

Faculty of Arts Council
Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Adina Balint, Rachel Berg, Christopher Brauer, Brandon Christopher, Rory Dickson, Joan Grace, Kelly Gorkoff, James Hanley, Peter Ives, Roy Loewen, Shauna MacKinnon, Lisa McLean, Peter Miller, Glenn Moulaison, Jacqueline Romanow, Jonathan Sears, Doug Williams.

Regrets: Peggy Day, Pauline Greenhill, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Catherine Taylor.

Motion to approve the agenda (D. Williams/B. Christopher) with the addition of the “Adoption of the Minutes.” **Approved.**

Motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2019 (J. Hanley/K. Gorkoff). **Approved.**

Presentation of the Arts Research Award

Michael Weinrath was presented with the Arts Excellence in Research Award (Tenured or Continuing Appointment). Michael was nominated for providing expert testimony in support of Mr. Bruneau in the case of R v Bruneau. Bruneau was assaulted while remanded in custody in Ontario. The court found in favour of Bruneau and he received significant compensation. The case is expected to lead to enhanced prisoner protection across Canada.

TSC support, policies, cyber security – K. Benoit (CIO), S. Cesar (Manager Service Desk)

Kim Benoit confirms that if TSC is involved in the selection, procurement, and deployment of a computer, then TSC supports it. She adds that TSC works with standardized models, brands, and enterprise-level systems, as they need to last and to be integrated into other systems on campus, such that they allow for the deployment of software, for printing, etc. This is necessary due to the limited number of staff (approximately 4½ positions) that deal with the 2,200 computers on campus.

TSC tries to stay on a five-year refresh cycle for PC renewal. But due to budget limitations, if faculty or staff prefer something other than the standard desktop (~\$800), they are required to cover the additional cost. TSC does now officially support Macs, but they have only one person who has specialized Mac training.

Some faculty members may have been able to purchase laptops, etc., without going through TSC, possibly due to a policy change in Financial Services. Kim allows that TSC needs to be sure to make sure their information is getting out to faculty and staff, and they are working hard to do this.

Faculty members can no longer purchase a license for Microsoft Office. Office 365 is coming, Kim says. That will be rolled out once issues have been resolved.

Kim advises that for specialized classrooms that have a screening component, TSC can do medium- and long-term planning through their Centre for Academic Technology (CAT).

Kim emphasizes that cyber security is an important issue to be aware of. Socially engineered attacks by fraudsters, either by phone or e-mail, are common. These are out to get money and information. There are phone-based scams where calls come from hacked phones. There are e-mail-based scams, such as “phishing” or “whaling.” (“Whaling” is the term used when the e-mail message looks to be from a Dean, the President. In these, the recipient is asked to act quickly on a request.) Fraudsters will go so far as to create websites that look very real. TSC put together online training for faculty and staff to increase awareness and to provide techniques to help identify fraudulent messages. If you receive fraudulent e-mail messages, please forward these as attachments to TSC.

Space Committee Policy – Peter Ives

The Space Committee is comprised of James Currie, Mike Emslie, Jino Distasio, Doug Goltz, and Glenn Moulaison. Peter Ives had sent a message to Arts Council prior to the meeting (January 14, 2020) proposing a motion, as below, that would see faculty, staff, and student representation added to the Space Committee.

Motion: “Whereas the Space Policy states that ‘The Vice-President, Academic is responsible for the development, administration and review of this Policy and the constitution of the Committee’ and that ‘Allocation of space will occur in a systematic, clear and accountable way, ensuring that University space is used effectively,’ the members of Arts Council urge the Vice-President Academic to reconstitute the Space Management Committee so that it includes substantive membership from faculty, staff and students” (P. Ives/B. Christopher).

Glenn notes that the majority of decisions made by the Space Committee concern office space. Only a small number of decisions (5-10%) are problematic. He expresses concern that faculty, staff, and students shouldn’t be taking criticism over these decisions. He adds that there are some things that cannot be discussed in front of faculty, staff, or students.

Possible alternatives to the motion were suggested as follows:

- Improve communication with the Space Committee.
- Establish an advisory committee.

Motion to table the discussion to the next meeting of Arts Council (January 29, 2020) (J. Grace/Christopher Brauer). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date