Meeting Minutes

Meeting #14 of Arts and Science Faculty Council, held Friday, December 5, 2014 in Room 5-142, was called to order by Craig Monk at 4:00 pm.

Present


Regrets

M. Das, R. Falconer, C. Panjvani.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Motion # 16 Motion to approve agenda as circulated. Martin/Thurairajah Motion: Carried

II. Ro@m Presentation

- Presenter: Robyn Hall, Scholarly Communications, Librarian (780-633-3478 / roam@MacEwan.ca); Website: http://roam.macewan.ca/;
- MacEwan Library built a website which stores research, scholarship, and creative works;
- The site promotes open access of information and acts as a depository of information which can keep and protect people’s work.

III. Approval of Minutes: Meeting #13 September 26, 2014

Motion # 17 Motion to approve minutes. Buro/Carroll Motion: Carried

IV. Items arising from the minutes.

- No items were raised.
V. Dean’s Report

- The Faculty of Arts and Science remembers Garry Silverman, a sessional instructor in the Department of Computer Science, who died during the last week of November. Mr. Silverman taught with us since 2007, after three decades in the Edmonton Public School System;
- SSHRC has been consulting with university administrators about how best to provide useful feedback to unsuccessful grant applicants. The agency is also concerned about the potential budget pressures of any move towards larger, collaborative grants;
- The Provost, in his role as Vice-President (Research), has just circulated new procedures for external grant applications. There will be further consultation as these procedures are implemented;
- The University Budget Advisory Committee recommended an additional $400,000 to add to the complement in the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Dean will meet with the Provost within the next ten days to seek authorization to allocate these funds;
- We are searching, currently, for new colleagues in the Humanities, the Physical Sciences, and Sociology, as well as the Kule Chair in Ukrainian Studies. We may be in the market for as many as five more after Christmas;
- There are, at last report, six rank and title cases coming forward. We have eleven hearings for continuing status this year;
- The B.Sc. review is ongoing, with some desktop assessment of individual disciplines having returned. Work proceeds within approximately two or three weeks of original deadlines;
- The Program and Curriculum Committee is undertaking a review of the B.A. Program of Study architecture. This fulfills a commitment made last year to the Department of Humanities;
- The Academic Schedule is coming to a special meeting of Academic Governance Council next week. The debate over scheduling has raised an issue about expectations when one body delegates its authority to a subsidiary body;
- One of our recommendation on admissions was not acted upon by Admissions and Standards last week. The Dean has observed that Academic Governance Council has not, to this point, indicated any specific conditions under which these recommendations should be made, and so the status quo should be respected;
- Arts and Science wishes to increase its field course offerings. Establishing a protocol by which courses may be offered and run is not intended to make core offerings more difficult;
- Program and Curriculum will investigate offering individualized study courses across all departments. Such expansion, and curriculum revision, generally, may require a review of the policy on repeating course numbers;
- Deans, Associate Deans, Directors, and other out-of-scope employees need a program to support scholarly and professional development. This program will
not be more generous than that available to active members of the Faculty Association;

- Congratulations are due Naomi Beke. Ms Beke was awarded a M.Ed. from the University of Alberta in November;
- The Dean has invited all Sessional and Sessional-Extended members to a question-and-answer session, planned tentatively for January;
- As a result of a FOIP breach, the Office of the Vice-President General Counsel has made a number of recommendations for the invigilation of exams. These may be adapted to specific classroom conditions, needless to say;
- FOIP allows the pairing of student identification photos with class lists, as long as the information is used to ensure student security and the integrity of examinations. Consultations are ongoing to see whether adding pictures to class lists might be an academic priority for some future student system upgrade;
- While abiding by the letter of the Collective Agreement, the Faculty of Arts and Science is going to try to achieve a greater degree of self-management of vacation time. This will require you to be diligent in putting together your next vacation plan and collaborating with your Chair on any subsequent changes;
- The University’s holiday celebration will be held on December 18 at 3pm. RSVPs are due in order to manage catering;
- Dr. Rob Wiznura, Associate Dean, Students on an interim appointment, will decide by January whether to accept a final one-year appointment or enter an open competition for a regular, three-year appointment;
- Colleagues are invited to the Dean’s scholarly presentation, “Selling Unpopular Magazines in a Commercial Market,” scheduled for January 15;
- Faculty members are reminded of their eligibility for a free subscription to University Affairs magazine at universityaffairs.ca.

VI. Items for Action

a. Report from Program and Curriculum Committee

- Motion #18 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body ANTH 321 and ANTH 495.
  Powell/Islam
  Motion: Carried

- Motion #19 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ANTH 397.
  Powell/Islam
  Motion: Carried
• Motion #20  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body ECON 357.
  Powell/Islam  Motion: Carried

• Motion #21  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ECON 213, ECON 319, and ECON 399.
  Powell/Islam  Motion: Carried

• Motion #22  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body POLS 424 and POLS 490.
  Powell/Islam  Motion: Carried

• Motion #23  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body BICM 310.
  Powell/McFadyen  Motion: Carried

• Motion #24  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body BIOL 421.
  Powell/McFadyen  Motion: Carried

• Motion #25  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BIOL 201 BIOL 300, and BIOL 314.
  Powell/McFadyen  Motion: Carried

• Motion #26  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body EDUC 210.
  Powell/Honey  Motion: Carried
• Motion #27  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ENGL 205, ENGL 207, and ENGL 307.
  Powell/Skeffington  Motion: Carried

• Motion #28  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body FREN 365.
  Powell/Lorkovic  Motion: Carried

• Motion #29  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body HIST 306, HIST 397, and HIST 499.
  Powell/Lorkovic  Motion: Carried

• Motion #30  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to HIST 308.
  Powell/Lorkovic  Motion: Carried

• Motion #31  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body SPAN 315, SPAN 321, and SPAN 325.
  Powell/Lorkovic  Motion: Carried

• Motion #32  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to MATH 260 and MATH 436.
  Powell/Buro  Motion: Carried

• Motion #34  That the course SCIE 201 be referred back for further consultation.
  Stepnisky/Buro  Motion: Carried
• Motion #35  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body STAT 161 and STAT 495.  
  Powell/Buro  Motion: Carried

• Motion #36  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CHEM 252 and CHEM 353.  
  Powell/Withey  Motion: Carried

• Motion #37  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body EASC 321.  
  Powell/Withey  Motion: Carried

• Motion #38  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to EASC 219, EASC 221, and EASC 225.  
  Powell/Withey  Motion: Carried

• Motion #39  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body PHYS 302 and PHYS 332.  
  Powell/Withey  Motion: Carried

• Motion #40  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PHYS 390.  
  Powell/Withey  Motion: Carried

• Motion #41  That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body PSYC 440.  
  Powell/Honey  Motion: Carried
• Motion #42 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body SOCI 290, SOCI 303, and SOCI 403.

Powell/Stepnisky Motion: Carried

• Motion #43 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to SOCI 310 and SOCI 426.

Powell/Stepnisky Motion: Carried

b. Student Engagement Request from AGC

• Motion #44 That the FAS Council Endorse plans, through, in part, the initiative of faculty members, to demonstrate to students the value of participating in university governance.

Stepnisky/Buro Motion: Carried

• Motion #45 That Faculty of Arts and Science Council endorse the following twelve recommendations of the Student Participation Working Group – #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #9, #11, #12, #13, #15, and #16 – representing proposed initiatives consistent with the values of our Faculty and initiated by other units across MacEwan University.

Stepnisky/Buro Motion: Carried

• Motion #46 That Faculty of Arts and Science Council refer back to Academic Governance Council Executive recommendation #7 of the Student Participation Working Group, with concerns that the extent of student involvement in all Council and Department committees has not been articulated.

Stepnisky/Buro Motion: Carried
- **Motion #47**  
  That Faculty of Arts and Science Council refer back to Academic Governance Council Executive recommendation #8 of the Student Participation Working Group, with concerns that academic freedom is compromised by its broad imperative.  
  **Stepnisky/Buro**  
  Motion: **Carried**

- **Motion #48**  
  That Faculty of Arts and Science Council refer back to Academic Governance Council Executive recommendation #10 of the Student Participation Working Group, with concerns that the workload implications of formal “mentorship” responsibilities have not been explained.  
  **Stepnisky/Buro**  
  Motion: **Carried**

- **Motion #49**  
  That Faculty of Arts and Science Council refer back to Academic Governance Council Executive recommendation #14 of the Student Participation Working Group, with concerns that the methodology for identifying and cataloguing specific aspects of credit courses has not been defined.  
  **Stepnisky/Buro**  
  Motion: **Carried**

**VII. Items for Discussion**

a. **Budget Report**
   - The budget report was deferred to Question Period.

b. **Academic Technology Forum**
   - The Academic Technology Forum was deferred to February 11, 2015 Faculty Council Meeting.

**VIII. Items for Information**

a. The meeting minutes for Executive Committee was circulated.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion # 50**  
Motion to adjourn.  
**Skeffington/Seredycz**  
Motion: **Carried**
X. Question Period

- Dean presented the budget report that he gave to University Financial Committee;
- No other questions.