

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
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, Kelly Gorkoff, Peter Ives, Paul Lawrie, Shauna Therese MacKinnon, Peter Miller, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Mark Meuwese, Glenn Moulaison, Shailesh Shukla, Heather Snell, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Jonathan Sears.

Regrets: Lisa McLean.

Motion to approve the agenda (C. Brauer/P. Ives). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

N/A

Motion to adopt the minutes of 13 January 2021 (B. Christopher/K. Gorkoff). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

DRC Grade Submission/Approval

Grades are submitted by instructors, but according to the Calendar, they are approved by the DRC on behalf of Senate. This occasionally causes issues, as a DRC might feel the need to adjust the grades of an instructor whose academic freedom includes the freedom to grade as they see fit. In order to avoid this issue, DRCs are encouraged to come up with clear grading guidelines and make them known to instructors. The CCI used to serve as the basis for such guidelines, but it was discontinued at the University level; however, DRCs have been free to continue to use it. With the review of Senate Standing Rules, Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct has been asked to include in its “rules” the oversight of grade submission guidelines by DRCs.

Equity Consultants

Given the lateness of the implementation of this process, current searches need not include Equity Consultants; however, we are committed to training Consultants for the next academic year.

Social Sciences/Humanities Designation

For a number of years, Arts Council has imposed a “moratorium” on approving requests from non-Arts Departments to have courses designated as “social science” or “humanities”; however,

requests continue to be made via the Curriculum Committee. It was felt that perhaps the moratorium should be lifted, with the drafting of criteria in order to give guidance to those Departments making requests. Also, it was suggested that Glenn query the Dean of Science to see what is done in Science for those requesting a “science” designation.

Scheduling

Scheduling is proceeding with the Spring timetabling process without CAS being hired and identified on Webadvisor, creating certain issues for students and instructors. Glenn approved the advertising of CAS earlier than usual.

Next Meeting

February 24.

Motion to adjourn (B. Christopher/P. Miller). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date