

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Adina Balint, Christopher Brauer, Derrick Bourassa, Glenn Moulaison, Jackie Benson, Joan Grace, Jonathon Franklin, Kelly Gorkoff, Kirit Patel, Rachel Berg, Shailesh Shukla, Sharanpal Rupai, Suellen Ribeiro, Tracy Whalen, W. Rory Dickson.

Guests: Melissa Funke.

Regrets: Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Brandon Christopher, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Lisa McLean, Mark Meuwese, Peter J. Miller, Shauna Therese MacKinnon, Stephanie Stobbe.

Agenda of March 23, 2022

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

With the addition of item 6. Other Departments scheduling exams outside class time

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn shared that he is working on course outlines and waiting to hear from Scheduling to determine some of the important dates, but there probably won't be many changes. Glenn also mentioned that after meeting with Financial Services, the Department has been asked for reductions within the budget. So, Glenn asked the Chairs to please watch their enrolment numbers for the following Spring/Summer terms, to make sure that courses with low attraction are flagged to ensure that adjustments can be made to the stipend line.

Minutes of March 9, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022 (A. Balint / K. Gorkoff). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Glenn got an answer regarding the Covid-19 vaccine and mask mandates question that was raised last meeting, and it has been determined that groups/Departments cannot impose mandates on vaccine or mask for their own events after the University mandates end since there would not be a team in place to enforce those rules and other issues that could also come up from those decisions.

Glenn also mentioned that there is going to be a degree of flexibility in regards to requesting students/visitors to wear masks when meeting in a small space/personal office, but if a formal or medical accommodation is needed, HR should be contacted for those requests.

Chairs asked if an announcement or decision has been made on students/people who decide to not self-isolate when sick, and what is going to be the procedure for these situations where there is a possible conflict of rights. Glenn will check with ORT and other departments.

Other Departments scheduling exams outside class time

A Chair shared that the attendance of a Friday course has been drastically affected by the Department of Math scheduling exams and tests outside their class time. Glenn spoke with the Dean of Science and the Math department was then inquired about this issue, and they have confirmed that students were advised to come forward to arrange for accommodations if they had any schedule conflicts. The Department of Math has confirmed that they will keep reminding students and encouraging them to come forward to have their exams and tests scheduled to dates they do not have other classes. Glenn also asked the Arts Chairs to encourage students in their departments, specially first year students, to please speak up and let their instructors know about any schedule conflicts, so that accommodations can be made.

Other

- A regret has requested for the meeting to be recorded, so that they can watch it at a later time. The Council approved the request and S. Ribeiro will record and share the meeting with all the regrets.
- The Theatre department will have their Senior class presenting a show opening on March 23, 2022 and going until March 26, 2022 for more information and tickets, their contact information is thfm@uwinnipeg.ca

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (J. Grace / K. Gorkoff). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date