



FACULTY OF ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting # 26

Room#: EDC 179

Thursday, February 9, 2017

2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Secretary's Note: Quorum for this Faculty Council (FC) meeting was not achieved, and the Chair adjourned Faculty Council and referred the business of the meeting to the Faculty Council Committee, which was convened. Therefore, the proposed agenda for the Faculty Council meeting is the Faculty Council Committee meeting agenda.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:35pm and confirmed quorum for the Faculty Council Committee.

FC 26.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved / Seconded

That the Agenda for the February 9, 2017 Faculty Council Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

FC 26.2 Approval of the Minutes of the October 6, 2016 Faculty Council Committee meeting

Moved / Seconded

That the Minutes of the October 6, 2016 Faculty Council Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

FC 26.3 Report from the Dean (Richard Sigurdson)

The Dean included the following in his remarks:

- Engagement Survey – reminder and encouragement to complete the survey
- Faculty Tenure Promotion Committee (FTPC) – thank you to those who participated in this important process. Particular thank you to the HR staff in the Dean's Office who coordinate all documents and people involved in the process.
- Budget – Faculty of Arts received a two percent budget cut which will affect recruitment. The faculty pays for merit and benefits and as they increase every year even zero percent would be a challenge. Thank you to the managers and heads/directors as we worked to reduce the sessional hires and GATs. Just before holiday break, we did receive an amount that we can put into sessional GATs and use to hire the Director of the Indigenous Studies program. It looks like we will balance

the current year and won't be in a deficit. Confident that comparatively speaking we are in pretty good shape (against other Arts faculties across the country). We have also already hired far in excess of other Arts faculties.

- University Eyes High strategy is about to sunset. On April 29th this year we will no longer be 50. The university now needs a new strategic plan for the next five years and as Eyes High has been working very well it has been decided that we won't start something new, rather Energize Eyes High. We are already pretty far along and it goes to GFC shortly.
- Academic and Strategic research plans – we need to open up and broaden. It looks like there will be a consultation process but not until Energize Eyes High is approved and launched. We need to have a process in our own faculty and it will be discussed with the Vice Dean and Associate Dean Research.
- Questions or comments: None.

FC 26.4 Report from the Vice Dean (Florentine Strzelczyk)

The Vice Dean included the following in her remarks:

- Involved in Strategic Plan - have analyzed the data and it is in the planning phase.
- Faculty of Arts Awards – the call has been sent out for our annual faculty awards. There are several awards in each category, please think about putting forward nominations. It builds colleagues' portfolios and is a stepping stone to further awards. Ceremony is May 3rd.
- Indigenous Strategy Steering Committee – I serve on this committee under the Provost. There have been 58 consultations on and off campus. The plan is to launch the strategy in June. June 21st is National Aboriginal Day.

FC 26.5 Reports from the Chairs of the Standing Committees

26.5.1 Florentine Strzelczyk, Vice Dean – Equity and Diversity Committee

- Melanee Thomas is the co-chair of the committee
- Equity and Diversity survey held in the summer with a 30 percent response
- Melanee will report on the results of survey at a future meeting
- Questions or comments? None.

26.5.2 Brian Moorman, Associate Dean, Research and Infrastructure – Research and Scholarship Committee

- Undergrad research program – changes to the way students apply – faculty member fills out letter of support. Any comments, criticisms, etc. welcome as we have made so many changes.
- Community engaged research – sub-committee to look at how we recognize and reward it. We are at the information gathering stage.
- Cuts to the university library journal collection – there have been many complaints about this. We could have a representative from Library at a future meeting. In the meantime, complete the survey, there has been a low response so it is open February 23rd. Also contact your Library liaison so that they are receiving qualitative data. Every journal is still available – use the interlibrary loan service so that Library Services can see how much the journals are used.
- Questions or comments?
 - Are other universities doing the same thing? Yes. UBC, Memorial, and looking at how journals are purchased, individually or in a package.
 - Can the university use the European method? No. We are not making progress in this area.

- 26.5.3** Virginia Tumaszk, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs – Curriculum and Academic Review Committee (CARC)
- All departments and schools have submitted their proposals for 2018-2019. 2017-2018 calendar to be published in March.
 - Submissions amounted to hundreds of pages and all changes have been reviewed by all of you – discussions, debates, department meetings – acknowledgment and thank you for all the work.
 - Calendar changes have to be reviewed and we have to make sure they make sense in the calendar format because it is a legal document. In mid-March it goes to CARC then EC and then FC. Then it is reviewed at higher levels, GFC. Thank you to CARC representatives.
 - Interim report on academic misconduct – 90 so far in spring/summer/fall. This is up as there were 125 for whole year last year. There must be diligence in detecting and reporting academic misconduct because it must be documented. This is important so that there is consistency and an appeal process. If it is not reported and penalties are levied by the instructor of the course, there is no record if, for example, plagiarism appears in another course.
 - Questions or comments? None.
- 26.5.4** Dawn Johnston, Associate Dean, Teaching & Learning and Student Engagement – Teaching and Learning Committee
- Set of workshops have been interesting and well attended.
 - Will send an email in summer as a call for topics or offer to conduct workshops – please respond.
 - There are two remaining, in February and March. Information is on the website on the Teaching and Learning page.
 - Faculty of Arts Awards – there is a change in guidelines for teaching awards – more reflective of where people are in their teaching careers.
 - Nominations for university teaching awards – this is a more onerous process so we see more nominations for Faculty of Arts awards.
 - Questions or comments? None.
- 26.5.5** Aritha van Herk, Professor, – Creativity & Performance Committee
- Highlights were given verbally and the report can be viewed online with meeting documentation.
 - Questions or comments? None.

**FC 26.6 Motion to approve: Faculty of Arts to Adopt University of Calgary
Campus Mental Health Strategy
FC 26.6.1 – Briefing Note
FC 26.6.2 – University of Calgary Campus Mental Health Strategy**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Richard Sigurdson (Dean) presented this item with Andrew Szeto (Psychology).

Highlights:

- One year ago the university adopted the strategy and was one of the first universities to do so (other universities are doing so now), now it needs to be implemented.
- How can we, at the Faculty of Arts, implement the strategy. We are proposing two motions to do so:
 - Motion 1 - That we be the first faculty to adopt the strategy. We are committed, we understand the issues involved and we are proactively taking measures to ensure the wellbeing of students, faculty and staff.
 - Motion 2 – That we strike a committee appointed by the Dean so that we can form the committee as soon as possible - from FASA, SU, AUPE MaPS staff, faculty members, Arts in Motion, with involvement from Andrew Szeto and the Dean to Chair.

Andrew Szeto:

- By adopting the strategy in the Faculty of Arts, we are saying that it is important and we care about your health and mental well-being, we are leading the way, championing the strategy.
- On March 7th we have an event for the one year anniversary of the university adopting the strategy with a progress report and a speaker. You can go to the mental health website for details and to rsvp to the event.

MOTION #1

Discussion – none

MOTION #1

Moved

That the Faculty of Arts Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approves that the Faculty of Arts adopt the University of Calgary Campus Mental Health Strategy, as detailed in the following document:

University of Calgary Campus Mental Health Strategy

Carried

Abstentions: None

MOTION #2

Discussion – none

MOTION #2

Moved

That the Faculty of Arts Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approves that the Dean is directed to establish the Faculty of Arts Campus Mental Health Implementation Strategy Committee led by the Dean or designate and with the committee (i.e. two faculty members, two students, and two staff members) appointed by the Dean.

Carried

Abstentions: None

FC 26.7 Reports from Department Heads on Unit Reviews

26.7.1 Communications, Media & Film Unit Review

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Barbara Schneider (Department Head) presented this item.

Highlights:

- Positive experience
- Key recommendations
 - Good report of the department and focused on media studies and hiring new people - we were already going in that direction

- To reduce sessional instructors, specifically to reduce courses at 300 level and use of GATs. We dropped some streams and changed the number of required courses and did a curriculum review with changes going to CARC.
- Not to offer course to engineering students, drain on resources and requires a lot of sessional instructors.
- Stronger research culture and areas of common interest to create clusters, reorganize speaker series to accommodate clusters.
- Improve website – this is an ongoing struggle but it is a work in progress
- Questions or comments? None.

26.7.2 Philosophy Unit Review

Nicole Wyatt (Department Head) presented this item.

Highlights:

- Department has good reputation and there is a high degree of satisfaction for faculty and students.
- It is the second best Philosophy department in Canada behind University of Toronto
- Recommendations
 - Hire a support staff person – we have done this
 - Hire in ethics and history of philosophy - we haven't been able to do this
 - Apply for more SHERC funding – we need to encourage and support people to apply
 - Climate – need diversity, white male, appoint equity officer – but we established a committee and they have done a lot of work on how curriculum is put together and got a grant to look at diversity in our first year syllabus
- Questions or comments? None.

26.7.3 Geography Unit Review

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. John Yackel (Department Head) presented this item.

Highlights:

- One of the top in Canada
- Recommendations
 - Several around Governance – see report
- Questions or comments? None.

26.7.4 Mark Konnert – History

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Mark Konnert (Department Head) presented this item.

Highlights:

- Excellence of teaching glossed over, assumed not highlighted
- Declining enrollment – but this had turned around this year
- History Matters lectures have been successful
- Questions or comments? None.

FC 26.8.2 – Faculty of Arts Strategic Planning Update (not circulated)

The Briefing Note was circulated with the Agenda. Co-Chairs Florentine Strzelczyk (Vice Dean) and Erin Gibbs Van Brunschot (Department Head, Sociology) presented this item.

Highlights:

- Themes and priorities have emerged from blocks of data
- Lots of faculty members involved in the process
- We will present the full strategic plan at the next Faculty Council
- There will be a launch sometime after April
- Questions or comments?
 - The Dean commented that this has been a huge amount of work and thanked the co-chairs.

FC 26.9 Other Business

There was no other business.

FC 26.10 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.