THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
Faculty of Arts

ARTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Meeting held on:
Thursday, September 4, 2008
at 2:30 pm
in room 312 Fletcher Argue Building

Present:
Richard Sigurdson (Dean and Chair)
Barry Ferguson (Associate Dean)
Janice Ristock (Associate Dean)
Christopher Fries
Robert Hoppa
Diana Brydon
Tina Chen
David Churchill
Robert Finnegan
Elizabeth Comack
Rob Parker (Support Staff Representative)
Betty Jennings (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:
Linda Wilson (Associate Dean)

Absent:
2 Student Representatives

(1) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2008

MOTION (D. Brydon/T. Chen): that the minutes be approved with the correction as indicated by R. Finnegan (p. 4, second paragraph last line should read “attractive rather than eradicating 90 credit hour degrees.”)

CARRIED

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of April 28, 2008.

(3) ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Upcoming Events and Key Dates

Thursday, September 5
Dean’s Coffee Breaks – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 10
opening of the Centre of Creative Writing and Oral Culture –
Great Hall, University College
Homecoming – September 12
Arts Celebrating Arts Luncheon 11:30 – 1:30
Faculty of Arts Social 8:00 p.m.
September 13
Bison Football Game
September 19
Department of Sociology Welcome Back reception that will
include recognition of Professor Ramu’s retirement
The Faculty of Arts Annual Report – 2007-2008 was distributed.

(b) Updates from the Associate Deans

Barry Ferguson
- Capital Projects – lecture theatres (306 and 408 Tier Building and Schultz Lecture Theatre) will be ready September 15th.
- Indirect Costs projects are all in the design phase.
- Office painting - continues
- The 4th floor carpet projects are to be postponed until after Fall classes are over.

Janice Ristock
- Office of Research Services has sent out Announcements of grant competitions, grant application pre-reviews and workshops.
- The Research Cluster on Globalization and Cosmopolitan is holding a workshop on preparing SSHRC grants on September 25th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Was meeting with new faculty members

(c) Report of the Dean
- He is waiting to hear from the new President as to whether a new strategic plan will be initiated.
- The report on languages needs a response.
- A new committee on Inter-disciplinary Studies (research and programming) will meet with the Dean chairing the first meeting. The Committee will need to select a Chair.

Elizabeth Comack suggested the Dean find ways to reach out to the new President to come and meet the Faculty.

(4) Report from Standing Committees:

(a) Arts Course and Program Approval Committee
- Barry Ferguson reported that CPAC held its deliberations in July. The graduate changes were mainly cosmetic. The undergraduate changes were results of minor changes to majors in other programs, for example German & Slavic Studies.
- page 10 – minor programs offered by other schools and faculties to accept that Senate is vigilant in ensuring procedures were followed and makes a blanket acceptance possible.
- Senate, at its meeting on September 3, approved changes from last year
  i. Double majors proposal
  ii. Honour students allowed to declare a minor
  iii. Introduction of residency (in a discipline) requirement courses taken in a minor in our three degree programs
  iv. Disallow a student to take two degrees or lower in the same discipline.
The recommendations in the Report of the Arts Course and Program Approval Committee were approved as submitted.

(b) Executive Committee and Faculty Council Dates for the First Term 2008-2009
T. Chen/R. Parker moved and seconded that the dates for the Executive Committee and Faculty Council meetings were approved as circulated. The motion was carried.

It was agreed that new faculty members should be introduced at Faculty Council and a wine and cheese reception should be held following the meeting.

(5) ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:
There was no additional business.

(6) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.