

FACULTY OF ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting # 21

Room#: MacEwan Ballroom

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

Opening Session

Quorum was established, and the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:08p.m.

FC 21.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Eileen Lohka / Brian Moorman

That the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

FC 21.2 Report from the Dean (Richard Sigurdson)

- Faculty of Arts annual reports will be distributed shortly. The report has highlights of the year. Especially proud of our hires. After the meeting we will hold the reception to introduce faculty members.
- The President announced hiring 100 new professors: 25 will be net new (entirely in Medicine), others are being recruited now but we are using carryover dollars available in the immediate fiscal years and we bridge to the expected retirements in the upcoming few years.
- We are going to hire an aboriginal cluster. It is part of the aboriginal initiative plan. This year we started with a mini cluster – 2 individuals in Political Science.
- A few years ago we were hiring Eyes High scholars, closely tied to the research initiatives. At this time we also need to ensure the needs of the students as well as community engagement needs in the Faculty.
- Extending a thank you to all who were part of APR and merit process this year. Department Heads have done a huge amount of work. Last week we held the FMC committee. Collegiality was great with terrific representation from TUCFA, students, and everyone who contributed to the success of the process.
- Level of excellence in our Faculty was extraordinary.

- Budget letters have indicated that University' budget going forward is very tight. Faculties are asked to budget for a 3% cut. Departments have all submitted their budgets. Our budget needs to be submitted by November 1, 2015. For this year, we will get compensated for any salary increases that may come up this year. We will need to find some savings as we go forward. University inflation is very high. One of the things is the low dollar.
- We will be commencing the strategic plan process. We are also working on the workload process and a few other projects that the Vice Dean and Associate Deans will report on.
- United Way this year has a \$435,000 goal. We have donation cards available for anyone interested. In early November we will send out information regarding an incentive – a chocolate star being sent out to a colleague you would like to thank for help and support. This will be delivered to anyone on campus. By filling in the form you become a pledger and this drives our participation numbers up.

FC 21.3 Report from the Vice Dean (Florentine Strzelczyk)

- Budget meetings will be starting tomorrow.
- Hiring ads will also be addressed as fast as possible.
- Unit reviews will be happening this year. Last year we had Art, CMF and Philosophy. You will hear their reports at the next Faculty Council meeting.
- The Internationalization Strategy is almost concluded.
- Work Assignment Guidelines will also be coming to Faculty Council in December or later in April.
- Aboriginal Strategy is another one. We will be focusing on student success and community relations this year.
- This term, the Dean's office will work on early career mentorship workshops for new colleagues.
- New Faculty Terms of Reference are undergoing changes accordingly to *The Post-secondary Learning Act*. This will hopefully come to you in December.
- It was a pleasure meeting some of the candidates, and going to lunches with new faculty members.

FC 21.4 Introduction of Dawn Johnston – Assistant Dean, Student Engagement

Dawn was introduced by the Dean. She is a terrific teacher, and is full of energy. The role has been created as an outcome of our student engagement commitment. We are looking forward to great things involving students.

**FC 21.5 Reports from the Associate Deans/Committees
(Moorman, Oxoby, Tumas, Ulliot)**

- ***Brian Moorman, Associate Dean, Research and Infrastructure***
 - Research and Scholarship Leave applications, and sabbatical applications are due tomorrow.
 - The PURE Awards celebration was held yesterday. These are undergraduate awards. Applications will open again in December.

- ***Robert Oxoby, Associate Dean, Research***
 - Creativity and Performance Committee will meet next week

- ***Virginia Tumas, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs***
 - ASC staff changes. Suzanne Boudreaux will not be coming back to the University. Gratitude was expressed to her for the great work that she had done in the former Program Information Centre.
 - We will be replacing Suzanne. Our internal candidate is Rachel Bruce. She has been an acting manager for the last two years.
 - We also had a leave from the office – Carly Francescut has left us and a new person, Monica Somerville, is replacing her. Our front office receptionist Courtney Sparshu will be going on maternity leave.
 - Admissions – 1,991 students admitted this year. We have over 6,000 students registered in the Faculty of Arts this year.
 - Academic Integrity and Misconduct website is being drafted and we hope to have it in place soon.
 - There is new student accommodation policy. This has been announced at DAC. The procedures are stipulated in the document. Accommodations that are being recommended are based on the documentation received from the student. We are legally bound to accommodate students for religious observance.
 - November 12, 2015 – Convocation day.

- ***Michael Ulliot, Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning***
 - Teaching and learning workshops have commenced. Next one is on November 18th.
 - Graduate Attributes. List of common goals as we produce students across our Faculty.
 - Integrated learning review. Focusing on co-op and internship programs.
 - Nominations for teaching awards are under way.
 - Student project – TLC is asking students to lead a project of interest. This will be in the area of mental health and wellness.
 - Thank you for including me into department meetings to talk about projects, workshops and receive feedback.

FC 21.6 Reports from GFC (3 - April 16 + May 14 + June 18)

- No questions.

FC 21.7 Curriculum and Academic Review Committee

FC 21.7.1 Briefing Note FC#21.7.1 – CARC – Curriculum and Program Changes

MOTION #1: Geography

That Faculty Council approve the proposed Calendar changes to the Geography, Earth Sciences, and Urban Studies programs and courses, as detailed in the attached documents.

F16-W17 GEOG Summary vFC01.docx
F16-W17 GEOG Geography vFC01.docx
F16-W17 GEOG Geography Courses vFC01.docx
F16-W17 GEOG Earth Science Courses vFC01.docx
F16-W17 GEOG Urban Studies Courses vFC01.docx

CARRIED

Comments:

- No comments

MOTION #2: Omnibus Motion

That Faculty Council approve of the Calendar changes detailed in the attached documents.

F16-W17 PHIL Philosophy vFC01.docx
F16-17 PSYC Psychology vFC01.docx
F16-W17 LLC Linguistics vFC01.docx
F16-17 Breadth Regulations vFC01.docx

CARRIED

Comments:

- No comments.

FC 21.8 CMSS name change – for information only

- Change of name from Centre for Military and Strategic Studies to **Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies**. No change to acronym CMSS.
- The goal is to reflect the broader role and mandate of the unit.

FC 21.9 Other Business

- None

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. on October 14, 2015.