

Faculty of Arts Council
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, September 23, 2015
12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Tim Babcock, Karen Barkhouse, Jane Barter, Jane Cahill, Angela Failler, Barbara Foucault, Neil Funk-Unrau, Fiona Green, James Hanley, Catherine Hunter, Steven Kohm, Roy Loewen, Jacqueline McLeod Rogers, Allen Mills, Glenn Moulaison, Pauline Ripat, Jacqueline Romanow, Jim Silver, Alden Turner.

Regrets: Jim Clark.

Motion to approve the agenda (Pauline Ripat/ Catherine Hunter). Approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. (Tim Babcock/Jane Barter).
Approved.

Comments from the Chair

Financial Services is now working on a three-year budget. The goal is to provide longer-term planning. It is not certain if there will be an impact on how we budget this year.

Minutes and other Arts Council material will be posted on the Arts UW website.

DPC sessions.

Two sessions will be held, one on Friday, September 23, and the other on Monday, September 28, to discuss the new process for tenure and promotion applications. HR and UWFA representatives will attend.

The Faculty-Based Criteria for this year have not yet released, but will be imminently. Departments must formulate criteria this year that will be applied to reviews next year.

Student Evaluation

It was noted that student evaluations of contract faculty arrive too late to be relevant to the hiring process. The Dean responded that he would make inquiries but noted that the function is staffed by a single person who has other responsibilities as well. Some felt that this may be an issue for Arts Council to consider.

CLASS: Centre for the Liberal Arts and Secular Society

This proposal, which has gone to Academic Planning, will incorporate research, a lecture series, a reading group, and support for students both graduate and undergraduate. One continuing obstacle is space. The committee needs a space to pull these functions together.

In addition, the proposal requests a 0.5 stipend to give the Director time to spend with the Centre.

The Committee has been meeting for a couple of years. As they move forward, they say that new members from various schools of thought on secularism, religion and liberal arts are welcome.

It was noted that other proposals for Centres are with the Board of Governors. A policy review is currently underway and approvals will be dependent on that review.

Motion to support the CLASS proposal as it moves forward to Senate Executive. (Angela Failer/Roy Loewen) Approved.

Arts Banners

Departments are invited to send in a request for a banner. We will begin with the original banners sent in April. Departments can select a different student or add text. Send suggestions or orders to the Arts Office.

Scheduling

The process of replacing Lindsay Martin who recently took on a new job is underway. A short-list has been developed. The interim appointee will stay on to train the new person. A job review is also underway so make the job more manageable and attractive.

Motion to adjourn. (Tim Babcock/Catherine Hunter). Approved.