

Faculty of Arts Council

Minutes

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Tim Babcock, Carlos Colorado, Brandon Christopher, Roewan Crowe, Barbara Foucault, Neil Funk-Unrau, Matt Gibbs, Colin Goff, Hugh Grant, James Hanley, Steven Kohm, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Jacqueline Romanow, Shannon Sampert, Sante Viselli, Tracy Whalen, Kevin Walby, Doug Williams

Regrets: Linda DeRiviere, Roy Loewen, Shauna MacKinnon, Catherine Taylor

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

Motion to approve the minutes of April 11. The notes were change to reflect that C. Colorado and R. Crowe had sent regrets for the 3rd and were not in attendance. (S/Kohm/M. Gibbs).

Approved

Business Arising

Convocation

Jaqueline wished to thank all faculty who were able to attend. She felt that their presence added to the event.

Sexual Violence Workshop

Our next meeting will be devoted to the workshop. It will be held in 2M70 at our regular time.

Staffing & Hiring

Next year's budget is unknown. Requests for hiring, conversions to T/T, and reappointments have already been submitted to Catherine. She will review to rank the applications and submit the request to the Provost in October.

In response to a question, Catherine noted that staff meetings are split between load issues and hiring concerns.

Online SETS

Colin has reviewed the issues raised with the various faculties about the new online SETS trial. Science has been supportive and will use the online version. Arts had more questions and so will use the current paper system.

Safety concerns

Steven recounted a safety issue that caused one of his grad students to withdraw. There was a shooting at McFeetors Hall, yet there was no information released about this incident. These issues can affect programs, and he feels faculty should be made aware of such occurrences.

Funding for repeated events

Events that recur from year-to-year are now in the budget. Lisa noted that this is not new money, but knowing that such events are part of the budget could take pressure of Departments. A Department would know what money is available.

Access to Information Resources

Steven and Kevin Walby from Criminal Justice came to speak about a proposed Centre for Access to Information and Justice (CAIJ). The proposed Centre would be based on the principle that access to information is a prerequisite for access to justice.

The Centre would provide input to researchers both academic and those in professions such as government, law and journalism who are looking at social justice issues, at the performance of public bodies and at holding people in positions of power to account.

Part of the project is to establish an actual centre, currently being called the Access Lab. The lab would be a physical space that would offer workshops that provide training in the use of FOIA laws and facilitate networking and collaboration. Currently 22 UW faculty have expressed support.

Evidence Network

Shannon Sampert came to Council to speak about this ongoing media outreach. The goal of the Network is to make peer-reviewed research more widely available to the general public through op-eds published in Canadian newspapers, magazines and journal as well as becoming a part of public broadcasting pieces. She notes that this push to reach various Canadian media is in line with SSHRC's push to disseminate evidence-based Canadian research.

Next meeting: **October 31 in 2M70 Sexual Violence Workshop**

Motion to adjourn: (T. Babcock/B. Christopher)