

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those present is appended.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Additions to Agenda

- Welcome to Dr. Shannon Hoff, Acting Associate Dean of HSS, be moved up in the Agenda as item #3.
- Update from the Director of the Nexus Centre (Isabelle Côté).

Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved (P. Whitridge/J. Lokash). Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Amendment: Carrie Dyck was in attendance at May 5 meeting.

Moved and Seconded to accept the minutes of May 5, 2021 meeting be approved with amendment (P. Basabose / P. Dold). Carried.

3. Welcome of Dr. Shannon Hoff, Acting Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs).

A warm welcome was extended to Dr. Hoff by all members of Faculty Council who were in attendance.

4. Update from the Director of the Nexus Centre (I. Côté)

Dr. Isabelle Côté was appointed Director in October 2020. Dr. Côté provided a brief summary of the role the Nexus Centre. The Centre fosters research connections in Canada and globally among Faculty at Memorial which includes: workshops, boot camps, etc.

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

- The Committee is hoping to receive the final draft of the Equity Survey this week or early next week. It will be sent to all ASMs in HSS.
- Call for membership is upcoming

6. Update from Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (S. Hoff/A. Craig)

- Shannon Hoff indicated that she is looking forward to working with faculty in HSS
- Calendar changes deadline is in October. Faculty were encouraged to continue working on them to meet the deadline.
- The MOU regarding a Classics Consortium in Advanced Languages between Memorial and Dalhousie University has been sent to the Provost's Office now that consultation is complete. It will be posted on the HSS website when official.
- Kickstart program has started slow and steady. English has been very strong.

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

- There will be another CROPS Session on June 22 re: Partnership opportunities
- There will be a cross-faculty webinar tomorrow, June 3 re: NSERC discover Horizons
- Additional webinars will be posted on Newsline
- ADF for Banting applications (send to Matt Milner) and SSHRC proposals (send to Heather O'Brien), due the first week of July.
- Research Showcase is about to be relaunched
- Neil Bose sent out a notification regarding Research Brown Bag session for June 23, 12:30-1:30

8. Interim Dean's Remarks

- Jennifer Simpson and Ailsa Craig met with the Provost to discuss the Deficit Reduction Plan on May 25. Ailsa will meet with the new Provost, Dr. Strelczyk on June 9.
- There was much discussion regarding budget deficit reduction and how it can be achieved while maintaining strong curricular outcomes and an environment that supports our academic mission.

9. Announcements, any other business

- Cluster hires are in process. Ailsa Craig will discuss timelines at the next Heads' Meeting of June 16. The Provost is encouraging submissions from Deans as soon as possible.
- July 13 is the return to campus date for staff. Dean's Office will share any information that arises. Questions can be directed to Ken Hopkins.
- There was discussion on return to campus for students, teaching plans, remote and on-campus teaching, and guidelines for departments. Ailsa Craig reassured faculty that information will be communicated to departments, faculty and students as it is received from upper administration. The aim is to make sure that guidelines are circulated in a timely manner to faculty, staff and students.
- The Provost's Office will begin the search process for a new Dean of HSS as soon as possible. Our office will be requesting nominations to serve on the Search Committee from ASMs in HSS.

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

List of Attendees

Ailsa Craig (Dean's Office/Sociology), Tana Allen (Dean's Office/Classics), Andrea Keating (Dean's Office), Renée Shute (Dean's Office), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Heather O'Brien (Dean's Office), Matthew Milner (Dean's Office/History), Sarah Penney (Dean's Office), Beverly Evans-Hong (Dean's Office), Stephan Curtis (History), Theresa Mackenzie (Co-op Program), Wendy Mosdell (English), Norm Catto (Geography), Peter Whitridge (Archaeology), Trevor Bell (Geography), Arn Keeling (Geography), Jennifer Lokash (English), Jillian Gould (Folklore), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Liam Swiss (Sociology), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Holly Everett (Folklore), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Jeffrey Howard (Classics), Karin Thomier (Digital Learning Centre), Kelley Totten (Folklore), Luke Roman (Classics), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Pat Dold (Religious Studies), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Rebecca Newhook (Co-op Program), Sarah Gordon (Folklore), Sarah Thorne (English), Shannon Hoff (Philosophy), Sharon Roseman (Anthropology), Stewart Lawrence (History), Terri Coles (Dean's Office), Scott Lynch (Economics), Isabelle Cote (Political Science), Anne Thareau (MLLC), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Vicki Hallett (Gender Studies), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Renée Skinner (Registrar's Office), Carrie Dyck (Linguistics), Chris Lockett (English), Cory Thorne (Folklore), Jay Foster (Philosophy), Meghan Collett (Registrar's Office), Malika Musah (Linguistics), Suma Rajiva (Philosophy), Yolande Pottie-Sherman (Geography), Chris Cogan (Geography), A. Marland (Political Science)

There were no regrets to the meeting.