

Faculty of Arts Council

Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Tim Babcock, Karen Barkhouse, Jane Barter, Jane Cahill, Jim Clark, Catherine Hunter, Neil Funk-Unrau, Fiona Green, Pauline Greenhill, James Hanley, Steven Kohm, Roy Loewen, Lisa McLean, Glenn Moulaison, Sheila Page, Pauline Ripat, Jacqueline Romanow, Jim Silver, Alden Turner.

Regrets: Barbara Foucault, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Allen Mills.

Adoption of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda (C. Hunter/T. Babcock). Approved with change of date on today's agenda to February 10, 2016.

Honours Sociology

Catherine Hunter advised that the Sociology Department is ready to reinstate the Honours program. It was suspended in 2014-15 due, it was said, to a lack of faculty. Catherine states that a recent review of the program has shown that the resources are in fact available. She says that the will among faculty is strong and unanimous.

Catherine was asked to comment on staff resources available to the program. She explained that there are seven professors. She added that the program (the same program as they offered previously) has an economical curriculum where it is that the required courses are the same for all programs.

CJ has continued to offer CJ-4800, a six-credit hour research field practicum/placement course, which is cross-listed with SOC-4800.

Motion: that Arts Council support the Sociology Department's proposal to reinstate the Honours program (C. Hunter/P. Greenhill). All in favour.

PSAC negotiations

Fiona Green is involved with UWinnipeg's contract negotiation with the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) for TAs/markers. She requested feedback from Chairs on certain matters that are on the table.

Glenn indicates that the negotiations are to be completed by September 2016.

Fiona suggests that it's been a slow process and meetings have been scheduled into March and April 2016.

Approval of the minutes of January 27, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes for January 27, 2016 (P. Greenhill/R. Loewen), noting the spelling error on "integrated."

Business Arising

Fiona Green reminded everyone that the nominations for the Faculty of Arts teaching awards are due on **February 28, 2016**. She added that there is funding support available through the Richard Bonnycastle and Elizabeth Laird Lecture Series.

Sexual Misconduct Protocol and Guidelines (Jan Byrd, Executive Director, Wellness and Student Life; Colin Russell, Registrar)

There was an incident recently which brought to light the need to update/clarify processes related to students. While Colin Russell is the person to contact for non-academic misconduct issues, it is Counseling Services to contact regarding students that are distressed or having personal difficulties.

Jan Byrd thought it would be helpful to discuss what is needed when dealing with students in distress. For example, if you feel that someone will harm himself/herself, then we have a responsibility to address this; in such a case, you could call for back-up from Counseling Services or Security.

She notes that there are now three counselors in Counseling Services and a person working at the front desk (204-986-9611). Counseling Services is located in the Duckworth Centre. Counselors can be mobile and come to you, or you can take students to them between 9:00-5:00.

Other contacts for after hours are as follows:

- University of Winnipeg Campus Security: emergency 786-6666; non-emergency 786-9272
- Klinik Crisis Line: 204-786-8686
- Klinik Sexual Assault Line: 204-786-8631
- WRHA Mobile Crisis Service: 204-940-1781. If they don't have anyone available, they'll send police.

Jan noted that there is an awareness campaign discussing the issue of consent.

Document: “How to Respond When a Student Discloses Sexual Assault or Sexual Misconduct” distributed.

If a student discloses that s/he has been impacted by sexual misconduct, we can refer him/her to the Wellness Centre on campus. There is also now a Sexual Misconduct Response Team on campus with Jan Byrd, Martin Granger and others.

In the document, it was suggested that where responsibilities of faculty and staff are concerned, the following sentence be highlighted: “As a staff or faculty member, it is important to understand your role is to connect students with support services . . .”

Jan explained that the important thing where faculty members are concerned is that they need to be aware that students may need accommodation from their professors, if they’ve experienced sexual misconduct or sexual assault. We need to help and support the student - whether the incident took place on or off campus.

Work is being done on a draft policy which lays out the responsibilities and policies to deal with this. Jan Byrd will edit this with the feedback from Arts Council and others.

Motion to adjourn (J. Clark/T. Babcock). Approved.