FACULTY OF ARTS COUNCIL  
MARCH 11, 2009  
100 FLETCHER ARGUE BUILDING  
2:30 PM  

MINUTES

Present:  Janice Ristock (Acting Dean and Chair), Barry Ferguson (Associate Dean (Graduate)), Harvey Keselman (Psychology), Roisin Cossar (History), Jarvis Brownlie (History), Len Kuffert (History), Dominique Laporte (French, Spanish & Italian), Brenda Austin-Smith (English, Film, & Theatre), Marian Morry (Psychology), Greg Smith (History), Tom Nesmith (History), Robert Thomas (Mathematics), Elizabeth Troutt (Economics), Tammy Ivanko (Psychology), Mark Lawall (Classics), Jessica Cameron (Psychology), Mark Gabbert (History), Raymond Perry (Psychology), Mary Kuzmeniuk (Psychology), James Nickels (Psychology), Faye McIntyre (English, Film, & Theatre), Michael Kinnear (History), Christopher Fries (Sociology), Katy Hunt (History), Gerry Strom (Dean’s Office), Melanie Soderstrom (Psychology), Andrew Osborne (French, Spanish & Italian), Randy Jamieson (Psychology)

Regrets:  Irwin Lipnowski (Economics), Robert Finnegan (English, Film, & Theatre), David Camfield (Labour Studies), Terry Janzen (Linguistics), Natalia Aponiuk (German & Slavic Studies), Adam Muller (English, Film, & Theatre), Ian Whicher (Religion), Rob Hagiwara (Linguistics), Thomas Kucera (Mathematics), Shirley McFaren (Native Studies), Rick Linden (Sociology), Caterina Reitano (French, Spanish & Italian), Jason Leboe (Psychology), Pam Perkins (English), Wanda Wattunee (Native Studies), Gene Walz (English, Film, & Theatre), Kenneth MacKendrick (Religion), Michelle Faubert (English, Film, & Theatre), Jean Friesen (History), Dawne McCance (Religion), Stephan Jaeger (German & Slavic Studies), George MacLean (Political Studies), Birna Bjarnoditter (Icelandic), Liz Millward (Women’s & Gender Studies), Sonia Bookman (Sociology), Renate Eigenbrod (Native Studies), Laura Brown (Economics)

1. Meeting Agenda

  MOTION: That the agenda be adopted as circulated (M. Morry/H. Keselman)  
  CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
MOTION: That the minutes of October 17, 2008 be approved as circulated (B. Austin-Smith/E. Troutt)

CARRIED

MOTION: That the minutes of December 9, 2008 be approved as circulated with the below listed corrections (B. Austin-Smith/M. Lawall)

CARRIED

Page 3, item 7, ICM Update the last sentence should read “Susan Prentice gave notice of motion to Faculty Council that she intended to propose a committee to investigate the academic implications of ICM to the Faculty of Arts and its members.”

Page 3, item 6 motion made by Ian Whicher and Arts Executive and not E. Comack and Faculty Council.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Susan Prentice is withdrawing the notice of motion at this time until we learn more from the special town hall meeting being proposed.

4. Updates

Barry Ferguson
- Dr. Ferguson indicated that CPAC Proposals were required to the Departments by April 15, 2009
- Nominations for UMGFs have been received by all departments with the exception of Psychology. It was earlier reported that the Faculty of Arts was going to be receiving 14 awards when in fact 26 have been received

Janice Ristock
Associate Dean (Research) Report
- On March 26 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm a meeting is being held to discuss the Tri-Council Policy on Ethics, all are invited to attend. The meeting is being held at the Bannatyne Campus, however is being video linked at the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. This document has not been revised in eight years, and in their draft more emphasis has been placed on social sciences, humanities, qualitative and aboriginal research.
- Dr. Ristock reported on SSHRC and changes that have been made within the agency. SSHRC will no longer be providing research time stipend fund. Dr. Ristock also reported that health research funding is being streamlined to encourage people to apply for CIHR funding.
Acting Dean Report
- Dr. Ristock was pleased to report that the Dean’s Office is now fully staffed, Jan Gripp, Confidential Assistant to the Associate Deans began on March 1
- The university budget was discussed at Senate, and Dr. Ristock provided a short overview, indicating that the President has had meetings with the province and it was indicated that the meetings were positive. The University budget will be announced sometime in April, once the provincial budget is announced on March 25. It was indicated that this year was going to be tight, but that next year will be more difficult.
- Dr. Ristock reported on searches that have been underway with the Faculty, reporting successful hires in Classics, French, Italian & Spanish, 2 positions in Sociology, Religion and the joint position in Woman Studies and Native Studies. There were two failed searches, one in Sociology and one in Psychology. On-going searches includ Anthropology, Linguistics, History, as well as headship positions in Economics, Anthropology and Psychology. Dr. Ristock also announced that Ben Baadar and Justin Lewis are Co-Coordinators of the Near Eastern and Judiac Studies Minor program.
- President Barnard has released portions of the ICM agreement, which can be obtained from the Secretariat’s office or the UMFA office. A town hall is being scheduled in late March to discuss ICM

5. New Business

5.1 Academic Regulations Policy
Dr. James Nickels, Chair, Faculty of Arts Academic Regulations Policy Committee presented the following:

Establishing a deadline to submit an appeal for an authorized/late withdrawal from a course(s) and/or an appeal of an academic regulation.
It was asked why 3 years was selected, and Dr. Nickels indicated that the Committee felt it was sufficient time to allow for any potential life emergencies, but that it wasn’t too short either.

MOTION: That the recommended changes to the deadline to submit an appeal be accepted as presented (J. Nickels/T. Ivanco)
CARRIED

Establishing Faculty policies regarding 1) submission/return of term work and 2) unreturned term work.
There was concerned expressed from the members at Faculty Council that this would hinder teaching capabilities with students, especially where group work was involved, or student sharing, etc. Discussions were had regarding the above and it was agreed to change the way the recommendation is stated, as such:
MOTION: That the establishment of Faculty policy regarding 1) submission/return of term work and 2) unreturned term work be accepted with the following changes to the recommendation (B. Austin-Smith/S. Prentice):

1) No student should be permitted to submit term work to the instructor for final assessment (and term work should not be returned to students) by any means which allows unrestricted and unauthorized public access to the term work. For example, term papers, term tests or other written assignments should not be received or returned from a box outside the instructor’s office door, but a student could provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the term work.

CARRIED

Establishing a Faculty policy that course outlines/syllabi include standard information on breaches of academic integrity.

MOTION: That the recommendation to include a standard sentence approved by the Dean of Arts referring to the Faculty’s website which provides information on the issues and penalties for academic dishonesty be accepted as presented (J. Nickels/M. Morry)

CARRIED

5.2 Local Discipline Committee

Janet Sealey, Executive Assistant in the Dean’s Office reviewed the report of the Local Discipline Committee. It was pointed out that the most significant change was made to quorum.

MOTION: That the recommended changes to the By-Laws be accepted as presented (B. Ferguson/T. Ivanco)

CARRIED

5.3 CPAC Update

Barry Ferguson went over the update that was provided in advance of the meeting. The items were approved by the Executive Committee, and did not require Faculty Council approval.

6. There was no discussion.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 3:26 pm. (H. Keselman/M. Morry)

CARRIED