

Faculty of Arts Council

Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Nyala Ali, Karen Barkhouse, Christopher Brauer, Jim Clark, Carlos Colorado, Roewan Crowe, Paul DePasquale, Linda DeRiviere, Hugh Grant, Matthew Flisfeder, Barbara Foucault, Neil Funk-Unrau, Catherine Hunter, Fiona Green, Steven Kohm, Roy Loewen, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Glenn Moulaison, Jim Silver, Sante Viselli, Hans Werner.

Regrets: Brandon Christopher, Matt Gibbs, James Hanley, Lisa McLean, Jacqueline Romanow.

Motion to approve the agenda ((S.Kohm/ C. Colorado). **Approved.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (S Kohm /C. Hunter). **Approved.**

Business Arising

Glenn's report to the Faculty of Arts Council is available on the website.
The PSAC meeting with HR, Chairs and Department Assistants was held.

Budget

As members know, the budget from the provincial government was worse than expected. There was no increase to the operating grant as well as no injection into the base funding. The previous government had suggested that a \$1.2 million increase was possible.

There have been cuts. In Athletics, teams have been cut. Some vacant positions will be left unfilled. But the overall Arts budget is intact. There is a 20% increase in department discretionary spending. But the stipend budget remains the same as last year.

Crossings

Matthew Flisfeder came to Council to encourage student submissions to the journal. The response to the Canada 150 call was less than they had hoped. He suggested that instructors might mention the possibility of submitting work on the course outline. Some instructors might even tailor assignments to encourage or facilitate submissions.

Nexus copyright review

Adhering to these regulations is a Senate requirement. For cost reasons, UW opted out of Access Copyright, so the University has to demonstrate compliance.

Chairs were wondering why material for courses from 2014 need to be checked for copyright issues. The courses are over. To many, the effort seems like a waste of time. In some cases, the contract instructors are no longer working at UW. To add to the difficulty, course material cannot be deleted by the faculty member. An application to TSC is required. Neil felt the process was not as burdensome as it seemed. But others wonder why there isn't an automatic expiry for course material.

Jim Clark noted that some publishers allow online posts, if the department is using the textbook. He thinks we may be expending effort that is actually not necessary. He wonders if the University should pursue this aspect for all courses rather than continue the individual role of each faculty member.

There are instances of faculty not complying. There is uncertainty about the Chair's responsibility.

Glenn feels that compliance is part of the job and must be done. Those not complying may face a penalty from action begun by publishers.

Each department needs to identify a webmaster who receives emails from readers of the website.

Campus Sustainability

This working group is looking for members. The committee meets three to six times a year.

AMA training

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act requires mandatory on line training. Everyone will need to comply.

TPCAC

Glenn will hold a workshop to assist those will be applying this year or next.

Next meeting

The next and last meeting for this term will be June 7 at 12:30. The meeting will be a social gathering thanking retiring Chairs and welcoming new ones. Please let Barbara know if you will be in attendance.