

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Adina Balint, Jackie Benson, Rachel Berg, Derrick Bourassa, Christopher Brauer, Brandon Christopher, Rory Dickson, Jonathon Franklin, Joan Grace, Pauline Greenhill, Kelly Gorkoff, Peter Ives, Paul Lawrie, Lisa McLean Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Jacqueline Romanow, Mark Meuwese, Glenn Moulaison, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Jonathan Sears, Conor Whately.

Motion to approve the agenda (B. Christopher/C. Brauer). **Approved**, with addition of item regarding the recent Accessibility Services memo.

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn's review of Activity Reports and evaluations, also known (normally) as the Great Paperclip Harvest, is under way.

The presidential search process has started. Glenn is the Deans' representative on the committee.

UWinnipeg has no plans to lengthen the holiday break or delay the start of Winter term. Universities who have chosen to do this had developed plans months ago in order to accommodate a possible turn to face-to-face delivery.

The Provost and the VP Finance will be meeting imminently in order to discuss hirings.

There will likely be a tax break for those working from home; the word is that the feds will allow for a flat \$400 deduction without the need to submit significant paperwork.

Deans will recommend that the Spring term be timetabled as remote delivery.

Motion to adopt the minutes of 18 November 2020 (M. Meuwese/A. Balint). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

The concerns surrounding the Research Office falls under the following agenda item.

Research

At a previous meeting of Arts Council, a number of concerns were raised regarding the Research Office. Glenn did have a conversation with Jino, which prompted the Office to organize consultation sessions for faculty members. The concerns were also raised with Jino at a Deans'

meeting. Jino is open to a 3rd travel grant intake. The search for an AVP Research is ongoing, and interviews for a 4th research officer are occurring right now.

Teaching, Learning, Grading

Glenn queried Chairs if they had heard concerns regarding availability of instructors, office hours, etc. Issues don't seem to be widespread. The UWSA will likely introduce a motion at Senate on alternate grading. Whether or not this occurs, there is a plan developed by Student Services to make students aware of other options.

Accessibility Services

AS is requesting that instructors cover more exam accommodations (extra time, for instance). Although the importance of accommodating students was acknowledged, it raised workload concerns for some. Glenn was going to have discussions with the Chairs of Departments most burdened by this.

Next Meeting

December 18. Normally, the last meeting before the holiday break is an informal get-together. Glenn will look into what's possible regarding some kind of food delivery.

Motion to adjourn (B. Nobbs-Thiessen/J. Romanow). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date