

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 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: Christopher Brauer, Lisa McLean.

Motion to approve the agenda (J. Grace/P. Miller). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

A couple of issues were brought to Glenn's attention over the past few days. Computer renewal: it seems that TSC is looking at replacing all ageing desktops with laptops and requesting faculty members to provide asset tag information, requiring visits to offices. It appears, however, that there is some flexibility on the part of TSC given concerns expressed and that there will be a meeting with Department Assistants; also, with permission, TSC staff could gather asset tag information from faculty offices. Amazon Business: UWinnipeg credit card holders will need to set up Business accounts for Amazon purchases; this seems to be a done deal.

Motion to adopt the minutes of 10 February 2021 (P. Ives/H. Snell). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Glenn asked the Dean of Science what the process was for those requesting a Science designation for courses not in the Faculty of Science. Dean Goltz was unaware of any process being in place given that there are hardly any such courses outside Science. Glenn would develop criteria and propose a process to be presented to a future meeting of Arts Council.

Fall Term

With news that the vaccine roll-out program is accelerating, there is now hope that we could be opening campus to some level of in-person activity in September. The question would be: If we do go through the effort of planning to re-open, could we be prepared to "pivot" back to alternate delivery if circumstances (either before September or after the beginning of term)?

Although a return to on-campus teaching was generally seen as desirable, a number of concerns were raised, primarily the need to be flexible and accommodating, given health concerns of students and instructors, the precarity of CAS, the increased workload involved in remote/hybrid delivery, the impact on certain groups, like international students and those living with a disability.

Glenn said he would bring these forward.

April Exams, Asynchronous Courses

Exams for FW asynchronous courses were not timetabled by Scheduling, which led Department (Assistants) to it for themselves—although Scheduling did assist. The question was whether exams for such Spring courses would be timetabled by Scheduling or Departments.

CAS Activity Reports and Evaluative Criteria

The question regarding the evaluation of CAS Reports was raised. Unlike the RAS Collective Agreement, the CAS Collective Agreement does not spell out the need to develop evaluative criteria. In some Departments, the RAS criteria for teaching are used to assess CAS Reports. It would be a good idea for Departments to provide CAS with assessment criteria.

Next Meeting

March 24, 2021.

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

Glenn Moulaison

Date