

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. 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 (H. Everett/R. Whitaker). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting be approved (H. Everett/S. Curtis). Carried.

4. Update from Chair, Curriculum and Programs Committee (2021-2022) (N. Catto)

- Dr. Catto reminded members of Faculty Council that each department within the Faculty should be represented for each monthly CPC meeting. If the designated person is unable to attend, it is strongly encouraged to coordinate with someone else to attend for the department.
- Dr. Catto announced he is retiring at the end of August. As such, a new Chair for CPC will be needed. He also stated that Chair of CPC also represents CPC on other committees (e.g. SCUGS).

5. Update from Chair, Planning and Research Committee (2021-2022) (C. Thorne)

- C. Thorne presented the finalized Equity Survey Report on behalf of the Planning and Research Committee. He reviewed the report findings and how the committee organized the report for Faculty Council. Discussion followed. A. Craig expressed thanks to the committee for all the work and preparation to finalize the report, stating that the information is helpful and will serve as data that can help HSS move forward with an action plan in consultation with PRC and provide a basis for ongoing discussion with other areas of the University.

6. Updates from Acting Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (S. Hoff)

- Final Exam Period - given the ongoing COVID situation, more absences than usual can be expected. S. Hoff re-iterated to faculty to refer to the continuity plan issued by the Dean's Office. She encouraged openness to accommodation of students, and consultation with the Office if any issues or concerns arose. A. Craig stated that it's a good idea for faculty members to have an understudy ready as well, in case they have to be absent during final exams.
- Graduate students will be disentangled from A Fine Crowd this year. S. Hoff is organizing a separate celebration of their accomplishments. Within the next week or two, Dept Heads and Graduate Officers will get a Call for Information to submit the works of graduate students that should be recognized, supported, and celebrated.

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

- A Fine Crowd is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4; an invitation will be issued shortly. Suggestions for live music are welcome, as the organizing committee is open to having lively entertainment at this year's event. T. Allen re-iterated that graduate students are being celebrated at a separate event to allow special attention for their accomplishments.
- The HSS Research Showcase continues to be available, and everyone is invited to input their project information. Links are on the Research Support Services page. The showcase will be used for A Fine Crowd this year as well.
- Webinars in support of grant applications continue to occur with the HSS Grant Facilitators. Please contact Heather O'Brien or Matt Milner with any questions.
- If there is interest in organizing a Collaborative Research Opportunity Planning Session (CROPS), please contact the GFOs.

8. Dean's Remarks

- A. Craig gave a detailed update/status report on outcomes of teaching plan revisions (money saved, impact on enrolments, PCI offerings), position requests, and Indigenous cluster hire, stating that meetings with departments to strategize have helped improve success for the Faculty. A. Craig thanked everyone for their excellent work in extremely trying circumstances, and noted that it is being seen and acknowledged by central administration.
- MPhil in the Humanities – The call for a search committee for the Director of the MPhil Program is out and responses are due April 15. The call for an advisory committee is out and due April 22.
- Next Academic year Call for Nominations – Nominations for service on Faculty of HSS committees will be issued within the next week or two. Department reps are sought for Faculty Council, Curriculum and Programs, and Planning and Research Committee. (Also, there will be calls forwarded looking for delegates to other councils.) Special note that a new Chair for CPC will be needed for next academic year as N. Catto is retiring.
- A. Craig expressed thanks and appreciation to Dr. Norm Catto for his many contributions to the Faculty during his time here, especially noting his longstanding time as chair of CPC. On behalf of Faculty Council, Dr. Craig wished Dr. Catto well on his retirement at the end of August.
- Dr. Craig noted the end of another term and expressed appreciation to all for the work being done with students, with research, in departments, and with other service commitments supporting this faculty, especially while navigating another challenging year.

9. Announcements, Any Other Business, Questions

- No new business or announcements

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Next Scheduled Faculty Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 p.m.

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Ailsa Craig (Dean's Office), Courtney Loveless, Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Tana Allen (Dean's Office/Classics), Karin Thomeier (Digital Learning Centre), Stephan Curtis (History), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Daniel Kudla (Sociology), Heather C. O'Brien (Dean's Office), Arn Keeling (Geography), Holly Everett (Folklore), Norm Catto (Geography), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Vaughan Grimes (Geography), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Liam Swiss (Sociology), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Jillian Gould (Folklore), Shannon Hoff (Dean's Office), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Wade Locke (Economics), Pat Dold (Religious Studies), Natasha Farrell, Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Andrea Keating (Dean's Office), Catherine Losier (Archaeology), David Hancock (Human Kinetics and Recreation), Jay Foster (Gender Studies), Melanie Doyle, Julie Kavanagh, Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Cory W. Thorne (Folklore), Jeff Howard (Classics), Nancy Pedri (English), Sebastien Rossignol (History), Theresa Mackenzie (Co-operative Education), Walter Okshevsky (Education), Anne Thareau (MLLC), Blair Winsor (Business), Dave Wilson, Jennifer Lokash (English), Matthew Milner (Dean's Office/History), Sarah Gordon (Folklore), Michelle Rebidoux (Religious Studies), Kate Lahey, Veronique Forbes (MLLC), Alex Marland (Political Science), Sarah Thorne (English), Seamus O'Neill (Philosophy)

Regrets: Karen Dobbin-Williams, Meghan Forsyth, Wendy Mosdell-Wadman, Myriam Osorio
