

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in A1043 and via WebEx. A list of those present is appended.

### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

Dr. Ailsa Craig provided the Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

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

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

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting be approved (A. Thareau/J. Lokash). Carried.

### **4. Greetings from Dr. Florentine Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice President Academic**

Dr. Strzelczyk spoke of her experiences in different roles and the assets that she has brought to MUN as innovator, problem solver and change leader. Dr. Strzelczyk noted her priorities for MUN (ie. Student-centred, future-focused, EDI and Indigenous engagement) as well as her values and style of leadership. Questions related to budget and departmental integration were asked. It was noted that due to the budget deficit there have been funding cuts to PCIs and that funding for PCIs is not in the structural budget. Dr. Strzelczyk noted that combining departments with common interests would potentially enhance the departments both with enrolments and financially.

### **5. Update from Chair, Curriculum and Programs Committee (2020-2021), (N. Catto), followed by motion(s) listed below:**

- Department of English- Communication Studies 4003: Copyright, Creativity, and Culture (S. Thorne; one abstention ; carried)
- Department of English: Update of English courses to Medieval Studies Program (J. Lokash; carried)
- Master of Employment Relations (P. Dold; carried)

### **6. Update from Acting Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (S. Hoff/)**

- Return to campus  
The Blundon Centre will handle accommodations for students who are unable to wear masks. Accommodations for students who do not want to be vaccinated or

tested will go through the Dean's Office, which will be in touch with the Department Head to see if accommodations are possible. It was also noted that the HSS Instructional Continuity Plan and Syllabi recommendations were distributed to all faculty on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and could be of assistance in dealing with excessive absences due to illness.

- Fall-term enrollment  
Dr. Hoff noted that HSS enrolments have increased compared to last year
- Deadline for calendar change proposals  
October 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit calendar change proposals to the Dean's Office. An extension to this deadline was requested. It was noted that the Dean's Office would discuss this and get back to Council.
- Call for volunteers for the Curriculum and Programs Committee  
Dr. Hoff noted that not all departments are represented at the HSS Curriculum and Programs Committee. If ASMs are interested, contact Charlene Burke at charlenes@mun.ca.

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

Dr. Allen noted that this item can be removed from the agenda and an email with updates will be forthcoming.

**8. Motion: Ratification of Faculty Council committee membership for 2021-2022**

**academic year** (Faculty Council by-law III (1) (i): "By the September meeting of Faculty Council, committee membership for the upcoming year shall be included on the meeting agenda for ratification by Council.") (K. Simonsen/A. Keeling; carried)

**9. Dean's Remarks**

- Thank you, and welcome back  
Dr. Craig thanked everyone for their work in preparing for the fall term and welcomed them back to campus.
- Update on Non-degree student status  
It is expected that the Non-degree student status will be available in the Winter 2022 term. The Office of the Registrar is currently working to enable the process. Communication regarding the new admission status will be sent out as it becomes available.
- Consultation on hiring priorities  
The Dean's Office has asked Heads to prepare position requests to find help ascertain hiring priorities for HSS overall. One new hire for HSS has been confirmed, with there being the possibility of more, contingent on ongoing budget discussions.
- Update on budget and curriculum and planning (long and short-term strategies)  
During the Fall term the Dean's Office will have conversations with each Department Head about short and long-term strategies for working effectively with the resources available with regard to curriculum and courses offerings.
- Strategic Framework  
The MUN Strategic Framework is now in place and the President has asked that all Faculties work on implementing the strategies in the coming year.

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

**List of Attendees**

Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Michael Westcott (History), Sarah Thorne (English), Emma-Jean Thomson (Linguistics), John Babb (MLLC), Arn Keeling (Geography), Pat Dold (Religious Studies), Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology), Anne Thareau (MLLC), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Karin Thomeier (Digital Learning Centre), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Eric Richard (Classics), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Corey Tate (Gender Studies) Adrienne Peter (Sociology), Jeff Howard (Classics), Courtney Loveless (Gender Studies), Sam Lehman (English), Tana Allen (Dean's Office/Classics), Shannon Hoff (Dean's Office/Philosophy), Ailsa Craig (Dean's Office/Sociology), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Cory Thorne (Folklore), David Hancock (HKR), Hannah Borotsik (Classics), Holly Everett (Folklore), Karen Dobbin-Williams (Nursing), Kate Lahey (Gender Studies), Morgan Manuel (Geography), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Norm Catto (Geography), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Stephan Curtis (History), Dwayne Avery (English), Danine Farquharson (English), Dave Wilson (Science), Andrea Keating (Dean's Office), Christopher Lockett (English), Amanda Bittner (Political Science), Amanda Tiller-Hackett (QEII), Fiona Polack (English), Dominique Bregent-Heald (History), Heather O'Brien (Dean's Office), Liam Swiss (Sociology), Luke Roman (Classics), Matthew Milner (Dean's Office/History), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Rebecca Newhook (Co-op Education), Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Renee Skinner (Registrar's Office), Sarah Gordon (Folklore), Sarah Kueha (Archaeology), Shannon Lewis-Simpson (Archaeology), Stephanie Dohey (English), Walter Okshevski (Education), Wendy Mosdell-Wadman (English), Natasha Farrell (MLLC)

**Regrets**

Sonja Boon (Gender Studies), Lynn Gambin (Economics) and Sharon Roseman (Anthropology)