Attendance is unavailable.

1. Meeting Agenda

   **MOTION:** That the agenda be adopted as circulated (S. Prentice/D. McCarthy)

   **CARRIED**

2. Events and Key Dates

   R. Sigurdson reminded the Council to participate in Convocation. He indicated that it was the installation of Dr. David Barnard, the new President and Vice-Chancellor of the university. R. Sigurdson also stated that the undergraduate convocation is not fully attended and the students really appreciate it when faculty are present.

   Members of Council were reminded that the New Faculty Reception is immediately following the meeting in 600 Fletcher Argue Building.

3. Updates

   **Barry Ferguson**
   - The CPAC deadline for spring went really well. Now need to wait for approval from Senate in the spring
   - all were informed that 6 additional UMGFs became available and the Committee is currently evaluating who is eligible. Seventeen eligible applicants were funded.
   - Barry indicated that a study space for graduate students in the Dafoe Mezzanine continues to be problematic, and it is hoped that it will be available next summer
   - Faculty can expect a memorandum with respects to indirect costs

   **Janice Ristock**
   - Janice reported that there were 4 applications submitted to CIHR, 5 applications to NSERC, and 36 applications to SSHRC and she thanked all those that provided a pre-review of applications
   - 47 applications have been received for research study leaves, which is consistent with previous years
   - Tina Chen will be giving 2 workshops 1) environment, 2) northern communities, it is hoped for a good success rate as this is a special call for SSHRC
on Monday, October 20 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in 409 Tier a meeting is being held to discuss Genome Research Opportunities in Canada for social science and humanities researchers. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible collaborations among researchers interested in taking advantage of funding this is available for GE3LS.

Linda Wilson
- thanked everyone for their discipline reports
- reported that there was an overwhelming response for the Student Advocacy Office to visit classes and provide seminars with respects to plagiarism, etc. She indicated that the Student Advocacy Office provides the seminar appropriate to the student level
- University One had a very successful scavenger hunt
- there was a workshop for teaching assistant/graders and it went well
- the revised course template is on the home page
- there is a new student discipline by-law on the university website
- Undergraduate program review is underway
- request for nominations for teaching awards
- reminded everyone about awards – 1) student participation award, spring deadline 2) teacher recognition reception, spring deadline 3) Rhodes Scholarship, October deadline

Richard Sigurdson
- with the new president, Dr. David Barnard, the previous strategic plan is now done. It appears that the new strategic plan will be more informal. It seems the new plan will have a “Good to Great” theme with conversations taking place already with the different groups, Vice-Presidents, Deans and Directors, Senior Administrators, etc
- has requested from the Department Heads some issues/opportunities for the areas of the department, faculty and university, which will be discussed at the next Department Head meeting
- advised that an Adhoc Committee for the Language Teaching program has prepared a report. A draft response is in the process, and will be presented to all in future
- committees have been struck to deal with the issues of interdisciplinary studies and student recruitment
- Dr. Barnard’s office has been contacted requesting his attendance at a future Faculty Council meeting, it is uncertain of whether or not he will be able to attend
- It was reported that enrolment has declined in the last year; it may be possible that we will need to stop offering some sessions. It will be necessary to deal with the situation as this will impact the budget.
- changes have been made to the senior administration; Dr. Robert Kerr has been assigned to a special assignment from January 1 to June 30, 2009. Dr. Kerr will now be looking at the Bologna process to look at the credit and transfers from European universities
- Dr. Joanne Keselman, will be the interim Vice-President (Academic) and Dr. Digvir Jayas will be the Acting Vice-President (Research)
- A new budget process has been implemented and monies won’t be removed from the faculties, along with this, it is rumoured that the SIP (strategic initiative plan) will be eliminated as well
- Enrolment has decreased by 6.8%, this is linked to demographics
4. **Report of Arts Executive Committee**

   Senate has approved the following changes: double majors are now allowed; honours students can declare minors; can transfer requirements from disciplines

5. **New Business**

   Elizabeth Comack spoke to the two applications that were put forward for Professor Emeritus.

   **MOTION:** That the application for the first candidate for Professor Emeritus be submitted for consideration (E. Comack/Executive Committee)

   *CARRIED*

   **MOTION:** That the application for the second candidate for Professor Emeritus be submitted for consideration (E. Comack/Executive Committee)

   *CARRIED*

6. **Question Period**

   It was asked whether or not Dr. Szathmary was still receiving a salary and for how long. R. Sigurdson replied that such matters were not under his jurisdiction. However, given that Dr. Szathmary was President for 12 years he assumes she is due a significant time on administrative leave.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm