Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of Council

Meeting #: 28
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Room 5-142 (CN Theatre)
Initial Motion #: 260

Present:
Monk, C (Chair)
Sneffjella, B
(Secretary)
Alam, R
Amundson, L
Anton, Ca
Bailey, C
Becalska, A
Beke, N
Boag, F
Bott, T
Boulianne, S
Buro, K
Carroll, M
Copland, S
Corrigall, K
Cowling, E
Davies, K
Davis, J
Deleurme, K
de Graaf, J
Deline, T
Digdon, N
Eberhart, J
Einarsson, R
Elliott, C
Flaherty, L
Franczak, B
Friesen, K
Gatto, D
Gelmini, L
Grant, D
Gulayets, M
Hackett, E
Hannan, S
Hanscomb, K (For Terri Suntjens)
Hayman, S
Honey, L
Howell, A
Irangu, J
Irwin, B
Islam, S
Jeffrey, L
Katz, M
Lee, R
Legge, E
Liano, J
Lorimer, S
Lorkovic, E (vice-Chair)
Macdonell, C
Manouchehri, S
Mark, M
Martin, D
McGugan, D
Meleshko, R
Mensah, C
Mewhort, R
Mills, S
Milne, E
Mugo, S
Olchowy-Rozeboom, G
Panvani, C
Penney, A
Pienkowski, A
Pollock, C
Powell, R
Prince, P
Robson, J
Ross, M
Rychliski, R
Schalomon, M
Sekulic, M
Seredycz, M
Shulist, S
Sibley, L
Sinclair, K
Skeffington, J
Smereka, T
Soroski, J
Stepnisky, J
Strayer, K
Su, W
Sullivan, P
Tcaciuc, A
Thurairajah, K
Watson, D
Wiznura, R.
Wojtowicz, R
Youzwyshyn, G
Zutter, C

Regrets:
Aaquist, O
Baker, J
Bernstein, N
Bica, I
Bittner, K
Blatz, C
Boers, N
Braun, D
Cobzas, D
Coulson, J
Das, M
Davis, M
Degner, M
Farvolden, P
Grewal, S
Hamilton, T
Jung, S
Kim-Bernard, K
Krys, S
Lakowski, R
Locky, D
McFadyen, D
McKeown, N
McMann, D
Minaker, J
Nelund, A
O’Connor, J
Parrish-Craig, A
Prichard, L
Ravagnolo, K
Ruiz Serrano, C
Schmaltz, R
Shaw, R
Solez, K
Stock, M
Swanson, T
Symbaluk, D
Toth, J
Valdez, L
Zadorozhna, N

Move into Session:
The meeting was called to order by Craig Monk at 4:00 pm
Item I
Adoption of Agenda
Motion #260
Move that the Agenda be approved as amended. Motion: carried
- Addition of action item to approve membership on the BA Review (“self-study”) Committee.

Item II
Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council #27, September 20, 2017
Motion #261
Move to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion: carried

Item III
Items Arising from the Minutes
- None

Item IV
Dean’s Report
- The report addressed: the opening of Allard Hall for Faculty of Fine Arts and Communication; Arts and Science participation at amiskwaciy High School; reminder to update benefits plan ahead of change in providers; Dean’s Café session on writing Statements of Case for Tenure and Promotion; Confidence Line usage; plans to recruit a new position, Associate VP, Students; annual reports and eCV feedback; institutional push to enhance entrance scholarships; launch of Martine Partridge Memorial Award in English; move to include each Dean to membership of other Faculty/School Councils (non-voting); update on Sabbatical application process; update on Tenure and Promotion Committees; update on searches; update on broader financial and budgetary environment; introduction of Sessional members on Faculty Council; notification of return of Shawna Charles as Faculty’s Divisional Accountant, with thanks to Jason Steele; and, the formal scheduling of Dean’s presentation on reappointment.

Item V
Presentations
a) Introduction of staff of Research Services Office (Cynthia Zutter)
- Vice Provost, Cynthia Zutter, introduced her team at Research Services, including Faculty Research Officers Sam Mugo and Michael McDonald to provide peer support on applications for research grants.
- Cynthia and her team can be reached at Research@macewan.ca

b) Ombudsperson Presentation (Cathryn Heslep)
- Overview of role and services offered (presentation deck appears in Faculty Council package).
- Key function is supporting students in navigating institutional processes and policies. Ombuds works closely with program advisors, Wellness and Psychological Services, the Academic Integrity Office, and with administrators like the Associate Dean, of students.
- 154 individuals have sought the service since May 2016. There are repeat interactions and time per case varies depending on issues.
• Faculty members can refer students and parents early – ex., can refer students who need support in understanding appeals processes.
• StudentsOmbuds@macewan.ca or heslep@MacEwan.ca

Item VI  Items for Action

a) Program and Curricular Items

Biological Sciences

Motion #262 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to BIOL 314.
Beke/Friesen Motion: carried

Motion #263 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body BIOL 316 and BIOL 414.
Beke/Friesen Motion: carried

Computer Science

Motion #264 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CMPT 330.
Beke/MacDonell Motion: carried

Motion #265 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body CMPT 398 and CMPT 498.
Beke/MacDonell Motion: carried

English

Motion #266 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ENGL 381.
Skeffington/Beke Motion: carried

Humanities

Motion #267 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CHIN 101, CHIN 102, JAPN 101, and JAPN 102.
Beke/Lorkovic Motion: carried

Motion #268 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PHIL 381.
Beke/Lorkovic Motion: carried

Mathematics and Statistics

Motion #269 That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to MATH 410.
Beke/Buro Motion: carried
Physical Sciences

Motion #270
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to CHEM 353, CHEM 372, and CHEM 472.

Beke/Hackett

Motion: carried

Motion #271
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body EASC 240 and EASC 406.

Beke/Hackett

Motion: carried

Psychology

Motion #272
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to PSYC 385 and PSYC 408.

Beke/Honey

Motion: carried

Sociology

Motion #273
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body SOCI 496 and SOCI 497

Beke/Stepnisky

Motion: carried

Motion #274
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to SOCI 498.

Beke/Stepnisky

Motion: carried

Honours Thesis Courses

Motion #275
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to ANTH 499A, ANTH 499B, BIOL 499A, BIOL 499B, ECON 499, POLS 499, PSYC 499A, and PSYC 499B.

• There was debate on the floor on the recommended approach to include an Honours Advisor workload element in the MCS (counting the role as 45 Instructional Hours in Departments with over 10 Honours students). The chief concerns raised in response to the proposal were the advisability of linking workload to an MCS, crediting a service (or combined teaching/service) task as teaching workload, potential for use of Collective Agreement mechanisms to achieve similar ends, and the number of students to invoke the option. Support from Council was roughly divided.

Beke/Honey

Motion: failed

Faculty of Arts and Science

Motion #276
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body COSL 200 and WINL 200.
• General questions and explanation about why COSL and WINL exist at 200 and 300 level and which unit owns the course. These courses are owned by the Dean’s Office and are primarily intended for interdisciplinary courses for credit where there is no discipline

**Motion #277**
That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body changes to WINL 300.

Beke/Honey  
Motion: **carried**

**Programs of Study**

**Motion #278 (omnibus)** That Arts and Science Council approve and recommend to Academic Governance Council or its designated subsidiary body:

a) Changes to Programs of Study for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts Honours, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Science Honours.

b) Changes to the Degree Regulations for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science.

c) The Programs of Study for the Accounting Minor for Arts and Science, the Finance Minor for Arts and Science, the Human Resources Minor for Arts and Science, and the Marketing Minor for Arts and Science.

d) Changes to Programs of Study for the Biological Sciences Major and Honours.

e) Changes to Programs of Study for the Computer Science Major.

f) Changes to the Program of Study for English Honours.

g) Changes to the Program of Study for the Planetary Physics Minor.

h) Changes to the Programs of Study for the Sociology Major, Honours, and Minor.

Beke/Honey  
Motion: **carried**

b) **Approval of BA Review (Self-Study) Membership**

**Motion #279**
That Faculty of Arts and Science Council approve the following membership to serve on the Bachelor of Arts Self Study Committee, for the Academic Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019:

Department of Anthropology, Economics, and Political Science: Chaldeans Mensah
Department of English: Pam Farvolden
As there were no volunteers for the external role in the general call, Executive Committee to Faculty Council will follow-up to identify and appoint a representative of the BSc.

Lorkovic/Buro  

Motion: carried

Items for Information

a) AGC Report

- Protection of Minors policy endorsed by AGC. Arts and Science representatives raised several questions and concerns about particulars. Implementation may impact, for example, activities where children and youth are invited to campus.
- Academic Planning and Priorities Committee is seeking to clarify its role and mandate
- Adi Tcaciuc, Chair of Research Council, introduced 2017-2020 Research Strategic Plan
- Policy on Sabbaticals was rescinded - now covered by Collective Agreement

b) Budget Update

- With budget now in place, we are working out anticipated spending for the remainder of the year. We anticipate hiring 12 new faculty members, but this would not come out of this year’s budget. If there is money available for projects like modification of spaces, it will be communicated through DAG. Will return to Council with hard numbers later in the year.
- $25,000 allotted to student travel in a one-time windfall

c) Minutes Executive Committee

- Enclosed for information. No questions.

d) Staff list 2017/2018

- Corrected version enclosed for information.

Item VII  

Other Business

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Item VIII  

Adjournment

Motion #280  

Move that the Faculty Council adjourn.  

Skeffington/Tcaciuc  

Motion: carried

Item IX  

Question Period – Not minuted

Future meeting dates: Dec. 5, at 1pm, Feb, 7 at 4pm, and Apr. 24, at 1:30pm