Faculty of Arts Council  
September 27, 2017

Minutes


1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

   **MOTION:** To adopt the agenda with item 3.1 being changed to “for information” (M. Samson)

   **CARRIED**

2. **Adoption of the Minutes**

   **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of April 6, 2017 as submitted (T. Chen)

   **CARRIED**

3. **New Business**

   **3.1 Arts Support Staff Nomination for information.**

   There was no discussion.

   **3.2 Arts Course and Program Approval Committee for information.**

   There was no discussion.

   **3.3 ARPC (Academic Regulations Policy Committee) proposal – Cooperative Education Option Proposal**

   Motion –To approve the ARPC proposal for an Arts Cooperative Education Option (J. Leboe-McGowan)

   There was no discussion.

   **CARRIED**
3.4 ARPC proposal – Sprachdiplom II

MOTION: To approve the ARPC proposal to offer first year German transfer credit to incoming students who have completed the Sprachdiplom II language proficiency diploma prior to entering the University of Manitoba (J. Leboe-McGowan)

There was no discussion.  

CARRIED

3.5 Department of English, Film, & Theatre name change

MOTION: To recommend to Senate the Department of English, Film, & Theatre change its name to the Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media (B. Austin Smith)

B. Austin Smith spoke to the request for a name change, noting that media studies are entrenched in many of the courses across all three department programs, and it would benefit students looking to find courses in media studies. She stressed that the department was not trying to lay claim to all media courses as she is very aware that many other departments offer media-related courses. However the department is moving towards a more trans-media approach in response to disciplinary changes that affect the entire department, and having media in the department name is an important step to move in that direction.

T. Chen expressed concern that there was no clear and consistent rationale for the name change. She does not feel that adding common areas/topics into a Department name, unless it is signaling a disciplinary field, is good practice. She questioned whether the Department feels it is offering Media Studies as a field? If that is the case she questioned whether an interdisciplinary minor may be more appropriate to ensure other Departments offering a similarly large number of courses on media from a number of perspectives were given equal standing. She also questioned whether the name change signals a relationship between Film & Media which would make it a programmatic issue that would involve CPAC involvement. She was concerned that the area where students look for these courses could potentially be narrowed.

There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. Arguments were made for both sides. J. Corne disagreed that this would send a confusing or wrong message to students. The field of media studies has grown out of and in conjunction with film. There are very few programs that do not contain media in their title. He cited many examples and added that not having the word media in the Department name is detrimental to graduate students. There was some discussion encouraging the department to withdraw this item and take it through the Faculty of Arts Course Program and Approval Committee. This would allow it to be more widely vetted and give the department the opportunity to speak to colleagues more broadly. B. Austin Smith noted that she would like the name of the department to reflect what that department has been teaching for 20 years and would like to move forward. She also explained that she had contacted both the Dean’s Office and the University Secretary’s office and was informed that because there are no program changes, it was not necessary to go through CPAC. Dean Taylor reminded Faculty Council members that this item was for recommendation to Senate and that other Senate committees would review the request.

CARRIED
3.6 Department of Sociology name change

MOTION: To recommend to Senate the Department of Sociology change its name to the Department of Sociology and Criminology

There was no discussion. CARRIED

4. Report of the Dean and Associate Deans Reports

4.1 Dean’s Report

Dean Taylor gave a brief update on the progress of the teaching guidelines. He noted, as outlined in the collective agreement, Faculty Council does not have a formal role in the development of teaching guidelines. He explained that a committee was established after a meeting of faculty members. That committee has delivered a report to the Dean’s Office and it is currently being reviewed to determine what it would take to implement the recommendations and the financial implications. Once that process is complete in the Dean’s Office, he will meet with the committee to discuss, followed by a meeting with Department Heads. He is hoping to have the changes in place for the next academic year.

4.2 Associate Deans’ Reports

H. Marx asked Faculty Council how to proceed with re-populating the ad hoc Indigenous Content Committee as several members are on leave. Dean Taylor suggested that unless there were any objections, H. Marx could move forward on her own. There were no objections.

8. Question Period – there were no questions

9. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 3:45 (G. Smith) CARRIED