Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
FACULTY COUNCIL
March 26, 2014
CCC, 6-242
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Chair: Denise Roy

Attendees:
Craig Brenan
Melissa Guerrier
Rose Ginther
Jim Head
Michael MacDonald
Iain Macpherson
Darci Mallon
Madison Mitchell
Bill Richards
Peter Roccia
Rey Rosales
Kent Sangster
Hoyne Santa-Balazs
Leslie Sharpe
Rachel Smith-Gay
Tom Van Seters
Leslie Vermeer
Dianne Westwood

Ex-officio members:
Frances Billingsley for Mike Sekulic

Guests:
Kathleen Byrne
Sherrell Steele

Regrets:
Raymond Baril
Rose Clancy
Allan Gilliland
Brian Gorman
Jim Guedo
Marcel Hamel
Rita Long
Nichole Magneson
Lucille Mazo
Kathy Neiman
Dianne Nicholls
Constanza Pacher
James Parker
Doreen Piehl
Eva Revitt
Chandelle Rimmer
Robert Walsh
Wayne Williams
Karen Zypchyn

Minutes: Christine Valentine

1. Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved with no additions.

2. Approval of February 27, 2014 Faculty Council minutes
There was a recommendation to add the names of those who gave committee reports.

MOTION that the February 27, 2014 Faculty Council minutes be approved as amended.

FFACFC-01-03-26-2014
Moved by Tom Van Seters, seconded by Darci Mallon.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Review of March 12, 2014 Faculty Council Executive Committee DRAFT minutes
There was no discussion.

4. Chair’s update
The new CFAC building received a $30 million, 3-year grant from the Provincial government. Denise thanked everyone who participated in the public government announcement on March 12. There will be a second public event to showcase the architecture drawings, date TBA.
The President will also be holding a town hall discussion at CCC and CFAC, dates TBA. The Alberta Foundation for the Arts has committed $150 thousand for a site-specific, commissioned piece of art for the new campus.

Applications for academic title will be entering the second of three stages of adjudication within the next few weeks. There were 6 applications in total, and 2 of those applications are the first for the Associate level.

Some AGC committees are still looking for FFAC representation: Research Council, the Undergraduate Student Research Initiative (a subcommittee of the Research Council), and the Student Services Policy Committee. The deadline for applications has been extended until noon on April 4. Calls have been sent to faculty.

5. New business

5.1 FFAC committee overviews

Functions of the following committees are as follows:

5.1.1 Curriculum Committee
- Rose Ginther

- Review curriculum and programs of study
- Identify and promote opportunities for cross-curricular learning
- Review program evaluation reports and action plans
- Discuss faculty and institutional curricular issues
- Review and recommend approval of new program proposals, significant curricular changes, syllabi and block transfer agreements

5.1.2 Faculty Development Committee
- Kent Sangster

- Adjudicate applications for faculty development and research/scholarly activity projects
- Provide guidelines and advise on the allocation of professional development funds for part-time or sessional faculty
- Advise Dean on workload as it pertains to research for full-time faculty
- Rank sabbatical applications
- Review budgets

5.1.3 Visiting Scholar and Artist Committee
- Leslie Sharpe

- Provide an opportunity for programs to invite a renowned individual from their discipline to give public lectures, visit classrooms, conduct workshops, mentor students and advise faculty in matters of research, teaching, professional practice and curricular development
- Propose areas of focus, review proposals, and recommend candidates to the Dean
- Solicit feedback about the candidates to the committee

5.1.4 Executive Committee
- Peter Roccia

- Review and approve Faculty Council agenda
- Recommend changes for committee terms of reference and bylaws to the Faculty Council
- Act as a nominating committee for FFAC committees

5.2 FFAC committee election

There was a call for nominations from the floor. Jim Head was added under faculty nominees for Curriculum Committee. Kent Sangster was
added to the slate for Faculty Development, Research and Sabbatical Committee. Jim Head was added to the slate for Visiting Scholar and Artist Committee. Tom Van Seters’ name was removed from the Executive Committee slate.

**MOTION** to close nominations.

**FFACFC-02-03-26-2014**
Moved by Rey Rosales, seconded by Rose Ginther.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Nominees took a few minutes to speak to why they wanted to serve on their chosen committees.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

The following nominees won the election:

**Curriculum Committee**

*Chair positions*

Carole Charette and Lucille Mazo were elected by acclamation.

*Faculty positions*

Jim Head
Tom Van Seters

**Faculty Development Committee**

Kent Sangster
Tom Van Seters

**Visiting Scholar/Artist Committee**

Leslie Sharpe
Tom Van Seters

**Executive Committee**

Michael MacDonald and Leslie Sharpe were elected by acclamation.

### 5.3 FFAC academic planning session

The Council broke into three discussion groups to discuss the following questions: *Given the directions indicated in the strategic plan, what new academic programming and/or credentials might be developed in our faculty? How will this programming reflect and build upon our strengths?*

Highlights from group presentations:

- Creation of a BFA degree with a focus on interdisciplinary cultural studies that involves research-based courses for credit, courses in critical thinking and accessibility of programs. Suggested models include:
Year 1 general arts courses, years 2 and 3 core focus, year 4 seminar and honours classes
- Maintain structure of 2-year diploma, year 3 general core courses, year 4 practical application of skills
- Certificates and diplomas were thought to be valuable and attractive because they are unique to the province and provide flexibility to students
- Current diplomas and certificates could become degree majors and minors
- The new building creates many opportunities to collaborate with other programs in the University

Notes from group discussions should be sent to Denise.

6. Committee reports

6.1 AGC – Rose Ginther

The ad hoc Teaching Innovation and Excellence Committee addressed a number of issues related to defining excellence in innovation and teaching. There were recommendations to try to incorporate some of these suggestions into the various factions of the University.

David McLaughlin presented a discussion paper about potential changes to the current academic review process. The emphasis will remain on quality assurance, quality improvement, and academic and strategic planning.

The workplan for the Information Technology Management Committee was tabled by John McGrath. Program closure extensions were granted to the PROW and Holistic Health Practitioner programs. The Academic Policies Committee came forward with a change for the Program Advisory Committee policy; these committees will now be called ‘Academic Advisory Councils’. The Admissions and Selections Committee came forward with two program changes to the Bachelor of Music and the Bachelor of Arts programs, which were approved. There was a presentation by Valla McLean, who is working on the acquisition of MacEwan’s important policies and documents for the university archive.

6.2 Curriculum Committee – Rey Rosales

The March 24 meeting was rescheduled to April 28 to review changes to programs of study.

6.3 Faculty Development Committee – Rey Rosales

The Committee will meet on March 27 to refine call for next year. There was a suggestion to coordinate deadlines for research grants with the deadlines for conference proposal submissions.

6.4 Visiting Scholar and Artist Committee – Rey Rosales

There is a meeting next month to talk about the call for next year and to discuss this year’s implementation.

7. Open discussion and future agenda items

There was no discussion.

8. Announcements and program updates

The Light in the Piazza opens tomorrow evening at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.