

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held on Wednesday, February 2, 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

Agenda changes as follows:

- Moving guest presentation (A. Farrell) after the Approval of Minutes
- Addition: In-Absentia Graduation Candidates Motions (N. Catto); Item 5

Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved (N. Catto/A. Keeling). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the January 5, 2022, meeting be approved (H. Everett/S. Curtis). Carried.

4. Research Data Management Institutional Strategy – Alison Farrell

Alison Farrell (Research Data Management and Public Services Librarian) gave a presentation on Research Data Management, Data Management Plans, and Research Data Lifecycles. She noted new Tri-Agency Policy may require DMP for some funding applications/opportunities. Alison answered queries re: sensitive data, ethics protocols overlapping with Tri-Agency requirements, policies intersecting with Indigenous data collection, and creating repositories with permission from Indigenous groups. The Library Services are available to help with Research Data Management and Data Management Plans; a guide is on the Memorial Library Webpage, and Alison can be contacted at any time alisonr@mun.ca.

5. In-Absentia Graduation Candidates Motions (N. Catto)

N. Catto Moved the following:

Motion #1:

I certify that the candidates named on the Graduation Applicant Report have fulfilled all the academic requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, Degree of Bachelor of Arts Honours, Degree of International Bachelor of Arts or Degree of International Bachelor of Arts Honours and I move that their names be approved for submission to Senate.

-Seconded: H. Everett; Carried

Motion #2: I certify that the candidates named on the Graduation Applicant Report have fulfilled all the academic requirements for the Diploma in Ancient Worlds, Diploma in Creative Writing, Diploma in Environmental Humanities, Diploma in Humanities, Diploma in Performance and Communications Media, Diploma in Police Studies, or Diploma in Stage and Screen Technique and I move that their names be approved for submission to Senate.

-Seconded: J. Lokash; Carried

Motion #3: I certify that the candidates named on the Graduation Applicant Report have fulfilled all the academic requirements for the Certificate in Aboriginal and Indigenous Studies, Certificate in Ancient Languages, Certificate in Criminology, Certificate in Film Studies, Certificate in Food Studies, Certificate in Indigenous Studies, Certificate in Newfoundland and Labrador Studies, or the Certificate in Public Policy and I move that their names be approved for submission to Senate.

-Seconded: L. Swiss; Carried

Motion #4: To empower the Registrar in consultation with the Dean or Director and Chairperson of the appropriate faculty committee to add to the lists the names of candidates who fulfill all the requirements for the degree or diploma between this meeting and convocation.

-Seconded: A. Keeling; Carried

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

The George Story and the Henrietta Harvey Awards call is being extended to March 1, 2022; there can be flexibility on the timing of the lectureships due the ongoing COVID-19 environment.

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

- CITL issued a call for Online Course Development Proposals; the deadline is March 1; this deadline is strictly for proposals; full courses can be developed after approval
- A consolidated list of strategies for dealing with student absenteeism due to COVID-19 was issued to Heads to distribute to instructors; that and the previously issued Instructional Continuity Plan can be consulted for guidance.

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

- Funding is available in SSHRC Explorer and Exchange competitions; deadline for submission is tomorrow, Feb 3; there will also be more opportunities in September
- February 15 – ISER applications are due into HSS for review; ISER deadline is March 1
- USRA competitions deadline is March 7
- Funding opportunities continue to be posted on the Research Funding Tracker (<https://www.hss.mun.ca/funding/>) and ongoing research support is provided by GFOs Heather O'Brien and Matt Milner

9. Dean's Remarks

Dr. Craig welcomed everyone back to on-campus teaching and encourages everyone to find ways to connect with students; recognizes some still have safety concerns, and re-iterated the multiple layering safety measures in place for return to campus, including mandatory masks, mandatory vaccinations and noting Memorial's high vaccination rate; as instructors we are asked to be flexible/make accommodations where necessary; if people are sick, please stay home; Dean's Office is here to help and offer anything we can to overcome the challenges being faced.

N95 masks will be made available; they are being distributed to departments for pick-up at the Deans Office within the next day or so; right now there is at least one mask per person (by request only).

10. Announcements, Any Other Business, Questions

- In response to an item raised, Dr. Craig re-iterated that Provost has been clear with regard to directive on in-person classes; there is no approval for "class voting" to remain online.

- A concerning social media post was reported and the CRO or RNC will be putting out a statement with regard to campus and the threat assessment/investigation; the RNC monitors social media regularly for any concerning activities related to MUN.
- It was noted that there is quite a range of experiences both by students and faculty in this current environment. Dr. Craig took note of issues and concerns raised to bring back to the Deans' Meeting/Administration. She thanked everyone for their input and voicing concerns.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

List of Attendees:

Norm Catto (Geography), Wendy Mosdell (English), Hannah Borotsik, Courtney Loveless, Blair Winsor (Business Administration), Tana Allen (HSS/Classics), Holly Everett (Folklore), Corey Tatz, Dominique Bregent-Heald (History), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Ken Hopkins(HSS), Matt (HSS/History), Meghan Forsyth (Music), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Morgan Manuel, Nicholas Welch (Linguistics), Paul Ledger (Archaeology), Renee Shute (HSS), Sarah Kuehn, Sarah Thorne (English), Sharon Roseman (Anthropology), Stephan Curtis (History), Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology), Veronique Forbes (Archaeology), Wade Locke (Economics), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Liam Swiss (Sociology), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Kate Lahey, Jillian Gould (Folklore), Jennifer Lokash (English), David Hancock (HKR), Dave Wilson, Daniel Kudla (Sociology), Catherine Losier (Archaeology), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Arn Keeling (Geography), Anne Thareau (MLLC), Andrea Keating (HSS), Alex Marland (Political Science), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Alison Farrell (Medicine), Shannon Hoff (HSS/Philosophy), Rose Frew (HSS), Ailsa Craig (HSS/Sociology), Cory Thorne (Folklore), Heather C. O'Brien (HSS), Melanie Doyle (CITL), Luke Roman (Classics), Patricia Dold (Religious Studies), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Renee Skinner (Registrar's Office), Samantha Lehman, Sebastien Rossignol (History), Theresa Mackenzie (Science), Walter Okshevsky (Education), Paul De Decker (Linguistics), Jeffrey Howard (Classics).

Regrets: none received