

## **Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting**

Wednesday, January 4, 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, January 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those who attended is attached.

In the absence of Dr. N. Hurley, Dr. L. Swiss, Acting Associate Dean (Research), acted as meeting Chair.

### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

Dr. L. Swiss 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.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented

(Consent Agenda); Moved/Seconded: (P. Dold/H. Everett)

(Regular Agenda); Moved/Seconded: (N. Pedri/J. Webb)

Carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2022 meeting**

### **4. Approval of Calendar Change Proposals by Department**

**Anthropology:** ANTH Certificate in Food Studies Changes

**(Post meeting note;** title incorrect on Jan 4-23 Agenda; Correct document was attached.)

**Master of Philosophy Program:** Program Regulations Changes

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **5. Dean's Remarks (L. Swiss for N. Hurley)**

Dr. Hurley is unable to attend due to previously scheduled conference. Dr. Swiss brought forward the following items on behalf of the Dean.

Dr. Norm Catto has agreed to return from retirement for an absolute maximum of a 6-month term as Acting Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs). A notice was sent to Faculty about Dr. Catto's appointment. It is expected his official start will be January 16<sup>th</sup>. A new search will be put forward for a full-term appointment.

The Dean's Office has no specific points of information to share on the potential labour disruption. There is no indication that there are any plans for a lock-out, but it is not certain the Dean's Office would be advised by university administration if that were the case. There is a union membership vote taking place on January 18, and it is expected that the earliest action from the union would be the 3rd week of January. The Dean's Office will share any additional information it gets as soon as it can.

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

P. Dold advised that all the calendar change proposals that went forward to SCUgS thus far have passed. One comes before SCUgS meeting in January and the two on today's meeting agenda should make the agenda for SCUgS as well. High praise was given at SCUgS on the quality and presentation of the proposals submitted from HSS.

Thanks to Dr. Catto for stepping forward to the Acting Associate Dean's role. This will be a great source of knowledge for the new co-chairs of CPC.

**7. Update from Interim Chair, Planning and Research Committee (J. Geck)**

Dr. C. Thorne gave remarks on behalf of J. Geck. No particular items to report, but stated he will be returning as Chair of the Planning and Research Committee this term. He stated he had a scheduling conflict and could not participate in the fall term, and thanked J. Geck for acting as Interim Chair.

**8. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Research (L. Swiss)**

Dr. Swiss pointed out upcoming deadlines for researchers to be aware for proposals processing, as well as a reminder to faculty of the deadline for Expressions of Interest for the SHRC Connections grant. The EOI submission should be a short 1-page proposal.

The Planning and Research Committee has begun an initial review of the survey on obstacles to research. A meeting is scheduled between HSS and finance to discuss and smooth as many issues as possible. PRC will provide feedback as soon as it is available.

**9. Announcements, other business, questions**

In response to a query regarding the Faculty position searches, Dr. Swiss advised that the Dean's Office is waiting to hear from the Human Rights Commission for approval and go-ahead. There may be delays if there is a labour disruption.

It was noted that both staff and students within the departments have concerns about a possible labour disruption and there are many questions. The Dean's Office does not have any information to answer any of questions or concerns at the moment, but will provide information as soon it becomes available to share. Memorial University Labour Relations does have a website with FAQs on collective bargaining for students and employees as a resource for information.

In response to a query, Dr. Swiss agreed to relay the question to the Dean asking for any information available regarding the finalization of the position of a new Provost.

It was noted that the 2023 Sparks Literary Festival is scheduled for January 22, 10:00-6:00 at the Music School, Suncor Energy Hall.

**10. Adjournment (Moved/Second: N. Pedri/N. Kennedy)**  
Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm

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

**LIST OF ATTENDEES:**

Jeff Howard (Classics), Jeff Webb (History), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Norm Catto (Geography), Pat Dold (Religious Studies), Ken Hopkins (HSS, Dean's Office), Cory Thorne (Folklore), Arn Keeling (Geography), David Hancock (HKR), Danine Farquharson (English), Holly Everett (Folklore), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Liam Swiss, Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Allyson Coffin (Economics), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Alex Marland (Political Science), Alyson Byrne, Caighlan Smith, Dave Wilson, Elizabeth Dane, Heather C. O'Brien (HSS, Dean's Office), Jillian Gould (Folklore), Karin Thomeier, Kelsey Downer, Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Lisa-Jo van den Scott (Sociology), Lynn Gambin (Economics), Maria Mayr (MLLC), Mariya Lesiv (Folklore), Matthew Milner (HSS, Dean's Office), Meghan Forsyth (Music), Michelle Rebidoux (Religious Studies), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Neil Kennedy, Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Rebecca Newhook, Renee Shute (HSS, Dean's Office), Robert Ormsby (English), Roberto Martinez-Espineira (Economics), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Sara Mackenzie (Linguistics), Sarah Gordon, Nancy Pedri (English), Sarah Thorne, Sebastien Rossignol (History), Sharon Roseman (Anthropology), Stephan Curtis (History), Steve Shorlin, Taylor Burke, Theresa Mackenzie, Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology), Walter Okshevsky (Education)

**REGRETS:**

Meghan Collett (Registrar's Office)