

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Adina Balint, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Christopher Brauer, Derrick Bourassa, Glenn Moulaison, Jackie Benson, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Joan Grace, Jonathon Franklin, Kelly Gorkoff, Kirit Patel, Lisa McLean, Rachel Berg, Shailesh Shukla, Sharanpal Ruprai, Shauna Therese MacKinnon, Suellen Ribeiro, Stephanie Stobbe, Tracy Whalen, W. Rory Dickson.

Guests: Doris Wolf.

Regrets: Brandon Christopher, Peter J. Miller, Mark Meuwese,

Agenda of April 6, 2022

Motion to adopt and approve the agenda. (J. Grace / C. Brauer). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn reminded everyone that the Arts awards calls and forms were posted, and that people should email S. Ribeiro with their nominations or if they would like to serve in one of the committees. Glenn mentioned that the Registrar has extended the deadline for students to submit their SETs, and that for this term it is still not mandatory. Glenn also mentioned that he will invite the new Present to attend a future Arts council meeting.

Minutes of March 23, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022 (T. Whalen / B. Nobbs-Thiessen). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Not self-isolation and the possible conflict of rights?

Glenn explained that the answer is that if the request is based on an accommodation it is a right otherwise other arrangements will need to be made/negotiated.

A Chair raised the concern that people might show up to classes sick and how that would affect other involved parties. Glenn mentioned that at this time there isn't an answer for this hypothetical scenario, and that if this situation comes up Linda Harrison (HR) would have to be consulted about it.

Accommodations and Remote Work

To change the delivery method of a course to online due to anxiety/level of discomfort of being back to in person class, a formal request should be submitted to HR with Linda Harrison and not Glenn, since this type of assessment falls under their expertise and responsibility.

Glenn also mentioned that the Remote Work pilot program extended their deadline on receiving new requests. Glenn asked for the Chairs' input on department assistants requesting to extend their remote to work or not. Chairs shared that they are receiving requests for flexibility or extension to working remotely. The general sense is that each department is trying to be accommodating while also making sure that people will be available to assist students and slowly coming back to normal hours and in person work.

Gifts to people already on Payroll (Staff/Faculty)

University funds cannot be used to buy gifts for staff or faculty according to the Hospitality and Business Expenditure Procedures. Personal funds are allowed and can be used to buy gifts to other staff or faculty members. Chairs shared that this policy is not appreciated and that it should be revised.

Other

- Glenn mentioned that the next Arts Council meeting that was scheduled to happen on April 20, 2022 is cancelled due to the Annual Arts Faculty Council meeting that is happening on April 27, 2022.

Next meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (K. Gorkoff / S. Therese MacKinnon). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date