

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
12:30-1:30 PM 3C12

Present: Aaron Moore, Alan Srinivasachari, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Christopher Brauer, Derrick Bourassa, Doris Wolf, Glenn Moulaison, Jonathon Franklin, Kelly Gorkoff, Lisa McLean, Mark Meuwese, Peter J. Miller, Samantha Cook, Shauna T. MacKinnon, Suellen Ribeiro, Tracy Whalen, W. Rory Dickson.

Guests: N/A

Regrets: Jackie Benson, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Kirit Patel, Shailesh Shukla, Sharanpal Ruprai, Stephanie Stobbe.

Agenda of January 11, 2023

Motion to adopt and approve the agenda. (C. Brauer / A. Moore). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

Glenn welcomed Shauna back to Arts Council and her position as chair of the UIC Department. There are still searches being conducted for the VPs positions. Glenn also reminded everyone that the President will be joining the Council in the next meeting.

Minutes of November 30, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2022 (P. J. Miller / D. Wolf). **Approved.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Out of province hiring restrictions were lifted for the time being. Glenn explained that it can still change in the future, but for now hiring from outside the province is allowed.

Hiring

This year's approved positions had a late turnover. Because of the restricted budget forecast, positions approved were based on vacancy (recent). There is a budget for in person interviews, please follow protocols. A HR equity consultant will be assigned to each search, and ads should only be drafted after meeting with them. Ads discussions and approval process will be held over Teams this year – for those who are not comfortable with using Team, they can still use emails for the process.

Hospitality

Glenn explained again that for any events using UW funds to cover food should be consistent with the per diem. Glenn also reminded everyone that the UW Policy states that no gifts for people on payroll are allowed with UW funds, nor is the purchase of alcohol. Suellen will resend the Policy to all members after the meeting. A Chair shared that purchase of Alcohol for specific events is allowed in a reimbursement basis if the expenses are pre-approved by Financial Services prior to the event.

Other

a. Campus security:

The President's Office has organized a committee to address downtown security issues. Glenn asked for input from Departments on the matter. Chair mentioned that students and faculty members have been complaining about lack of security – more than before Covid. DAs raised their concern after an incident happened at Lockhart Hall. Chair mentioned multiple incidents have happened around the Theatre Campus. Chair mentioned community being concerned with evening courses and the possibility to have those online. Chairs asked about physical panic button – is it still available and working? Desktop panic button – does not work and no explanation was given on how to operate it. Chairs raised their concern on who was chosen to be part of the Committee and that institutional history/statistics may not have been considered. Chair mentioned that Union can be notified as security is an employer responsibility.

b. A.I.:

A Chair raised the concern on Artificial Intelligence technology being used on assignments and what is the academic implications for that. Other Departments mentioned translator software getting harder to detect. Departments will ask their faculty members, so this can be further looked into.

Next meeting

- a. The next meeting will take on January 25th, 2023.

Motion to adjourn (P. J. Miller / A. Moore). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date