Present: Janice Ristock (Chair), Birna Bjarnadóttir, Robert Chernomas, Elizabeth Comack, Jackson Duong, Barry Ferguson, Robert Finnegan, C.J. Fries, Mark Gabbert, Julie Guard, Kathy Hunt, Stephen Jaeger, Rod Kueneman, Mark Lawall, Jonathan Marotta, Faye McIntyre, Dana Medora, Adam Muller, Bob O’Kell, Judith Owens, Aimee Pochinco, Susan Prentice, Carmen Roberge, Greg Smith, Gerry Strom, Elisabeth Troutt, David Watt, Gene Walz, Ian Whicher, Lori Wilkinson, Linda Wilson, Roman Yereniuk, Arlene Young

Regrets: not noted

1. Meeting Agenda

   MOTION: That the agenda be adopted as circulated (S. Prentice/J. Owens) CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

   MOTION: That the minutes of March 11, 2009 be approved as circulated (A. Pochinco/G. Walz) CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

   No outstanding business.

4. Updates

   Associate Dean (Undergraduate Affairs, International Development, Special Projects)
   - L. Wilson announced that the Dean’s Office was working on several additions to the Arts home page for students and for faculty. However, major changes to the home page would wait until the University launches its new web format in Fall, 2009.
   - She also announced the following events surrounding Spring, 2009, convocation and encouraged all to attend:
     - The 20th Graduation PowWow to celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal graduands will occur on Saturday, May 2, 2009 in the Investors Group Field House. Persons should contact Carl Stone (Aboriginal Student Centre) if they plan to attend.
Arts Spring Convocation will occur on Tuesday morning, May 26, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This year Arts students will be the only ones graduating in this session. Graduate degrees will be conferred on their recipients on Wednesday afternoon, May 27, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Freda Ahenakew (past Head, Department of Native Studies) will receive a Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) at this session. All faculty members are encouraged to attend these sessions to honour our graduating students and our distinguished colleague.

- She thanked the members of this year’s Teaching Excellence Committee for their work in selecting this year’s graduating Arts student for the UMSU/UTS Students’ Teacher Recognition Reception. Freda Howell (Honours, Psychology) had been selected from a field of outstanding nominations. Department Heads and faculty members who nominated students were also thanked for their participation.
- She thanked Department Heads/Program Coordinators and faculty and students for their nominations for the Arts Teaching Excellence Awards, which the Teaching Excellence Committee would be reviewing in the upcoming weeks, and for their nominations for the International Award and the Professor of the Year, which will also be adjudicated over the next few weeks.
- She acknowledged the Arts Student Body Council for the excellent organization of this year’s Final Affair, held at the International Inn. The event honouring graduating students in Arts (and their friends and families) was a great success!
- She updated Council on the developing B.A. (Integrated Studies) program, which would be reviewed by Arts Academic Policy Committee (AAPC) at its next meeting, before moving to Arts Executive. She reported that the Senate Committee on Admissions would be discussing aspects of the program, and that Department Heads, Program Coordinators, and Directors of Centres would receive copies of the proposal for review/comment pending passage by the AAPC.
- She reminded faculty members of Council that final grades must be submitted in a timely manner. Either Janet Sealey or Heather Paterson (Arts Office) should be contacted about any specific issues regarding final grades submissions.

**Associate Dean (Graduate Affairs and Space)**

- B. Ferguson noted that new courses and revisions for the Arts Course and Program Approval Committee (CPAC) are due May 15.
- University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowships (UMGFs) nominated in the first round have been awarded. The process is quite slow this year and B. Ferguson will be addressing this with Graduate Studies.
- The annual office space meetings will take place in the first week of May
- B. Ferguson also provided a brief update on the space issues surrounding the Duff Roblin displacement. He thanked all those who had offered space and hospitality to the Departments affected by the fire.
Associate Dean (Research) Report

- J. Ristock provided an update on the national granting councils and congratulated all those successful applicants. In all, the Faculty had 8 successful SSHRC applicants, 12 that were in a 4A status and 13 that were unsuccessful. She noted that this was a higher success rate than in previous years. She also encouraged researchers who were not successful to apply again.
- She noted that the Arts Proposal Development Fund would be available again this year and that faculty members who plan to submit their proposals to a national granting council in the 2009-2010 academic years could apply for $1000 to support their work in developing their proposals.

Acting Dean Report

- J. Ristock announced the April 1 start of the Faculty of Arts new Development Officer, Karen Fowler. The Faculty will be sharing this position with the Faculty of Science. One of Ms. Fowler’s duties will be to develop a fund raising plan for the Faculty.
- J. Ristock indicated that there was little news on the annual budget to date, but that the Faculty expected to have the details by mid May. However, all indicators are that the budget will be tight this year and even tighter the next.
- She noted that the Faculty of Arts had a good representation at the President’s town hall meeting on April 6 on the International College of Manitoba (ICM). Points from the town hall meeting include that (1) the University has a legally binding contract with ICM, (2) contract renewal with Navitas for ICM would be taken to Senate, (3) neither Departments nor individuals would be required to participate in ICM, and (4) the duration of the current agreement. Some discussion ensued on the President’s request for advice on how to proceed under current agreement (D. Medoro), the issue of transfer credits from ICM to the University of Manitoba (S. Prentice; J. Owens), suggestions to do minimum required of contract and permit it to terminate (J. Guard), Dean’s assurance to Heads/Coordinators that if an Arts course is approved by the Dean (or Dean’s designate) for offering in ICM that Heads/Coordinators be informed (E Comack). J. Ristock encouraged members to voice their ideas and concerns to President Barnard via e-mail and assured Heads/Coordinators that they would be notified of any courses approved for ICM via the Dean’s Office.

5. Reports from Standing Committees

5.1 Endowment Fund Committee

G. Smith (Chair, Arts Endowment Fund Committee) presented the report as passed at the Arts Executive Council meeting (April 8, 2009). The report outlined concerns of the committee regarding the contributions to the Fund and the ability to grow the capital fund, from which the annual project allocations come. He also highlighted the disbursement of funds from this year’s applications. The report of the committee was approved as presented by Faculty Council.
5.2 Nominating Committee
The nominating committee presented a report that outlined the nominees for each of the committees with upcoming vacancies. A discussion ensued on proper protocol for the election of Senators. Council determined that a paper ballot would be used for the election of Senators only.

MOTION: That a mail out ballot be used for election of Senators only (R. O’Kell/A. Muller)  
CARRIED

5.3 Equity, Diversity & Human Rights Committee

MOTION: That the new terms of reference for the Equity, Diversity & Human Rights Committee be approved as submitted. (B. Ferguson/M. Lawall)  
CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 Nominations and Elections for Senate and Arts Standing Committees

MOTION: That the nominations for vacancies on all Faculty of Arts be accepted as submitted except the nominees for Senate, which will be voted on via a paper ballot. (S. Prentice/J. Guard)  
CARRIED

7. Question period

Questions addressed (1) current e-mail difficulties and the timeline for fixing the problem and (2) the necessity for the Chair of Council (J. Ristock) to initial all mail-in ballots. Council was told that the timeline for fixing the current e-mail problem was unclear because the University had called for additional assistance from experts outside the University. J. Ristock also acknowledged that she would initial appropriate materials for the mail-in ballots.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned (no time was noted). (G. Walz/R. Finnegan)  
CARRIED