

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 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, April 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those who attended is attached.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Dr. N. 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 responsibility relations.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Hurley reminded everyone of the consent agenda format and everyone was offered an opportunity to modify the agenda.

-C. Mather requested proposal ARCH 4016 move to regular agenda, as the prerequisite wording needs review. It was decided the proposal would be removed entirely from today's agenda and placed on Agenda in May once wording for PR is agreed between departments.

With that change, the agenda was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes of Faculty Council meeting March 1, 2023

4. Approval of Calendar Change Proposals, by Department:

English:

-ENGL 4211, Updating title/description

-ENGL 4300/4301, changing 4300/deleting 4301 for a single course

-ENGL Grad/PhD Program Changes

Political Science

-POSC 6240, New Grad Course

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Dean's Remarks

Leadership changes: The Dean acknowledged recent changes within the university leadership. More information may be forthcoming after the Board of Regents meeting scheduled for April 22. It is not clear what impact these changes will have on the search for a new provost.

Budget consultations: Consultations are happening next week, and HSS has submitted a request for 8 positions for next year. There is no clarity yet on what the impacts are with regard to government cutbacks and salary increases. HSS has made a strong case that we cannot do more with less and we don't want to move into doing less with regard to our programs.

Targeted Hiring: The job ads for the targeted hiring initiative are still being worked. Language is drafted and has been issued for review. MUNFA has indicated an MOU is no longer required, but we will have to meet mandates of federal laws. We will ensure our process is properly set out, and keep

meticulous notes. Search committees and departments will be consulted on timelines to get these hires in place.

AD Position (C&P): There has been a couple of expressions of interest and some advocacy by the search committee. The Dean is investigating with the Provost Office some options to help the affected department when we fill the role.

AD (Research) position: this call has not yet been issued. We are awaiting information on whether Dr. T. Allen will be released back to HSS from the acting role at VP-Research office. Dr. Allen's original term in the acting role was to end in May 2023.

HSS Senate Seats: The Dean reminded members that there are open Senate seats for HSS representation. These vacancies can be filled outside of the normal sequence of an official call for representation. In addition to the current vacancies, N. Catto will be finishing his position and representation on Senate at the end of June.

HSS Social: Another social is planned for next Thursday, and details will be issued via email after Faculty Council meeting today. This is as a thank you to all for the commitment to the Faculty of HSS for the past year.

Retirements/Resignations: The Dean recognized people who are leaving either through retirements or resignations this year. The Dean thanked everyone in HSS for their dedication and commitment to HSS throughout the year.

In response to a query, Dean Hurley advised that the decision of processes for higher administrative searches sits with the Board of Regents. If HSS members want to make their views known about higher administration searches, having a full complement of representation on Senate would help. Senate does have a formal role to play and can send letters, recommendations, etc to the Board. Dr. Hurley is also able to accept letters/recommendations to present on your behalf.

R. Whitaker volunteered to help spearhead a subcommittee to coordinate and bring to Faculty Council for review, a collective statement on collegiality, with recommendations for moving forward, including concerns regarding administrative searches processes. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, contact R. Whitaker.

Notice of a Call for Committee Membership: In accordance with Faculty Council Constitution, a notice of a call for membership for Nominations for the Faculty Council of HSS for next Academic Year will be issued shortly. Today's meeting package includes information on the Faculty Council, subcommittees, representation needed, and committee meeting schedules for next academic year.

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

CPC is working issues with the IBA, Language Study Requirements, and will also be looking at CRW courses. The Language Study Requirement most significant item is with regard to students of English as an additional language to find a way to navigate the issues. N. Catto is also compiling information with regard to Language Study offerings in all departments.

SCUGS: There are small adjustments to the university diary for the fall. An announcement is forthcoming from SCUGS. The gap day after labour day is being restored to the diary, so orientation is not conflicting with the start of term classes. The exam period may be reduced by one day.

7. Update from Chair, Planning and Research Committee (J. Geck)
PRC has been working on re-drafting its section of by-laws, to give more clarity to the current responsibilities, and also increase membership. A subcommittee is working on re-wording for review at PRC and eventually bring as a motion to Faculty Council. There appears to be some wording that is more reflective for CPC.
8. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (N. Catto)
Nothing new to report at this time.
9. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Research (L. Swiss)
Congratulations were issued to all the ASM's who have successfully secured more than \$3.5m in combined funding from SHERC. Some also received Tri-council awards. For those who may not have been successful this time, please continue to put in applications.

Requests have been received for SITA carryover, and responses to those should be issued within the next few days.

The Dean's Office has decided not to proceed with the HSS interconnections grant at this time. At this stage, it would be wiser to consolidate our efforts for the fall.

Application deadline for Course Remissions under Clause 3.26 of the CA are due Monday, April 17.

Faculty event "A Fine Crowd" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, Signal Hill Campus, 4-6 pm. We require an RSVP from those attending, as food and beverages will be served at the reception.

The Call for Nominations for the Distinguished Lectureships (Henrietta Harvey & George Story) will be issued next week. The calls will be returning to the previous regular schedule with George Story in the Fall (2023), and Henrietta Harvey in the Winter (2024)

Grant Facilitation officers are organizing webinars in May and June.

There will be CRC presentations over next few weeks and L. Swiss provided the information for those who may want to attend.

10. Announcements, other business, questions
Welcome back to Janet Harron from her secondment. Chad Pelley will remain as well, and both will be collaborating to support the faculty.

Thank you to Matt Milner and Heather O'Brien, the GFO's, for their work with researchers on the grant applications.

11. Adjournment (Moved/Second: J. Geck/L. Swiss)
Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm

Next Faculty Council meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 1 p.m. (via Webex)

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Attendees:

Alyson Bryne, Arthur Sullivan, Charlie Mather, Dave Hancock, Fiona Polack, Holly Everett, Janet Harron, Julie Kavanagh, Lisa-Jo van den Scott, Kathryn Simonsen, Karin Thomeier, Ken Hopkins, Rose Frew, Liam Swiss, Barry Stephenson, Caighlan Smith, Norm Catto, Maria Mayr, Meghan Collett, David Honcock, Heather O'Brien, John Geck, Matthew Milner, Meghan Forsyth, Michelle Rebidoux, Nat Hurley, Jeff Howard, Amanda Tiller-Hackett, Jeff Webb, Luke Roman, Mark Stoddart, Milo Nikolic, Myriam Osorio, Nancy Pedri, Nicholas Welch, Pat Dold, Philippe Basabose, Rebecca Newhook, Renee Shute, Roberto Martinez-Espineira, Robin Whitaker, Rylee Barry, Sara Mackenzie, Sarah Thorne, Sebastien Rossignol, Sharon Roseman, Stephen Shorlin, Suma Rajiva, Theresa Mackenzie, Vaughan Grimes, Wendy Mosdell-Wadman, Emmanuel Quarshie, Kelsey Downer, Sarah Penney, Anne Thureau, Dave Wilson

REGRETS:

Elizabeth Dane, Danine Farquharson, Alex Marland