

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 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, November 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those present is attached.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Natasha Hurley 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

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved/Seconded: (H. Everett/L-J van den Scott); Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of October 5, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

Moved/Seconded: (C. Whitten/J. Geck); Carried.

4. Dean's Remarks

An ad will be circulated shortly for the position of Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs) for HSS. The search committee is now formed and Dr. Hurley expressed thanks to those who have volunteered to serve on that committee.

Dr. Hurley stated HSS is seriously under represented on Senate and encourages ASMs to consider putting their names forward to represent the Faculty. It's a great opportunity to have a voice in that forum on campus. Any ASMs interested in representing HSS on Senate can send a note to the Dean's Office.

Dr. Hurley proposed a transition to a Consent Agenda format for HSS Faculty Council. A presentation was given explaining the process. It was explained that this is permitted under Robert's Rules of Order and is the same format used by Senate. Routine business, reports, and other items which require no discussion, debate, or voting are grouped onto the Consent Agenda. A Regular Agenda is also presented and is for items requiring discussion, debate or voting. The format would save time, especially during calendar change proposal season. Anything deemed to require further discussion could be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. It was expressly stated there is no intention to circumvent discussion using this format, but only to address items more efficiently in the limited time available. After some group discussion, a motion was issued to transition to Consent Agenda Format for HSS Faculty Council. (Moved/Seconded: P. Dold/K. Simonsen). 1 person opposed; No abstentions; Motion Carried.

Dr. Hurley gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan and the approach to implementation and identified and spoke to all areas of the plan. In response to a query on course caps, healthy programs, and what might be the thinking around that, Dr. Hurley explained that the Dean's Office (in consultation with Heads) will be looking at what we offer and how we can serve programs better to serve our students. We will be talking about what is needed, what the challenges are, and what we

can do (and how) with our limited resources for program planning, working to make smart decisions with a harm-reduction approach.

In response to a query about the Reid Theatre, the Dean stated that there is not yet any clarity on that item.

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

P. Dold stated that at latest SCUgS meeting it was noted that course offerings for Winter term 2023 are the first to make use of the six modes for course delivery, which were approved by Senate in April 2022. The link below provides information, including definitions of the six modes and their abbreviations in the registration system:

<https://www.mun.ca/regoff/registration-and-final-exams/course-offerings/undergraduate-modes-of-delivery>

Four calendar changes for the Dept. of English approved at our previous Faculty Council were approved at latest meeting of SCUgS.

P. Dold moved that Faculty Council approve the Calendar Change Proposals below, which have been approved by CPC:

Department of English:

-Communication Studies CMST 3002: AI and Society – New Course

Second: K. Simonsen; Carried

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

J. Geck stated there is nothing new to report from the PRC.

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

Dr. Hoff indicated she is open for discussions with anyone who wants to know more about the role of Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs).

Teaching plans are being requested early this year to accommodate transition to a new Associate Dean. Typically, the Faculty of Science is earlier (Nov 25); we may consider moving to a similar date.

The December meeting of Faculty Council will be focused on calendar change proposals. Many proposals have been received, and the majority of the proposals will be presented for approval in December.

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

The Planning and Research Committee and the Grant Facilitation Officers finalized the Terms & Conditions and the call for applications for the Research Catalyst Awards. The call for applications was issued earlier today (Nov 2). The deadline is January 30 and is targeted at Early Career Researchers.

SITA proposals have all been reviewed and departments should hear back early next week about approval of the initiatives. There were many great proposals submitted for consideration. Requests

for graduate student travel funding will not be approved under the regular SITA proposals this year; we are looking at it separately (as a separate initiative). Funding for grad student travel will be separated out and consolidated. This will be discussed with GOs as a group, and as a faculty-wide initiative, departments will be advised of the values approved by department.

Research Week 2022 is Nov 21-25. Dr. Swiss posted the link to HSS Research Week, and reminded the faculty to update their information on the Research Showcase.

Dr. Swiss re-iterated deadlines for various grants, and indicated that if anyone has any questions or needs assistance or help with applications, they could get in touch with the GFOs, Heather O'Brien and Matt Milner. Dr. Swiss is also available to assist if anyone wants to contact him directly.

9. Announcements, other business, questions

No new business or announcements

10. Adjournment: (Moved/Seconded: J. Geck/T. MacKenzie)

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Next Faculty Council meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 1 p.m.

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Jeff Howard (Classics PCI Rep), Shannon Hoff (Dean's Office/Philosophy), Nat Hurley (Dean's Office/English), Liam Swiss (Dean's Office/Sociology), Alex Marland (Political Science), Alison Coffin (Economics PCI Rep), Alyson Byrne (Business), Andrea Keating (Dean's Office), Anne Graham (MLLC), Anne Thareau (MMLC), Arn Keeling (Geography), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Caighlan Smith (English Grad Student Rep), Cindy Whitten (Sociology PCI Rep), Cory Thorne (Folklore), Dave Wilson (Science), David Baird (English PCI Rep), David Hancock (English PCI), Dominique Bregent-Heald (History), Elizabeth Dane (Gender Studies Grad Student Rep), Emmanuel Quarshie (Economics Grad Student Rep), Heather C. O'Brien (Dean's Office), Holly Everett (Folklore), Jeff Webb (History), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), John Geck (English), Julie Kavanagh, Karin Thomeier (Digital Learning Centre), Kate Lahey (Gender Studies PCI Rep), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Kelley Totten (Folklore), Kelsey Downer (Gender Studies Undergrad Rep), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Laya Heidari Darani (Linguistics Grad Student Rep), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Lisa Moore (English), Lisa-Jo van den Scott (Sociology), Luke Roman (Classics), Lynn Gambin (Economics), Mark Stoddart (Sociology), Matthew Milner (Dean's Office/History), Meghan Collett (Arts Registrar), Meghan Forsyth (Music), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Nancy Pedri (English), Patricia Dold (Religious Studies), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Rebecca Newhook, Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Roberto Martinez-Espineira (Economics), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Rylee Barry English (English Undergrad Student Rep), Taylor Burke (History Undergrad Student Rep), Stephen Shorlin (CITL).