

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom

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

Guests: Angela Failler, Colin Russell, Kimberley E. Benoit.

Regrets: Fiona Green, Lisa McLean, Peter J. Miller.

Motion to approve the agenda. (B. Christopher / B. Nobbs-Thiessen). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn shared that his office has received a small quantity of COVID-19 rapid tests that are going to be available to any staff or faculty members who might need one for work. Glenn also mentioned that unless stated otherwise, the spring 2022 term will be delivered in-person, and that he will ask Lisa McLean to contact the Departments with more information on posting hiring ads and the deadline for those. Glenn also confirmed with C. Russell that all make up classes should be delivered in the same way of delivery as the course was primarily announced. Whether those make up days are going to be necessary or not for each course, should be a judgement call between the Chair and the faculty member teaching them since some instructors may already have adjusted their class content to finish the course on schedule before knowing about the make up days.

Minutes of January 26, 2022

Motion to adopt the minutes of January 26, 2022 (B. Christopher / M. Meuwese). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Multi-Factor Authentication (K. Benoit)

K. Benoit explained that MFA is a method of authentication that requires the user to use more than one type of confirmation of identity for their accounts. She also mentioned that MFA will be very important to the University in order to not only protect people's personal information, as well as all the intellectual property that resides within the UW academic community. The presentation also included the name of the tool provider that TSC is using for this project, Cisco Duo, that will be specially used for accessing UW computers, using M365, and using UW accounts thought outlook web access. K. Benoit explained that the second authentication factor

will have different options that people will be able to choose from and that a more detailed explanation on those options will be shared in another time. The launch of the MFA process will be done in group phases that will be announced to each department individually to ensure a smooth transition.

Tutoring (C. Russell)

C. Russell mentioned that UWSA is interested in supporting tutoring. The idea is to help covering the gap on content area tutoring that currently exists at the UW. He explained that his input to UWSA was that if this idea is going to be explored, he needed to get the input from the Departments since they would need to be engaged to make this work, helping decide what the Departments would want to provide and what types of oversight would be possible or not. Chairs shared how are the tutoring programs that their Departments already have in place, where some of them help junior students arrange private tutoring with senior students by connecting them, others have TAs hours divided so students can just book sessions with them without having to pay anything, while other Chairs raised the concern around TAs' hours being primarily used for marking since the budget currently does not allow them to allocate more hours for tutoring on content area. C. Russell mentioned that he will bring these points to the discussion with UWSA and try to see if the funds could be directed to helping with the existing TAs budget, improving the writing center, and making it possible for a better quality assured type of content are tutoring on campus.

Request from Students to Record Lectures

Glenn mentioned that a request was made, originating from A.S., regarding a student recording classes as an accommodation. Glenn assured that it is up to the instructor to allow or not for their lectures to be recorded or not, but if a direct note or request is received by any faculty member from A.S. regarding recording their lectures as a necessary accommodation or if A.S. insists on it happening in some way, Glenn should be notified about it to discuss the matter with A.S.

Other

N/A

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (K. Gorkoff / T. Whalen). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date