

Curriculum and Programs Committee  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 2:00 p.m.  
(Room AA5014 & Via Webex)

A meeting of the Curriculum and Programs Committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in room AA-5014 and via Webex. K. Simonsen chaired the meeting. A list of attendees is attached.

1. Approval of Agenda
  - adding item under New Business: Certificate & Diploma home department vs. University Calendar
  - The Agenda was approved with this addition.
  - (Moved/Seconded: D. Peretti/Y. Pottie-Sherman) Carried.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 16, 2024)  
(Moved/Seconded: D. Kudla/S. Thorne) Carried.
3. Update from SCUGS (K. Simonsen)
  - All calendar changes submitted by HSS were passed by Senate.
4. Update from Associate Dean (P. Dold)
  - AI and academic integrity: P. Dold asked committee members to provide comments and feedback on their experiences with student use of AI and how it may be affecting academic integrity. Several members provided information on their experiences. S. O'Neill offered to send a resource/document link to CPC members on tell-tale signs of AI use. P. Dold thanked everyone for their input and advised that Senate is planning a special meeting on AI. She will advise if this is open to everyone or only those who are members of the Senate Committee.
  - HSS Coffee Break with Students: The event scheduled for February was postponed due to inclement weather. It is re-scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2:00-4:00pm, HSS Common Room, Science Building SN-1107. This will be an informal opportunity for students to meet with members of the Dean's Office and ask questions they may have on their programs.
  - Field Schools/Off-Campus Programs: A call for applications for off-campus programs or Field Schools will be issued soon for the 2025-2027 period. The deadline will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. In the case of Folklore and Archaeology, where this may be a program requirement, applications may be updated only as needed and submitted (i.e. budgeting costs). In response to a query regarding Harlow campus review, P. Dold advised that the review of restructuring and finances at Harlow is ongoing, but it looks positive for remaining stable for our Field Schools.
  - LUMUN Negotiations: Negotiations are ongoing between MUN and LUMUN. Correspondence has been issued to students to suggest they apply to graduate if they can. This is to prevent any issues for students if there is a work stoppage by LUMUN.
  - CRW Survey: A survey about CRW courses has been distributed to Department Heads for completion. The deadline for completion is March 5. Department Heads were

encouraged to consult with their ASMs prior to submitting responses on the survey. P. Dold advised she is also willing to meet with anyone to discuss feedback if there is anything to offer for review.

## 5. New Business

-Strategies for Attracting Graduate Students for Program Capacity: A request has been received from the School of Graduate Studies (SGS), prompted by the recent announcement by the federal government that international students, specifically, must have funding in place before arriving to Canada. SGS is envisioning a decline and is seeking information on what faculties are doing to attract graduate students. Please submit information, questions, strategies, or roadblocks to P. Dold (email: [pdold@mun.ca](mailto:pdold@mun.ca)).

-HSS Honours Programs and Requirements for Honours Essay: There are variations in structures of honours programs across the Faculty. One item in particular is the number of credits The Honours Essay is worth. Some Honours essays are listed as 6 credits, some are 3. What is the reasoning? Is the structure of the Honours Essay requiring more resources from the Faculty or causing more work for supervisors? P. Dold asked members to review for discussion at next meeting.

-PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition) in HSS: PLAR gives students credit for work or volunteer experience deemed equivalent to courses. Students must apply and submit a request to receive approval. It was noted that HSS is not necessarily a suitable faculty to accept PLAR due to the nature of the majority of courses and programs. A recent request was rejected by a unit and then the Dean's Office when the student appealed. There is no further appeal than the Dean's Office. Currently, there is a clause in CRIM accepting PLARs. P. Dold encouraged all units to review their programs and decide whether PLAR should be considered for certain courses or not. If PLAR cannot be applied, calendar change proposals should be submitted to include clauses in the Calendar. Without a statement included in the Calendar that PLAR is not offered, it is assumed by the Registrar's Office and students that they can apply for PLAR.

- Certificate & Diploma home department vs. University Calendar: R. Shute identified there is some confusion reading the university calendar regarding Diploma, Certificate, and Interdisciplinary Programs. She has experienced recently when advising that some listed home departments are not involved in the programs. The coordinators listed are from another department. A meeting will be organized with R. Shute, R. Mercer, K. Simonsen, and P. Dold to discuss these issues further.

-K. Simonsen indicated there is a MEMS advisory committee, and she will contact them to suggest they have a website for students.

## 6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 2 p.m.**

**List of Attendees:**

Kathryn Simonsen, Classics, Chair  
Nikita Lyssenko, Economics (Webex)  
Sarah Thorne, English  
Wendy Mosdell-Wadman, English (Non-voting) (Webex)  
Daniel Peretti, Folklore  
Yolande Pottie-Sherman, Geography  
Sebastien Rossignol, History  
Halia Koo, MLLC (Webex)  
Seamus O'Neill, Philosophy (Webex)  
Michelle Rebidoux, Religious Studies  
Daniel Kudla, Sociology (Webex)  
Rebecca Newhook, Co-op Education (Webex)  
Keif Godbout-Kinney, GSU Rep (Webex)  
Renee Shute, Academic Advisor, Dean's Office (non-voting)  
Renee Skinner, Registrar's Office (Non-voting)  
Pat Dold, Associate Dean  
Rose Frew, Recording Secretary (non-voting)

**Regrets:**

Jennifer Dyer, Gender Studies  
Shanti Ulfsbjorninn, Linguistics

**Absent:**

Anthropology Rep  
Mario Blaser, Archaeology  
Scott Matthews, Political Science  
MUNSU Rep