

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those present is appended.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved (J. Lokash/H. Everett). Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on February 3, 2021

Moved and Seconded to accept the minutes of February 3, 2021 (H. Everett/N. Catto).
Carried.

3. Update from Chair of the Curriculum and Programs Committee (N. Catto)

N. Catto moved that the following motion(s) be accepted and seconded as indicated:

- Diploma in Northern Peoples, Lands, and Resources (J. Lokash; carried).

It was noted that a communication plan will need to be established between HSS and the School of Artic and Subarctic Studies at the Labrador Institute regarding the administration of the program. A. Craig and N. Catto noted that they will report to the Curriculum and Programs Committee the suggestion of open communication.

4. Update from Chair of the Planning and Research Committee (J. Lokash)

- George Story Distinguished Lectureship

J. Lokash noted that the Committee recommended to the Dean the nomination from Dr. Sean McGrath in the Department of Philosophy for the George Story Distinguished lectureship. This recommendation was accepted by the Dean.

The lecturer is Professor Tanehisa Otabe of the University of Tokyo, who will deliver a lecture entitled “Aesthetic Disinterestedness: Kant, Schopenhauer, Heidegger, and Duchamp.” The aim is to hold the lecture online in May 2021.

- NSERC USRA competition

J. Lokash noted that the deadline for the 2021 NSERC USRA competition is on March 8th.

- Equity Survey update

There will be an HSS discussion on Thursday, March 11 to engage faculty in an informal discussion of the current draft survey. This session will be recorded so the Committee can capture the details of the discussion.

5. Update from Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (A. Craig)

- Reminder of the Collaborative Teaching Support Sessions

HSS and CITL are still holding remote support sessions. The next session will be on March 26 at 12 p.m. If you have any specific questions, please send them to

acraig@mun.ca.

- Kickstart courses update
Eight course from HSS have been approved for the 2021 Kickstart program. This program offers courses to high school students who have been accepted for Fall 2021 admission.

6. Update from Associate Dean, Research (T. Allen)

- A Fine Crowd is on March 25th. An email was sent to Heads asking for any major fellowships or publications that were awarded within their departments.
- Banting Postdoctoral applications are open. Contact Heather O'Brien (hssresearchadmin@mun.ca) or Matt Milner (hssresearchgrants@mun.ca) if you have questions.
- We will be hosting a couple of workshops in May regarding SSHRC insight grants. Information will follow closer to the date.
- All funding opportunities can be found at the HSS Funding tracker [site](#).

7. HSS Themes

J. Simpson noted that individuals in the Dean's Office and Heads have worked with results from a survey completed by Heads in consultation with their units to identify four themes in the areas of teaching, research, and creative work in HSS (document is available [here](#)). It was noted that these themes are supported by the President's Office and now would like the endorsement of the Faculty.

Concern regarding the theme Space and Place is orientated away from humanities except for the ethics. The Dean noted that the HSS Themes can be reviewed again at Faculty Council in 6 to 12 months to expand the language of Space and Place.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the HSS Themes (S. Curtis/H. Everett). Carried.

8. Dean's Remarks

- Faculty hiring update

The Dean noted that she and Ailsa had a meeting with the Provost recently about faculty positions within HSS. Through the Voluntary Retirement program HSS lost ten faculty positions. Because of the shared staffing program, HSS has reduced its budget deficit. The Provost has also indicated that HSS needs a plan to reduce the deficit in order to open conversation about faculty positions. J. Simpson noted that at the March 17th Heads meeting Faculty hiring will be discussed and can be brought back to Faculty Council again.

- History Post-Doctoral Fellowship

J. Simpson noted that funding for a post-doctoral fellowship was received by the Department of History. The position is currently advertised and the successful candidate could begin the role in Fall 2021.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

List of Attendees

Jennifer S. Simpson (Dean's Office), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Ava Provencher (MUNSU), Scott Lynch (Economics), Karine Abadie (MLLC), Stephan Curtis (History), Norm Catto (Geography), Ailsa Craig (Dean's Office/Sociology), Tana Allen (Dean's Office/Classics), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Alex Marland (Political Science), Anne Thareau (MLLC), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Jay Foster (Philosophy), Jennifer Lokash (English), Jillian Gould (Folklore), Arn Keeling (Geography), Diane Tye (Folklore), Dominique Brégent-Heald (History), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Rebecca Newhook (Co-op), Seamus O'Neill (Philosophy), Stewart Lawrence (History), Suma Rajiva (Philosophy), Theresa Mackenzie (Co-op), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Allyson MacNeill (CITL), Dave Wilson (Science), Heather O'Brien (Dean's Office), Karen Stanbridge (Sociology), Luke Roman (Classics), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Lynn Gambin (Economics), Matt Milner (History/Dean's Office), Meghan Collett (Registrar's Office), Nicholas Lynch (Linguistics), Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Pat Dold (Religious Studies), Sarah Thorne (English), Jeffrey Howard (Classics), Trevor Bell (Geography), Lisa Holdsworth (Philosophy), Wendy Mosdell-Wadman (English)

Regrets

Peter Whitridge (Archaeology), Carrie Dyck (Linguistics)