Thomas
Carolyn Parkes	Jiu-Lin Wang	Natalia Rohatyn-Martin
Cassie Prochnau	John Corlett	Nicole Patrie
Christine, Pope	John Haney	Noah Kenneally
Cynthia Puddu	John Valentine	Ozlem Cankaya
Darren Tellier	Kealey Dube	Paul Chahal
Dave Kato	Kelsey Reed	Rebecca Stiller
David Danto	Kris Wells	Rhonda Fischer
Donna Barker	Lee Makovichuk	Robin Murray
Faye Hamilton	Lindsey Whitson	Stewart Callioux
Fiona Edwards-	Lisa Paniak	Tim Williams
Akunesiobike	Lun Li	
Fiona Gironella	Maria Di Stasio	

Non-Voting Attendees:

Christina Burrows
Dallin Wynnychuk
Jessica Pach (recording)

Regrets:

Allan Gilliland
Brandi Pawliuk
Christy Raymond
Danielle Larocque
Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty
Hellen Gateri
Hongmei Tong – On leave
Karen Keiller
Melike Schalomon
Melissa Merrigan
Neil Fitzpatrick
Richard Perlow
Roseleen John
Tara Winsor
Valerie Ouedraogo – On leave

Absent:

Amber Dion
Ann Basualdo
Anna Rissanen
Doug Johnson
Erin Gray
Gerard Bellefeuille
Jody Marshall
Tatum Albert

Call to order at 3:02pm.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Introductions and the Land Acknowledgement were made.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda/Consent Agenda

The following items were approved:

2.1 December 4, 2023 Minutes

After discussion, the following motion was adopted.

FHCSFC-01-01-29-2024

**Moved by Jeff Moggach/Paul Chahal to accept the Agenda/Consent Agenda as presented
..... Carried**

3.0 Approval of New Cyber Justice (CYJU) Courses

The Faculty of Arts and Science and the School of Business are developing a Cybersecurity Studies minor that will be available to students enrolled in degree programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, the School of Business, and future Faculty of Health and Community Studies programs (e.g. the Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice), when implemented. This interdisciplinary minor will include courses from the Department of Computer Science, the Department of Accounting and Finance, the Department of Management and Organizations, and the Department of Public Safety and Justice Studies.

The three new courses being reviewed are the courses that have been created by the Department of Public Safety and Justice Studies to be offered as a part of the Cybersecurity Studies minor. CYJU 223 and CYJU 265 are duplicates of existing courses, PSSC 123 and PSSC 265, respectively. CYJU 365 is being created with the intent of being identical to PSJS 365 which is to be created in the coming months and incorporated into the proposed Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice. These three new courses are being offered under the subject code CYJU to differentiate them from the Faculty of Health and Community Studies program of study required courses (e.g. PSSC), ensuring enrollment management and different prerequisites if required.

After discussion, the following motion was adopted.

FHCSFC-02-01-29-2024

Moved by Rebecca Stiller/Kelsey Reed that the Health and Community Studies Faculty Council approve the newly developed CYJU courses as presented in a single omnibus motion. Carried

4.0 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Update

The committee is planning for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion week, which has been scheduled by the Office of Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion for March 18-22, 2024. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee would like to contribute to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion week by having a panel discussion around Hate Crimes. Ozlem Cankaya has been in conversation with REACH Edmonton and the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee, and a meeting is scheduled with both organizations for February 9, 2024 to discuss the panel for the event.

5.0 Committee on Scholarly Activity Committee Update

A faculty survey was sent to faculty to learn about scholarly activity to help with the planning at different events and understanding the faculty needs.

Call for Supplementary Funds went out in December 2023; eight applications were funded. The committee is looking at working with the Dean's office on consistent funding, improving the application process and moving the application deadline to mid-October for the next year.

Twenty-Six participants attended the Scholarly Activity event last week on Indigenous Research Methods. Next session will be the last week of February.

The Office of Research will be holding workshops on Grants & Funding, and how Research and Scholarship works in specific areas of the faculty.

The Faculty of Health and Community Studies Conference/Symposium is planned for mid-October. A Planning & Steering Committee is needed, invitations to join the Planning & Steering Committee will be sent shortly.

MacEwan University will be hosting the EXPO Conference for 2025, largest conference in Canada on Community Engagement. The Research Symposium is thought to be the launching pad of the larger EXPO Conference.

6.0 Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity

The Centre was able to partner with Canada West to host the Stick Up For Pride Tape weekend to show support for inclusivity in sport.

The Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity and MacEwan participated in Oilers Pride Night.

Edmonton Oilers will be hosting the Pride Cup in partnership with MacEwan this summer in the Ice District.

In January the Centre of Sexual and Gender Diversity together with Sport and Wellness held an all-body swim.

Next Speaker Series Event is on February 12, 2024 from 5:00-6:00PM at the CN Theatre in partnership with St. Stephens College: Speaker will be Michael Coren.

An upcoming Speaker Series event will include Dr. Ada Sinacore from McGill University presenting on the anti-trans discourse and rhetoric.

MacEwan Pride Week will be held from March 11-15, 2024.

7.0 Department Council Updates

7.1 Allied Health and Human Performance

Massage Clinic had a specialized clinic for first responders, which was well promoted and well received.

The Massage Program is looking to receive national accreditation to improve mobility for graduates, which will require changes through the governance process.

Physical Education is going through Program Study and Curriculum changes as well.

Tara Winsor is currently facilitating the largest on-site Hearing Aid Lab the campus has had.

The self-study for accreditation for Physical Therapy Assistant/Occupational Therapy Assistant was completed.

Work continues on the Health Sciences Degree proposal.

7.2 Child and Youth Care

A student showcase occurred in November highlighting student work from a third- and fourth-year class.

The CYCW 303 Study tour is returning in February. Two faculty and 23 students are travelling to Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. We are partnering with a graduate of our program to complete a community service-learning project, visiting two universities, several Social Care agencies and participating in cultural/historical tours. The on-campus section will also be completing a community service-learning project and both groups will observe each other's presentations at the end of the semester.

Gerard Bellefeuille, Rebecca Stiller, and Kerry-Heaney Dalton are editing a book titled Relational Arts-Based Teaching and Learning: Engaging Mind, Body, and Soul that should be released this spring.

A couple of student research projects from the fall research course will likely be published this year.

Congratulations to Rebecca Stiller and Gerard Bellefeuille who received the Faculty of Health and Community Studies internal grant funding.

Faculty are writing, applying for funding, and presenting at conferences.

Donna has been busy meeting with students to start preparing for next year's second- and fourth-year practicums. She has visited several community partner agencies to learn about their programming.

Donna is collaborating with faculty to organize a Child and Youth Care event to connect graduating students with community partners.

The department has short-listed for a new tenure-track position. Interviews will be completed in February and the position starts in July 2024.

Registration closes for Fall 2024 on March 31. Applications for first and third year are positive.

Jenny McGrath will be starting to do information sessions for Child and Youth Care diploma programs about the transfer potential to year three at MacEwan.

The department has several active committees including curriculum, practicum, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and scholarship.

The Child and Youth Care student club is active again this year and has organized several events to promote student engagement and collaboration, such as game and trivia nights and fundraising for the club. They are working with other groups on campus such as The Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity to support their initiatives like Pride Week. They also have an active social media presence on Facebook and Instagram.

MacEwan and Norquest are partnering on a Community of Practice initiative for local Child and Youth Care practitioners/agencies. This is in the early stages but has great potential to give back to the community.

7.3 Human Services and Early Learning

Congratulations to Noah Kenneally and Nancy Thomas for having received MacEwan's internal funding this year for their research and Maria Di Stasio, Ozlem Cankaya and Rhonda Fischer received the faculty supplementary fund.

For the Bachelor of Applied Human Services Administration three candidates have been shortlisted for tenure track faculty positions. Interviews and teaching presentations will start next week.

Course development funds were received for three Bachelor of Applied Human Services Administration courses. Three sessional faculty agreed to work on the courses from April to August.

The Practicum and Curriculum Committees are revamping the Master Course Syllabi and Attendance Policies for practicum.

Along with the Child and Youth Care Department the Childhood, Youth and Families Minor was revised and submitted to the Arts and Science Program & Curriculum Committee, which has been approved and will be submitted to their Faculty Council for approval.

The final two Little Red River Students of the Educational Assistant certificate have completed their practicum this fall semester and will be at this spring convocation.

7.4 Public Safety and Justice Studies

The proposed degree, Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice Studies, received positive feedback from 19 community stakeholders and Deans in six post-secondary institutions that offer similar programs. Once the first draft of Part A and B is ready, it will need to be submitted to Institutional Analysis and Planning and from there it will go to desk review by four independent academic experts.

The new interdisciplinary Cyber Security Studies Minor continues to progress through the academic governance process. The minor should be available for enrollment by Fall 2025.

Doug Johnson and Tim Williams were successful co-applicants with the University of Winnipeg and Memorial University on a Government of Alberta Research Grant to investigate occupational stressors among Public Safety Communicators.

The Department Council submitted a proposal for a name change for the Correctional Services Program. The new name proposed is Community Justice and Correction.

7.5 School of Social Work

A new Administrative Assistant, Michelle Sia, started with the School of Social Work.

Congratulations to Faye Hamilton, Rebecca Stiller. Lun Li and Baiju Vareed for having received the Faculty Scholarly Activity fund.

The faculty is doing scholarly activities: one conference presentation in January, a few papers were accepted for publication and two faculty members are involved in editing a book.

Admission changes are proposed for both programs, the Bachelor of Social Work and the Diploma, and the department is working through the approval process.

December Social Work workshops in December have been successful. Next workshop will be hosted on February 15, 2024.

Applications for the Field Education Facilitator (Professional Resource Faculty - PRF) position have been received. The posting will close February 15, 2024.

8.0 Standing Items

8.1 Budget

At the end of Quarter 3 (December 31, 2023), the faculty was still trending with positive variances in its biggest expenditure categories Salaries & Benefits, Materials & Supplies and Services & Professional Fees. There is a negative variance in Facilities Maintenance, Utilities & tax due to higher than anticipated equipment Maintenance and Repair costs.

Going into the last quarter of the fiscal year, if expenditure and revenues remain on trend the faculty will end the year with a positive variance.

A reminder was given that MacEwan's fiscal year end is March 31st, and to submit any outstanding expenses in Peoplesoft with enough time to have it approved prior to that date.

8.2 Dean's Report

Staffing:

Dr. Matthew LaGrone began his term as Associate Dean of Health and Community Studies in January. Dr. LaGrone holds a tenured position as Associate Professor in the Department of Human Services and Early Learning. Matthew comes to us from the University of Guelph-Humber in Ontario where he served as Program Head, Liberal Studies. He has a lengthy and diverse portfolio demonstrating his expertise in supporting research, recruitment and retention, operations and senior leadership. He is an awarded teacher and scholar with a focus on AI and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

We are currently in the hiring process for two new tenure track faculty members, one in Child and Youth Care and one in Human Services and Early Learning. We are also in the process of hiring a Field Education Facilitator in the School of Social Work.

We welcome Jessica Pach, Governance Coordinator who began on January 15th and is working with our Faculty as well as the Faculty of Nursing.

We also welcome Michelle Sia, Administrative Assistant in the Social Work area, who started on January 22nd.

Degree Development:

We are continuing to move ahead with two new degree proposals:

Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice and a Bachelor of Health Sciences.

We are also moving ahead with the Childhood Youth and Family Studies Minor that is going through the governance process.

We are also collaborating with Business and Arts and Science in the development of a Cyber security Studies Minor.

Life Kits:

Our life kits initiative, now under the direction of Jenny McGrath and Darren Tellier, but involving the entire faculty of Health and Community Studies was successful for a second year in a row, resulting in the distribution of 50 backpacks full of cold weather gear to the houseless population in Edmonton. We appreciate the partnership that we have with Boyle Street Community Services to make this initiative a success.

Enrolment:

Enrolment within the Faculty of Health and Community Studies has remained stable from fall 22-23 to fall 23-24.

Overall enrolment at MacEwan University has increased in FLEs by 6.24% or 706.57 FLEs.

Headcounts (full and part time) has increased from 16,831 students to 17,569 students

The university is looking to increase by 2500 Fulltime Learning Equivalents over the next 5 years. Potential growth areas in the Faculty of Health and Community Studies are largely dependent upon our credential proposals and on the availability of field placement partnerships.

9.0 Information Items

9.1 Convocation Schedule – Rhonda Fischer

The proposed Spring 2024 Convocation Schedule was reviewed, and feedback and recommendations were made for Rhonda Fischer to take back to the Convocation Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.