Faculty of Arts and Science Council

Minutes December 6, 2012

1.0 The chair, Shahram Manouchehri, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 MOVED THAT the agenda circulated be approved with one addition – “Library Announcements” added as item 7.1 (Craig Blatz/Lynne Honey). CARRIED

3.0 MOVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of October 3, 2012 be approved as circulated (Jillian Skeffington/ Donna Dorsey). CARRIED

4.0 The Provost reviewed the upcoming changes to AGC standing committees – the Curriculum, Strategic Resource and Planning Advisory, and Distance and Distributed Education committees will be replaced by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee. She encouraged participation in this important committee, and reviewed its role in bicameral governance

The Dean thanked Janet for her support and presented her with a retirement gift from the Faculty.

5.1 Dean’s report:

   • Welcome to new faculty members
   • Thanked outgoing Chairs, and encouraged participation in upcoming selection processes for new Chairs
   • Performance Evaluation Committee has been struck and started its work
   • Thanked the members of the Standards Approval Committee for their work this fall
   • New Provost John Corlett will join MacEwan March 1.
   • Reviewed the new faculty hiring planned for July 1, 2013
   • Work is underway on the institutional Enrolment Plan

5.2 Executive Committee report:

   MOVED that the term of office of the executive committee members elected December 19, 2011 expire at the end of the 2012-13 academic year (David McLaughlin/Jeff Stepnisky). CARRIED

5.3 Program Committee report:

   MOVED that Council recommend the proposed changes to the Economics program of study for approval by MacEwan Curriculum Committee (Rafat Alam/ Bob Irwin). CARRIED
Note that the proposal was circulated with the agenda. Two points were clarified – there was unanimous support for the changes among members of the discipline; and the changes will come into effect for those students who declare an Economics major after September 2014.

6.0 MOVED that the By-Law changed circulated be approved (Aimee Skye/David McLaughlin). CARRIED

7.0 Department Council By-Laws:

    MOVED that the Council approve the proposed By-Laws of the AEPS Department Council (Rafat Alam/ Shahid Islam). CARRIED

    MOVED that the Council approve the proposed By-Laws of the English Department Council (Jack Robinson/ Jillian Skeffington). CARRIED

    MOVED that the Council approve the proposed By-Laws of the Physical Sciences Department Council (Craig Blatz/Jillian Skeffington). CARRIED

    MOVED that the Council approve the proposed By-Laws of the Psychology Department Council (Melike Schalomon/Chris Striemer). CARRIED AFTER CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOLLOWING

    MOVED that the previous motion be amended to delete item (f) under “Roles” (Bob Irwin/Nancy Digdon) DEFEATED

7.1 Valla presented some information items:

    • MacEwan now has a COPPUL membership but individuals require a CURBA card to borrow material
    • An L-PASS is available for faculty, which gives access to the Edmonton Public Library system
    • Please check with the library re: resources before setting an e-book as a required text

8.0 Question period – no questions posed

9.0 MOVED adjournment (Craig Blatz/Chris Streimer) at 5:00.