

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

1:00 p.m. via WebEx

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those who attended is attached.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Natasha Hurley 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 & Regular Agenda)

Moved/Seconded: (J. Geck/R. Whitaker); Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of the Minutes of November 2, 2022 meeting

(Post-meeting note: S. Roseman to be added to November 2 list of attendees.)

4. Approval of Calendar Change Proposals by Department

Anthropology:

- ANTH Undergrad course updates
- ANTH MA & PhD description changes
- ANTH 2409, new CRW course

Archaeology: ARCH 3595 – Adding Prerequisites

Classics: CLAS Regulations Change 8.9.4 for Cert in HPST; adding CLAS 3902 to Table 1

English: ENGL 3906 Introduction to Creative Writing: Oral Storytelling, New Course

Folklore: FOLK 6060 – Grad Course Name Change

Gender Studies: Joint Major Regulations Change

Geography:

- GEOG 3650 Conservation Biology I (Change from GEOG 4650)
- GEOG 490A/490B – Amendment to Credit Hours and Regs Changes

History:

- HIST 1009 Critical Reading and Writing: The Medieval World, Revised Title
- History 2335/MEMS 2004 Medieval Central and Eastern Europe – New Course
- History 4822 Writing History – Revised course
- HIST Deletion of Courses
- History Regulations BA Hons Update

Linguistics: LING Undergrad Courses – Removing Prerequisites

Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures:

- MLLC Major in Modern Language Studies – New Undergrad Program
- SPAN 3860 Indigenismo & Indianismo in Latin America – New Course

Philosophy: PHIL 2080 Feminist Philosophy – New Course

Political Science:

- POSC Convert Major/Minor in Law and Society into Law and Public Policy
- POSC Convert LWSO Courses to LWPP Courses
- POSC Convert Certificate of Public Policy to Diploma
- POSC Undergrad Program Changes – Adding/Deleting Courses
- POSC 3130 Democracy and Its Discontents, New Course
- POSC/LWPP 3640 Ethics, Leadership, and Policy Analysis, New Course
- POSC 4240 The Ends of the World: Global Politics of Existential Threats – New Course
- POSC 4245 Political Economy, New Course
- POSC 4385 Religion and Politics – New Course
- POSC / LWPP 4640 Democratic Innovations in Public Policy – New Course
- POSC 4840 Political Parties in Canada – New Course
- POSC Grad Program Changes - Adding/Deleting Courses
- POSC 6230 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6255 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6315 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6325 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6330 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6340 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6370 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6630 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6640 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)
- POSC 6860 New Grad Course (piggybacking 4000 level)

Religious Studies:

- RELS Updating Course Descriptions & Joint Hons Regulations
- RELS Sanskrit Lang Study Courses – amending & adding courses

Sociology:

- SOCI 2040 The Sociological Imagination and Research Design – New Course
- SOCI 6180 Grad Course Regularization (Currently listed as SOCI 6620)
- SOCI-CRIM Undergrad Corrections to Regulations

Master of Employment Relations (MER Program): Regulations Changes

Faculty of HSS: Dean's List Amendment Proposal

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Dean's Remarks

Dr. Hurley provided information on initiatives being taken with respect to next year's teaching plans, including budgetary context, workload equity across the Faculty, and the intention to address and advocate for a new budgetary model which would benefit the Faculty. The Dean took note of comments and feedback received during the meeting and advised that further feedback is welcome and could be submitted for consideration to the Dean's Office. The Dean's Office is working with the Heads on solutions for the budgetary issues and welcomes collaboration in these efforts for the sake of the collective well-being of the Faculty.

Faculty is working on revised SITA guidelines to allow SITA to support a wider range of activities.

S. Hoff will complete her term as Interim Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs) at the end of December 2022. Dr. Hoff was formally acknowledged and thanked for her work and dedication to the role and wished well on her upcoming sabbatical.

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

SCUGS has been made aware of possible cheating instances related to students having access to Brightspace/D2L Shell during on-campus exams. Faculty are advised to make the Brightspace/D2L information inaccessible to students for exam period.

Dr. Simonsen expressed thanks and formally acknowledged S. Hoff and R. Frew for their work and effort in processing the HSS Calendar Change Proposal submissions.

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

The Planning and Research Committee is continuing to review and assess the committee mandate as stated in the Faculty Council by-laws. PRC is also still investigating possibilities for better communications platforms for working committees.

Reminder of the January 31, 2023 deadline for submission of applications for the newly initiated Research Catalyst Awards.

8. Update from Interim Associate Dean, Curriculum and Programs (S. Hoff)

Some calendar changes are still in progress, and some will be on the agenda for January Faculty Council.

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

SITA initiatives submitted by departments have all now been reviewed and departments have been notified of all approvals.

SITA graduate student research/travel funding has been allotted and the notifications of approved amounts has been issued to departments.

Research Week is complete. Dr. Swiss gave an overview of activities and expressed thanks to everyone who participated or organized any activities.

There is an Early Career Research Network panel discussion on Dec 16, 2022, and Dr. Swiss posted upcoming grants deadlines for information.

10. Announcements, other business, questions

The position of Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs) is not yet filled. Anyone who is interested should apply and/or contact the Dean's Office directly.

This is the final meeting of HSS Faculty Council for 2022. Dr. Hurley wished everyone a safe and happy holiday break, and expressed thanks for the support received from Faculty Council. It was stated that the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th – 1st day back from holiday break.

11. **Adjournment** (Moved/Second: A. Sullivan/J. Geck);
Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Next Faculty Council meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 1 p.m. (via Webex)

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Charlie Mather (Geography), Cory Thorne (Folklore), Dave Wilson (Science), John Geck (English), Karine Thomeier (Digital Learning Centre), Karine Abadie (MLLC), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Philippe Basabose MLLC), Taylor Burke (History), Rose Frew (Dean's Office), Stephen Shorlin (CITL), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), David Hancock (Human Kinetics and Recreation), Kathleen Lahey (Gender Studies), Chad Pelley (Dean's Office), Kelly Blidook (Political Science), Sebastien Rossignol (History), Anne Thareau (MLLC), Lucian Ashworth (Political Science), Shannon Hoff (Dean's Office), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Jeff Webb (History), Sarah Thorne (English), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Kathryn Rose (Library), Lynn Gambin (Economics), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Mario Blaser (Archaeology), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Liam Swiss (Dean's Office), Nancy Pedri (English), Theresa Mackenzie (Co-operative Education), Douglas Wharram (Linguistics), John Matthews (Political Science), Elizabeth Schwartz (Political Science), John Sandlos (History), Danine Farquharson (English), Meghan Forsyth (Music), Arn Keeling (Geography), Dominique Bregent-Heald (History), Paul De Decker (Linguistics), Julie Kavanagh (Co-op), Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Kelley Totten (Folklore), Patricia Dold (Religious Studies), Maria Mayr (MLLC), Meghan Collett (HSS Registrar), Matthew Milner (Dean's Office), Heather C. O'Brien (Dean's Office), Sharon Roseman (Anthropology), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Walter Okshevsky (Education), Sean Gray (Political Science), Lisa-Jo van den Scott (Sociology), Terri Heard, Nat Hurley (Dean's Office), Alyson Byrne (Business), Roberto Martinez-Espineira (Economics), Matt Papai (History), David Baird (English), Kelsey Downer (Gender Studies), Isabelle Côté (Political Science), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Rylee Barry (English), Caighlan Smith (English), Russell Williams (Political Science), Sara Mackenzie (Linguistics)

Regrets: Alison Coffin (Economics)