

Faculty of Arts Council

Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Christopher Brauer, Jim Clark, Brandon Christopher, Roewan Crowe, Linda DeRiviere, Emily Epp, Barbara Foucault, Neil Funk-Unrau, Matt Gibbs, Hugh Grant, Fiona Green, James Hanley, Kristi Kenyon, Steven Kohm, Lisa McLean, Glenn Moulaison, Jacqueline Romanow, Sante Viselli

Regrets: Karen Barkhouse, Carlos Colorado, Catherine Hunter, Roy Loewen, Jaqueline McLeod-Rogers, Jim Silver,

Motion to approve the agenda (J. Romanow/S. Viselli). Approved

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

Business Arising

Glenn has not yet had the opportunity to speak to those organizing the printing contract.

Departments note that some have been approached about classifying employees according to the new PSAC agreement. As yet, there are no problems to report.

Global College request

Global College has come to council to secure a Humanities or a Social Science designation for some of their courses.

Arts Council is not a governing body and so cannot make such a decision, but it can, and has in the past, made such a recommendation to the Curriculum Committee which can make the recommendation to Senate.

A presentation was made to Council by Krisi Kenyon and Emily Epp of the Global College. They see the request as way to increase opportunities for students to consider Global College courses to fulfill their Humanities or Social science requirements.

The discussion that followed included a number of questions about the syllabus, the methodology and the expected instructors. In the end, the main conclusion was that there appears to be no criteria for determining which course should be considered as fulfilling the criteria. There appears to be no criteria.

A motion was proposed by H Grant and seconded by B. Christopher that a moratorium be imposed on new designations until an acceptable and workable criteria be developed. This was passed with one opposing vote.

Predatory Publishing

Predatory publishing refers to the concept of academics and scholars being approached by questionable venues as a means of disseminating their work. Glenn wanted to know how significant this issue is. Is it growing? Does it affect activity reports?

The consensus was that most departments used an honor system and expected members to be candid about the publication houses. Most noted that the specious offers have been present for a long time. There is no real uptick in activity. But the problem remains.

Rotary Symposium

The event will be held March 14-16. Chairs and other faculty are invited to attend and speak for the faculty.

Events

March 6 Classics, Political Science, and Religion and Culture will host an event at 1:30 and another at 6:00 on Islamic issues.

March 8 Political Science will host a speaker on Youth Justice Reform in the 12:30 slot.

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