

FACULTY OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY STUDIES Faculty Council

MINUTES Monday, November 15, 2021 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Webex

Voting Attendees:

Alvina Mardhani-Bayne Hellen Gateri Noah Kenneally
Anna Azulai Frank Yeh Ozlem Cankaya
Baiju Vareed Heather Pick Paul Chahal
Brendan Cavanagh Hellen Gateri Rhonda Fischer
Cassie Prochnau Jamie Leach Sharon Hobden

Catherine Hedlin Jeff Moggach Shemine Gulamhusein Christine, Pope Jenny McGrath Stewart Callioux

Colleen Phillips Jody Marshall Tara Winsor
Cynthia Puddu John Corlett Tim Williams
Danielle Larocque John Haney Valerie Ouedraogo

Dave Kato John Valentine
Darren Tellier Kealey Dube
Erin Gray Kelsey Reed
Faye Hamilton Kris Wells

Fiona Gironella Lee Makovichuk
Fons Chafe Maria Di Stasio
Frank Yeh Maria Smyth

Gerard Bellefeuille Michelle Andrews Heather Pick Natalia Rohatyn-

Martin

Non-Voting Attendees:

Fernanda Santos Raymond Baril Janice Kenney Sandy Jung

Karen Keiller Christina Burrows

Katie Singh (recording)

Lindsey Whitson

Regrets:

Doug Johnson Jiu-lin Wang Neil Fitzpatrick Eaman Mah

Rita Dhungel

Absent:

Amber Dion Hongmei Tong Nancy Thomas

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and Introductions were made.

2.0 Teaching Awards Policy- Karen Keiller, Dean Library.

Karen shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Teaching Award Policy. The policy has not been updated since 2013 and is past due for review. A Teaching and Learning Committee has been formed to amend the policy. The hope is to make the procedures transparent, consistent and include Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to align with Institutional goals.

The floor was open to questions.

3.0 Research-Sandy Jung, Interim Associate Dean, and Ray Baril, Director, Community-Engaged Scholarships- ORS

Sandy Jung gave an update on available resources available through the Office of Research Services.

A form has been created so Faculty can easily write and share different research projects they are undertaking.

The Office of Research Services has established an agreement with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to help Faculty with research statistics.

With the approval of the new Strategic Plan, a new strategic vision is being determined, and feedback will be requested from Faculty.

The Office of Research Services employs support staff including:

Carmen Wiggens, Marketing Consultant Rebecca Mitchell. Research Ethics Coordinator Dana Chamot, Research Grants and Development Office

Two consultants are employed that can help review and edit grant proposals.

For more information, please get in touch with the Office of Research Services at: research@macewan.ca or 780-497-4156

Ray Baril is the new Director of Community Engaged Scholarships. There is a rising interest, acceptance, and push for research connected with the Faculty, students, and the non-academic community. For example, with Ray's background in music, there are deep roots with the community in business and professions—these areas are often not thought of as research. In the fall of 2019, grants were established to support more significant partnerships between the queue and community organizations to develop research and scholarship exchange. These grants are designed to address the needs of community partners.

Ray will be speaking with Cassie and others from faculties to determine the possibilities and opportunities for community-based engaged scholarship.

There will be several workshops in the winter semester called the Brown Bag Lunch Meetings. These session will be held at noon on:

January 31 February 28 March 28

You can access the meetings with the link below:

https://meet.google.com/qtj-rcqb-bdk

For further information please contact the Office of Research Services atresearch@macewan.ca.

The floor was open to questions.

Call to order 3:24

4.0 Approval of the Agenda/Consent Agenda

The following items were approved:

- **4.1** October 4, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- **4.2** MCS Revisions
- **4.3** Program of Study Changes
 - Bachelor of Early Childhood Curriculum Studies
 - Correctional Services
 - Emergency Communications and Response
 - Hearing Aid Practitioner
 - Police & Investigations-Investigation Studies
 - Police & Investigations-Police Studies
 - Social Work Diploma
 - Therapist Assistant-Physical Therapist Assistant and Occupational Therapist
 - Therapist Assistant-Speech Language Pathologist
 - **4.4** Program Regulations Changes
 - **4.5** Admission Criteria-Emergency Communications and Response Program
 - **4.6** Department/School Council Terms of Reference
 - Allied Health and Human Performance
 - Child and Youth Care
 - Human Services and Early Learning

- Public Safety and Justice Studies
- Social Work

After discussion, the following motion was adopted.

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5.0 Standing Items

5.1 Budget

Budget was not discussed.

5.2 Dean's Report

Some items on the Consent Agenda will be moved to Agenda for approval and discussion in future meetings. Standing items will also contain reporting from standing committees of the Faculty Council. Reports from Faculty who sit on the General Faculties Council and the Information Technology Committee will also be included. Adding these items will ensure that Faculty are informed of the business each committee is responsible for and provide the opportunity for questions and conversation. Department Councils will be welcome to provide updates as well.

Department Council Terms of Reference have been completed, and Cassie thanked all involved for seeing these through.

The Research Committee has been on hiatus, and a few meetings have been scheduled to reconvene the conversations.

A SIM committee with the Faculty of Nursing is being established to embrace different kinds of initiatives and determine the direction of the SIM lab. There are some volunteers, but please let Christina know if you want to join the new committee.

Cassie reminded Faculty that the Global mail comes out on Wednesdays and provides essential updates. She will continue to disseminate information to Chairs for distribution of updates to Faculty and Staff.

The board approved the new Strategic Vision and circulated it to governing bodies. The Provost will attending the January 17th Faculty Council to discuss it. Cassie asked that the Faculty start thinking about operationalizing the strategic vision from their perspective, including embracing different ways to deliver curriculum or offer more electives.

There have been many discussions on institutional growth. Recently, it was approved to double the enrolment of the Emergency Communications and Response Program. Other areas of development include increasing elective seats to students in other faculties.

Hybrid programming was also discussed. The Winter 2022 semester is expected to be back to normal with face-to-face instruction. This does not mean hybrid activities are not acceptable within programming. If you have identified areas where hybrid can be embraced, please discuss this with your chair.

Students have been receiving messages that they are expected to be fully vaccinated by the Winter 2022 semester. The rapid test will no longer be accepted.

Convocation is tomorrow and is available on a live stream. Faculty were encouraged to watch if unable to attend.

MacEwan University turns 50 this year. Future events are being planned. Cassie asked everyone to watch for events the weekend of April 29, 2022.

The Dean Search is underway, the posting for the position is on the website. Shortlisting is expected soon.

Faculty searches are underway. Positions being recruited for are:

- 1- Full-Time Tenure-Track -Public Safety and Justice Studies in Corrections
- 1- Full-Time Tenure-Track- Human Services and Early Learning- Bachelor of Early Childhood Curriculum Studies.
- 2- Full-Time Tenure-Track- School of Social Work. Interviews will take place in January, February, and March of 2021.

paskwâwi-mostos mêskanâs, the new online learning environment transition is underway. It will be open to the broader Faculty for access in the winter semester. The complete transition is expected by August 31, 2022. Faculty will have archival access until December 31, 2022. Third-party vendors will be hired to help with the migration process. Term instructional designers will also be employed to assist with the migration. Update regarding this project can be found below:

https://macewan.sharepoint.com/sites/dleproject/SitePages/Project-Update--November-2---Latest.aspx

Faculty are also encouraged to reach out to the Faculty Champions for information/support: Doug Johnson, Dave Kato, and Fiona Gironella.

The next Faculty Council Meeting will be in-person.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm