Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
FACULTY COUNCIL
March 26 2015
7-327, CCC
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Chair: Denise Roy

Attendees: Robert Andruchow
Ray Baril
Carole Charette
Melissa Cuerrier
Allan Gilliland
Rose Ginther
Jim Head
Paul Johnston
Iain Macpherson
Darci Mallon
Lucille Mazo
Sony Raj
Bill Richards
Chandelle Rimmer

Chris Ryan
Peter Roccia
Rey Rosales
Leslie Sharpe
Leslie Vermeer
Wayne Williams

Ex-officio members: Michelle Fraser for Mike Sekulic
Dianne Westwood

Guests: Ken Ristau
Ron Rooth
Kim Warkentine

Regrets: Rose Clancy
Brian Gorman
Jim Guedo
Marcel Hamel
Michelle Lavoie
Michael MacDonald
Nichole Magneson
John Mahon
Kathy Neiman
Dianne Nicholls
Constanza Pacher
Doreen Piehl

Brittany Pitruniak
Kent Sangster
Tom Van Seters
Annette Wierstra

Minutes: Christine Valentine

1. Approval of the agenda

MOTION to approve the March 26, 2015 Faculty Council agenda.

FFACFC-01-03-26-2015
Moved by Darci Mallon, seconded by Rose Ginther.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Approval of February 25, 2015 Faculty Council minutes

MOTION to approve the February 25, 2015 Faculty Council minutes.

FFACFC-02-03-26-2015
Moved by Rose Ginther, seconded by Ray Baril.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Review of March 10, 2015 Executive Committee draft minutes

There was no discussion.

4. Chair’s update

Denise welcomed guests. In celebration of the first degree graduating cohorts in Music and Communication, there will be a reception following convocation. FFAC programs will have forty $2,500 entrance scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. The new collective agreement has some significant changes.
Key changes

- Annual reports – due September 15 for period May 1 – August 31, 2015
- Workload – due end of April (will be January 31 in the future)
- Performance review – criteria will need to be reviewed for next year. November 15 is the deadline for the chair portion with Dean’s final recommendation on February 1. The Performance Review Committee no longer exists
- Rank and Title: Teaching ranks have been abolished. There are new committee processes. The Appointment Review and Promotion Committee (ARPC) looks at rank and continuing status
- Probationary status: Now a five-year period. Those currently on probation will be reviewed by ARPC
- Instructional Assistants: Further information is required regarding annual report and performance review processes

Chair searches are underway for the new departments of Theatre and Art and Design. Rose Ginther and Lucille Mazo will continue as department chairs. Allan Gilliland is beginning a new term as chair of the Music department.

Further instructions on budget reduction should be coming soon. The Executive Committee will review committee terms of reference prior to the fall. The proposed five-department structure was approved by AGC, and will need to be implemented by July 1. The two new departments (Theatre and Fine Art and Design) will proceed with a chair search process. All other program chairs will become department chairs.

Academic Governance Council
- Nominations for AGC committees has been extended. Information on AGC elections can be found on the AGC website

Arts and Cultural Management
- Burke Taylor will speak on Building Sustaining Relationships in Arts and Culture on April 8
- A MacEwan graduate won Mayor’s Award for Arts Management

Communication Studies
- Received three green impact awards, plus another two for student work in sustainability
- Three students were elected to the Students’ Association as VP Student Life, VP External, and President

Design Studies
- Hosting webinar on April 8 in partnership with the Association of Registered Graphic Designers, to discuss the future of storytelling, to be hosted in 9-215, CCC from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Fine Art
- Michelle Lavoie was accepted into a PhD program in
Education Policy Studies at the University of Alberta and will be co-curating the Edmonton Queer History Project exhibition at AGC, opening June 4

- Gary James Joyner will be giving a free lecture on March 30

**Music**
- Grad recitals are ongoing in the Haar Theatre
- Jann Arden has been selected for the President’s Medal but it is not known whether she will accept

**Theatre Production**
- Sondheim on Sondheim opened on March 24

6. **AGC update**

6.1 **AGC report – Rose Ginther**
Rose Ginther gave a brief report on AGC.

**Key updates**
- FFAC department structure passed with a majority, and will be revisited in three years
- The Business Management Program, Golf Management major was suspended, and the Council was asked to consider the similarities between this program and our own programs
- The BCS program residency requirement exemption (to be set at 35% rather than 50%) was approved for a two-year period
- An Academic Schedule Task Force was struck
- An information session was held on the MacEwan University Information Management Policy, which may be of interest to our faculty

To read full reports, please visit the AGC website.

7. **New business**

7.1 **FFAC committee elections**
Denise explained that the Executive Committee revised the election process so that elections will proceed committee by committee, to ensure diverse representation. Additional nominations were also accepted from the floor. Each nominee was given a few minutes to speak to why they wanted to serve on their chosen committee(s).

7.1.1 Curriculum Committee election

**MOTION** to close nominations for the Chair vacancy on the Curriculum Committee and elect Rose Ginther.

**FFACFC-03-03-26-2015**
Moved by Wayne Williams, seconded by Bill Richards.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** to close nominations for faculty vacancies on the Curriculum Committee and elect Iain Macpherson, Bill Richards, and Chandelle Rimmer.

**FFACFC-04-03-26-2015**
Moved by Leslie Vermeer, seconded by Carole Charette.
7.1.2 Executive Committee election

MOTION
to close nominations for the Executive Committee and elect Rose Ginther and Bill Richards.

FFACFC-05-03-26-2015
Moved by Chandelle Rimmer, seconded by Allan Gilliland.

MOTION CARRIED

7.1.3 Faculty Development, Research and Sabbatical Committee election

MOTION
to close nominations for the Faculty Development, Research and Sabbatical Committee and elect Craig Brenan and Wayne Williams.

FFACFC-06-03-26-2015
Moved by Lucille Mazo, seconded by Melissa Cuerrier.

MOTION CARRIED

7.1.4 Visiting Artist and Scholar Committee election

Robert Andruchow’s name was added to the slate from the floor. Chandelle Rimmer and Wayne Williams removed their names.

MOTION
to close nominations for the Visiting Artist and Scholar Committee and elect Paul Johnston and Sony Raj.

FFACFC-07-03-26-2015
Moved by Bill Richards, seconded by Lucille Mazo.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 BFA Letter of Intent

The BFA Letter of Intent will be presented to the Board in April or May for approval in principle. The BFA degree proposal will be developed by faculty from AACM, Fine Art, Theatre Arts, and Theatre Production and others as needed. The final draft proposal will go to Curriculum Committee and Faculty Council for approval.

7.3 CFAC building re-design update –Leslie Sharpe

Leslie Sharpe presented the CFAC building re-design response document.

Two motions were passed at the February 25 Faculty Council meeting (motions FFACFC-03-02-25-2015 and FFACFC-04-02-25-2015), expressing dissatisfaction with the process and decisions regarding the recent changes to the new CFAC building and to ask for a response to the concerns and research regarding these decisions. Each program contributed a response. This document was collated and sent to the Provost and the President. Allan Gilliland, Leslie Sharpe, and Denise Roy were subsequently invited to a Cost Control Committee meeting and given ten minutes to speak to the issues raised in the document, particularly the need for private offices. They were questioned about the number of offices required and whether activities could be conducted elsewhere in the building, to which they replied that the spaces were not originally designed for this purpose. This issue was escalated to be resolved at a Board of Governor’s meeting next week. Closed offices and the BCS program’s request to remain in building 7 may be favourably considered. Denise contributed a further update. The President’s Office invited Denise to participate in the agenda.
setting group for the Cost Control Committee. Initially, there was no opportunity for representation on this group from our faculty as many of the decisions that needed to be made were highly technical, but the conversation has now shifted.

Whatever decision is made regarding offices, our faculty will have the chance to provide further input into the design. There was a suggestion to re-visit the current placement of access points for better student accessibility.

7.4  FFAC Marketing Task Force update –Melissa Cuerrier and Rose Ginther

Melissa Cuerrier reported that the group is taking longer to formulate a plan than expected, but they are actively working to resolve any issues. The Office of Communications and Marketing as well as the recruiters will be presenting a two-year marketing and recruitment plan to chairs before the end of June. The faculty was allocated $100K for the 2016-17 academic year, and possibly another $100K for FFAC program marketing.

7.5  Student focus group update –Chris Ryan

Brittany Pitruniak and Chris Ryan have worked with Michael MacDonald to set up a focus group to discuss the Student Participation Working Group document and to ensure that it is in harmony with the needs of students on our campus. This focus group is scheduled potentially for April 13 or earlier, and pizza will be provided for students. The question segment will be divided into two parts: the first part will be a discussion with students to determine what hurdles they face in regards to student participation, and the second part will discuss the report and the specific challenges our students are facing.

Chris reported that they may need help raising awareness about this initiative by way of making posters. Denise offered her full support. A report will be presented on the findings at the May 13 Faculty Council meeting.

There was a suggestion for Brittany and Chris to contact the Research Ethics Board to ensure this focus group follows institutional research processes.

8.  Committee Reports

8.1  Curriculum Committee –Rey Rosales

There were no further updates.

8.1.1. Addendum to Program of Study materials

Rey explained that the Ministry requested draft course descriptions as a part of the PAPRS documents that will go forward for those programs of study that required load changes.

There was no further discussion.

8.2  Faculty Development Committee –Rey Rosales

There were no further updates.

8.3  Visiting Scholar and Artist Committee –Rey Rosales

The Committee received eight nominations, which are currently pending in lieu of the Provincial budget.

9.  Open discussion and future agenda items

There was no discussion.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.