

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 22, 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, Fiona Green, Kelly Gorkoff, Peter Ives, Shauna Therese MacKinnon, Lisa McLean, Peter Miller, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Mark Meuwese, Glenn Moulaison, Shailesh Shukla, Kirit Patel, Stephanie Stobbe, Tracy Whalen.

Guests: Helen Lepp Friesen, Coordinator, Writing Centre.

Regrets: N/A

Motion to approve the agenda with slight change, moving agenda item #6 to before Remarks. (F. Green / A. Balint). **Approved.**

Writing Centre

H. Lepp Friesen, Coordinator of the Writing Centre, presented a ppoint on the resources made available to students and to faculty members. She would provide the ppoint to Chairs for information and circulation.

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn noted the President's remarks at Senate regarding preliminary enrolment numbers for Fall term, which generally seemed to be in line with last year at this time.

Resumption of Research forms no longer need to be submitted.

The deadline for nominating students as valedictorian for Fall Convocation is Thursday, September 23.

Chairs ready and willing to have staffing meetings are more than welcome to set up appointments as soon as possible.

Research/Study Leave applications are due soon. Please forward them directly to the Chair of the Committee, M. Gregg, Associate Dean of Science (with copy to R. Stephenson).

Chairs who are in their last year of their term should advise Glenn and Tracy in order that the Selection Process proceed.

Glenn advised that he will not seek another term as Dean following his second, due to end on June 30, 2023.

Minutes of June 2, 2021

Motion to adopt the minutes of June 2, 2021 (C. Brauer / P. Ives). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Online offerings post 2021-2022

The expectation is that after 2021-2022 most courses will be delivered in person; however, given the success of the online experience for some, it would perhaps be practical to continue with some offerings being offered online. A few Chairs expressed concerns about faculty members expressing (strongly) their preference to teach from home, as well as the need to have clear guidance on the number or percentage of courses to be delivered remotely. It could also be difficult to find qualified CAS to teach in person. The issue of accommodating students on campus who would need to switch from in-person to remote would still be a concern. The question was raised about the possibility of accommodating certain pedagogical innovations (online lectures + in person small groups, for instance) that were developed over the past year.

Other

None.

Next meeting

October 6, 2021.

Motion to adjourn (J. Grace / B. Christopher). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date