

Faculty of Arts Council

Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Karen Barkhouse, Christopher Brauer, Jim Clark, Brandon Christopher, Roewan Crowe, Linda DeRiviere, Hugh Grant, Barbara Foucault, Catherine Hunter, Fiona Green, James Hanley, Steven Kohm, Lisa McLean, Peter Miller, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Glenn Moulaison, Jacqueline Romanow, Sante Viselli.

Regrets: Carlos Colorado, Neil Funk-Unrau, Matt Gibbs, Roy Loewen, Jim Silver.

Motion to approve the agenda ((B. Christopher / S.Kohm). Approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (C. Brauer /S. Viselli). Approved.

Business Arising

Glenn followed up on the question regarding retroactive accommodation for students who only register with Accessibility Services later in the term. Instructors are obliged to accommodate students only after they've registered with Accessibility Services.

Budget

The University received less than expected from the Provincial budget. The grant will remain the same as last year. There will be no increase. There was no injection into the baseline as the previous government had discussed.

Glenn says that there will be a need for further cuts. Departments which are still in the hiring process and do not have signed contracts will have to wait and see that happens.

Marker and TA money has remained steady over the last few years. But with this year's PSAC agreement, that same money will have to cover higher wages. The result is likely to be fewer hours available for markers/TAs.

Stipend contracts are likely to be reduced.

Personal Health Information Act Review

James Hanley raised the concern that the legislation around the PHI and FIPPA is hampering research in the History Department. Records are being withheld from researchers in, what he hopes, is an abundance of caution. Without this kind of ongoing research, he says it is impossible to hold governments accountable. James would like to see UW take a stand on the issue.

PSAC

There seems to be some confusion about who does what in the new contracts for markers and TAs. There is some suggestion that the instructor of the course with the potential TA should be involved, if not responsible, for the hiring. With this task will come payroll, evaluations and other reporting requirements. Some Departments expressed concern about potential overspends.

CAS faculty may not actually be employed when some of these tasks need to be engaged.

It was felt that a meeting with Laurel Repski and/or Marni Yasumatsu from HR to discuss these issues would be useful. Glenn will undertake to see if they are available.

Motion to adjourn ((B. Christopher / J. Clark). Approved.