

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
1:00 p.m. via WebEx

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those who attended is attached. Dr. N. Catto chaired the meeting in the absence of Dr. Hurley.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Dr. N. Catto 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 responsibility relations.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented. (Moved/Seconded: J. Geck/H. Everett)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council meeting April 5, 2023

4. Approval of Calendar Change Proposals, by Department:

- Archaeology: ARCH 4016, New Course
- Geography: Hons Regulation Changes 2023

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Dean's Remarks (N. Catto on behalf of N. Hurley)

-Course equivalencies: formal notice regarding 3.17 of the CA to initiate discussions on course equivalencies. A special meeting will be held in May. There was a MUN committee, but nothing was established. This is for HSS at the moment, and unsure if it will cross faculties later.

-Memorial University Act is now with the House of Assembly being reviewed for changes. Of specific interest will be the changes to enable appointment of ASM's to the Board of Regents.

-ADR position: Multiple applications have been received for the ADR role. An update will be issued soon.

-Faculty Retreat: A Faculty Retreat is scheduled for June 12, 9a.m.-4pm, Signal Hill Campus. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Dr. Catto will be presenting a detailed data report on student enrollments, teaching, and programs at HSS.

-Faculty of HSS Committee Representatives: Reminder for Department Heads to put forward names for representatives to Faculty Council. Volunteer ASM's are also needed for the Curriculum & Programs Committee and the Planning and Research Committee. An HSS Representative is also requested by other academic councils for next academic year. Please respond to the Dean's Office at your earliest opportunity.

6. Update from Co-Chairs, Curriculum and Programs Committee 2022-2023 (K. Simonsen/P. Dold)

-Next meeting will primarily be a presentation by N. Catto targeting information on iBA, and Language Studies requirement.

-It is planned for a CRW review to be undertaken by a subcommittee

7. Update from Chair, Planning and Research Committee (J. Geck)
  - Dr. Geck presented a motion to amend the by-laws for PRC, giving a summary and reasoning behind the changes. (Moved/Second: J. Geck/H. Everett); Carried
  
8. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (N. Catto)
  - CITL is meeting later in May; let N. Catto know if you want anything brought forward.
  - A joint committee is being formed on CHAT AI involving SCUGS and CITL, with the main concerns of how it will influence teaching.
  - Ungrading – Steve Shorlin is willing to meet with departments
  - Field work/hosting students/EHS concerns - N. Catto to meet with EHS; if anyone has any concerns let him know.
  
9. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Research (L. Swiss)
  - HSS Research Catalyst Award winner is Daria Boltokova of the 3-year award. The formal announcement to HSS was issued May 2. Dr. Swiss thanked everyone who applied and thanked PRC members for adjudicating the award.
  - A Fine Crowd was held in April; Dr. Swiss thanked everyone who attended, and congratulated winners of the various awards. It is expected that there will be a Gazette article regarding the Dean's Awards.
  - The applications for the Distinguished Lectureships (G. Story/H. Harvey Lectures) will be reviewed by PRC at May 18 meeting with recommendation going to the Dean from the committee.
  - A recommendation for CRC has been received.
  - Dr. Swiss provided information on upcoming webinars and funding deadlines for grant applications
  
10. Announcements, other business, questions
  - No other business
  
11. Adjournment (Moved/Second: K. Simonsen/J. Geck)
  - Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Next Faculty Council meeting scheduled June 7, 2023

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Attendees:

John Geck (English), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Mark Stoddart (Sociology), Norm Catto (HSS, Dean's Office), Renee Shute (HSS, Dean's Office), Sara Mackenzie (Linguistics), Sean Cadigan (History), Sharon Roseman (Anthropology), Walter Okshevsky (Education), Michelle Rebidoux (Religious Studies), Charlie Mather (Geography), Holly Everett (Folklore), Janet Harron (HSS, Dean's Office), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Sarah Thorne (English), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Caighlan Smith (English Grad Student Rep), Patricia Dold (Religious Studies), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Jillian Gould (Folklore), Arn Keeling (Geography), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Julie Kavanagh (Co-operative Education), Derek Messacar (Economics), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Roberto Martinez-Espineria (Economics), Danine Farquharson (English), Isabelle Cote (Political Science), Jay Foster (Philosophy), Kelley Totten (Folklore), Lynn Gambin (Economics), Maria Mayr (MLLC), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Matthew Milner (HSS, Dean's Office/History), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Neil Kennedy (History), Paul De Decker (Linguistics), Rebecca Newhook (Co-operative Education), Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology), Dave Wilson (Science), Heather C. Brien (HSS, Dean's Office), Wendy Mosdell-Wadman (English), Sumangali Rajiva (Philosophy).

REGRETS:

Alyson Byrne, Veronique Forbes, Meghan Forsyth, Jeff Howard, Amanda Tiller-Hackett, Nicholas Welch,