

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 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, Lisa McLean, Peter Miller, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Mark Meuwese, Glenn Moulaison, Shailesh Shukla, Heather Snell, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Jonathan Sears.

Motion to approve the agenda (B. Christopher/C. Brauer). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn welcomed everyone to the first Council of the new year—in particular the new members: Shailesh Shukla, Acting Chair of Indigenous Studies, and Heather Snell, Acting Chair of Women’s and Gender Studies. Peter Miller returned to Council as Chair of Classics.

Glenn inquired as to whether there were beginning-of-term issues, as he hadn’t heard of any serious concerns.

As some Departments had already launched searches, revised interview procedures (templates) would be sent out.

As a reminder, the MOU waiving the requirement to include SETs in Activity Reports covered both RAS and CAS, for courses taught in Winter 2020, Spring/Summer 2020, up to the end of Winter 2021.

As the President mentioned at Senate, the Province is looking at bringing in an outcome-based funding model. The University is staying on top of this.

There is a draft being worked on for revised CPAA-eligible expenses. Hopefully, the revised list will make the fund more useful for Chairs.

The University received funds that were held back by the Province due to Covid. This money will be used for deferred maintenance projects, IT and other campus upgrades, etc.

Motion to adopt the minutes of 2 December 2020 (A. Balint/J. McLeod Rogers). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Open House

Open House will occur virtually, 3-6pm, on February 10, 2021. Each Faculty will have a booth, but there is no expectation for individual Departments to have one, unless they would like to. It will be a couple of weeks before we will have a sense of how much interest the event will generate.

Fall 2021 Term

Glenn queried Council about their thoughts on what Fall would or should look like. Although the vaccine is here, there is no guarantee that everyone or enough people will be vaccinated on time in order to allow the (full) opening of campus and a return to face-to-face delivery. Nothing as of yet has been decided. The two major take-aways from the discussion: whatever decision is taken should be taken and communicated as soon as possible, and the concerns of CAS should be taken into account.

Next Meeting

January 26, the yearly budget presentation, with VP Finance Emslie and Provost Stewart.

Motion to adjourn (P. Miller/P. Ives). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date