

FACULTY OF ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting # 13

Science B Room# 144

February 08, 2013

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

FC 13.1 Approval of the Agenda

Since the quorum was not formed for this meeting, there will be no documents presented for approval and no motions carried this time.

FC 13.3 Report from the Dean (Richard Sigurdson)

- Welcome from the Dean.
- Need to talk to Faculty executives regarding the rules for the quorum for Faculty Council.
- Faculty level – advisory committee struck on language instruction? and research.
- University starting new initiative e – learning. Two names from the Faculty provided to be on the University committee. E-learning added to the Academic plan.
- Proposals for two consolidations on Faculty level are coming forward. One is for GSEA and Linguistics and another for the School of Creative and Performing Arts.
- Hires. Many talented candidates interviewed for a number of positions. 21 positions to be filled in the FOA this year.
- Budgetary situation. Significant foundational fixes have been made in a way that budget dollars are distributed internally which is advantageous and fair to large faculties. Budget management has been developed in the University during the last years and certain mechanisms to help to overcome some inadequacies in the Alberta budget have been put in place. The resources to smooth the cuts exist.
- School vs. Department name. Explanation – it is a term known outside the University. It is a consolidation of three different disciplines so meant to indicate that they are coming together do new and different things on a higher level than simple departmental consolidation. School will have different divisions and the disciplines will still be doing their own thing. This also allows to put greater attention to all three areas together, provide leadership and provide outside communication.

FC 13.4 Reports from the Associate Deans

FC 13.4.1 Dan Maher

- Teaching and learning committee has come up with a Teaching Awards documents. Nomination process is under the way and will go through the Departments soon.

- Congress bid for 2016 has been decided to be put forward by the University. Dan will lead the bid. Details re themes and logistics need to be solved soon.

FC 13.4.2 Space Planning (Stewart)

- University space management policy is ongoing. Townhalls will be available in the coming months.
- Ethics process changes are moving well. Research is looking for people who would like to test online process. Those interested in participating, please inform us.

FC 13.5 Report from the GFC Rep. (Lloyd Sciban)

- Attachment
 Questions raised: Are there ways to change the rules, i.e. for quorum, especially if GFC became more active and effective.
 Comment: Suggestion to find the ways change the rules for quorum and also learn if GFC has become more effective.

FC 13.6 Reports from Committees (Welling)

- Reported by Dan Maher

FC 13.7 Greensheets

FC 13.7.1 Greensheet 13.7.1 – Creativity and Performance

FC 13.7.2 Greensheet 13.7.2 – Calendar changes

Not to be presented this time as it will go back to the committee for changes and then will be brought back to the Faculty Council.

FC 13.7.3 APCC Proposal Calendar Submission Dates Draft (Suzanne Bourdeau)

- Attachment (two documents were sent but both outline same changes in different ways)
- Implications:
 - For 2013 there will be an accelerated Calendar and curriculum schedule
 - In order for the faculty to have submissions available for University approval we need to begin in March, 2013 (spring and summer there are very few members on campus).
 - Timetabling would be upped
 - Registration slated to begin in March instead of June. This only applies to continuing students; first-year students would still register in May
 - Means that 200-level courses will need to be partitioned to hold space for incoming students
 - Will be a strain on advising and support services as this is a significant system and process change
 - Admissions deadlines would be upped
 - Will impact programs with portfolio submissions and auditions
 - Honors timeline for processing applications would most likely be upped

Currently the Faculty is still working on the approvals for Fall 2013 and would not have begun changes until October. Under the adaptive phase to meet earlier registration by 2014 changes need to happen on all levels of approval by the end of October, 2013 at the latest.

- Calendar for 2013-2014 will come on time in May.
- Benefit for changes – they are student oriented and more student friendly. Also benefit faculty and staff as we are all still on campus in March and less so over the summer.
- Future Timeline – schedule on the faculty level is not known at this point and it is difficult to anticipate the timeline at this point. CARC will work to determine a workflow process.
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- Final approval of changes for 2013 will soon be known.
- Information to the budget process will need to be submitted earlier.
- Size of CARC is a concern– terms of reference for this committee could also be reconsidered in line with terms of reference for Faculty Council as it has proven problematic to achieve quorum for voting and important changes are kept on hold.
- Students have not been notified yet as a whole, so it is preferred that the information is kept on the department level to avoid early confusion or concerns when timelines are still being determined.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Townhall with students on February 26th.

Celebration event in March. More details to follow.

13:50 meeting adjourned