

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom

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

Guests: None.

Regrets: None.

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

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn reminded the members to answer the survey that was emailed to all faculty and staff regarding returning to work in person/on campus. Glenn also asked for the Departments that received hiring opportunities, to please make sure to keep track of hiring ads deadlines. Glenn also mentioned that if there is the need to keep the ad up longer, for the Department to request a deadline extension instead of letting the ad expire to request a new one, since it is more expensive to do so.

Minutes of Month, Date, Year.

Motion to adopt the minutes of January 12, 2022 (B. Christopher / F. Green). **Approved.**

With the addition of Christopher Brauer to the list of those present.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Re-opening?

The status is still unknown at the moment. A decision will be made after the Return to Campus Survey ends, and an announcement will go out either at the end of this week or beginning of next week. The Chairs shared their input on how faculty and students are regarding returning to campus after reading week, and so far, it seems pretty divided between wanting to return to in person classes and continuing remotely. The Chairs expressed that faculty members and students are concerned about living and other life arrangements that were made to start this term remotely that would need to be changed, and that changing the delivery method in the middle of the term

might make it difficult for faculty members and students to attend in-person classes due to the short time to adjust and/or make new life arrangements.

MFA

The University authentication system will be changing soon to MFA (multi-factor authentication). TSC will have someone come to a future Council meeting to explain how the process is going to work, and which options are going to be available – for example, how people that do not have a secondary device will be able to use it.

Tutoring

UWSA is proposing to increase tutoring on campus and the possibility of implementing paid tutoring assistants. At this time, there is not a standard tutoring program established for all Arts Departments – some Departments have tutoring programs while others do not. Chairs expressed that this might be a good idea and, as long as there is a clear understand on the specifics of how the program would work and how the paid tutoring would be funded – would the cost be shared between UWSA and each Department or would it be fully funded by UWSA?

Other

The English Department will be hosting a Reading and Q&A with Lindsay Wong on Friday, January 28 at 12:30PM. S. Ribeiro will be forwarding B. Christopher's email to all Chairs to share this event with their Departments.

Next meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (P. J. Miller / F. Green). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date