

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
1:00 p.m. via Webex

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Webex. A list of those who attended is attached. Dr. N. Hurley chaired the meeting.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Hurley provided the Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University's campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province. We gather here as subjects implicated in the long history and structures of colonialism and in the spirit of community commitment to reconciliation and to undertaking the work of repair and building responsible relations.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Hurley reminded all in attendance of the Consent Agenda/Regular Agenda format and gave an opportunity to move items from Consent to Regular Agenda.

-Consent Agenda was approved and adopted (item # 3).

-Regular Agenda was approved as presented (Moved/Second: A. Keeling/M. Burchell)
Carried

Regular Agenda:

4. Dean's Remarks (N. Hurley)

-Discussion Question: What can and should HSS do with the resources it has? Dr. Hurley presented the question and included some facts on the HSS budget and how it is dispersed within the Faculty. Each faculty across the university has been asked to find 3% budget savings. Dr. Hurley asked for comments, ideas, and feedback on how HSS can support its programs sustainably. Several members provided their ideas including amalgamation or integration of units, programs, and shared spaces, partnering with businesses for internships and other funding opportunities. Department Heads have been asked to bring the conversation back to their units for discussion and consultation. The Dean's Office wants to ensure any changes made in the future are done responsibly and sustainably and have the support of the Faculty. Dr. Hurley thanked everyone for their input and encouraged those with ideas to forward them to the Dean's Office. Dr. Hurley ensured everyone that the conversations will be continued.

-Faculty of HSS Constitution and By-laws: The By-laws are updated as approved last fall, and the revised document is on the Faculty of HSS, Faculty Council Website. Website link: [FHSS Constitution Rev Oct-23.pdf \(mun.ca\)](#)

-Research Report: Work is ongoing on the research report by M. Burchell with assistance from M. Milner and H. O'Brien.

-HSS Staff Review: The first meeting with HSS staff members was held February 29th. Dr. Hurley re-iterated that this review is not budgetary, but HSS wants to ensure resources are being used equitably and efficiently. Work will continue, with possible feedback on progress to be given in the fall.

-Department Operating Budget Review: Work is ongoing with a review of the past 3 years being included in the review. A subcommittee of Department Heads has been struck, and work is underway with consultation of all Department Heads.

5. Update from Chair, Curriculum and Programs Committee 2023-2024 (K. Simonsen)

-CPC is awaiting feedback from survey responses on CRW courses. The survey was issued to Department Heads for consultation within the units, and the deadline has passed.

6. Update from Chair, Planning and Research Committee 2023-2024 (N. Welch)

-In the absence of N. Welch, M. Burchell stated that the February PRC meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and university closure. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21.

7. Update from Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (P. Dold)

-CRW Courses Survey: A preliminary set of data has been received and is currently being reviewed. The requested deadline has passed, but if someone has not had an opportunity to complete the survey and would like to do so, please advise P. Dold to gain access.

-P. Dold has been in conversation with the Manager of the university Bookstore with regard to a message they distributed requesting detailed information from the units. The request would have been labour intensive, and a revised request will be issued by the Bookstore.

8. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Research (M. Burchell)

-PRC did not have a February meeting due to inclement weather and university closure.

-A Call for Applications for teaching remissions, Clause 3.25 of the MUNFA Collective Agreement, was issued. The deadline for applications to be received at the Dean's Office is April 15, which is specified in the CA. There are 7 teaching remissions available to be issued.

-A Call for Proposals for the George Story and Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lectureships has been issued. The deadline is April 5th, and the applications will be reviewed by PRC at its April meeting. If anyone has any questions please contact M. Burchell or R. Frew in the Dean's Office.

9. Announcements, other business, questions

-Negotiations are ongoing with LUMUN, with hopes that labour action can be avoided. Everyone is working diligently on plans to support students if there is work stoppage. If anyone has any questions, please contact the Dean's Office.

10. Adjournment

-Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm

Next Faculty Council: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 1:00 p.m. (Webex Only)

Attendance:

Alec Brookes (Anthropology/Gender Studies), Andrea Stapleton (Business), Amanda Bittner (Political Science), Arn Keeling (Geography), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Cory W. Thorne (Folklore), Daniel Kudla (Sociology), Dominique Brégent-Heald (History), Emil Francis (Gender Studies Undergrad Student Rep), Jay Foster (Philosophy), Jillian Gould (Folklore), Joshua Goudie (HSS, Dean's Office), Karine Abadie (MLLC), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Kelly Totten (Folklore), Kelli Durdle (Nursing), Ken Hopkins (HSS, Dean's Office), Lynn Gambin (Economics), Laya Heidari Darani (Linguistics Grad Student Rep), Maria Mayr (MLLC), Mariya Lesiv (Folklore), Meghan Burchell (HSS, Dean's Office/Archaeology), Melanie Doyle (CITL), Michelle Rebidoux (Religious Studies), Natasha Hurley (HSS, Dean's Office/English), Rose Frew (HSS, Dean's Office), Patricia Dold (HSS Dean's Office), Patrick Gamsby (QE II Library), Renée Mercer (HSS, Dean's Office), Renée Shute (HSS, Dean's Office), Robert Ormsby (English), Roberto Martinez-Espineira (Economics), Sadie Mees (Anthropology Grad Student Rep), Sara Mackenzie (Linguistics), Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology), Wendy Mosdell-Wadman (English), Sarah Penney (HSS, Dean's Office), Dave Wilson (Science), Gloria Boadi (Grad Student Rep), Luke MacIsaac (English), Jeff Howard (Classics PCI Rep), Julie Kavanagh (Co-op Education), Julianna Will (Classics), Luke Roman (Classics), Sarah Thorne (English), Shannon Hoff (Philosophy), Theresa Mackenzie (Co-op Education), Isabelle Cote (Political Science)

Regrets:

Renee Skinner, Amanda Tiller-Hackett, Myriam Osorio, Meghan Forsyth, Walter Okshevsky