

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held on Wednesday, November 3, 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. Welcome and acknowledgment of death of colleague Dr. Lee Rainey/Introduction of Francine Synyard

Dr. Craig acknowledged the passing of Dr. Rainey. A moment of silence was observed. Dr. Craig welcomed Francine Synyard, as Intermediate Secretary to the Dean's Office.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting be approved (B. Stephenson /A. Keeling). Carried.

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

- Department of Political Science – Law and Society Table update (Page 6)
Moved and Seconded that the proposal be approved (N.Catto/L.Ashworth).
Carried.
- Department of Philosophy – Philosophy 1004: Philosophy as a Way of Life (Page 26) Moved and Seconded that the proposal be approved (N.Catto/ B.Stephenson). Carried.

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

- Many calendar change proposals have been submitted; the effort is appreciated.
- Submitted calendar change proposals are under review.

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

- SITA applications received are under review; response to applications should come around mid-November.
- Research Week is November 22-26, 2021. (<https://www.mun.ca/research/week/>)

- Deadline to submit internally for the J. R. Smallwood Research Grant is Dec. 1, 2021. Submissions are to be completed using the Researcher Portal (RP).
- Deadline to submit for the Conference Grant and the Publication Subvention Grant is Dec. 15, 2021.
- A COVID-19 interruptions timeline has been posted on HSS website ([COVID-19 Interruptions Timeline](#)).
- Advanced Draft Feedback (ADF) for SSHRC Insight Development Grants (IDG) deadline is Nov. 16, 2021.

8. Dean's Remarks

The university is in the process of a Capital Campaign, for which Dean's are being asked to submit ideas. Dr. Craig has met with Penny Blackwood, and had discussion with the Heads. Ideas put forward by Deans will be adjudicated to decide which ones will go forward. Dr. Craig, is working on the following possible ideas:

- HSS core building, to house all departments, provide gathering space, central archives, up to date flexible teaching spaces that support a range of teaching styles, a black box theatre, graduate student research space.
- Refitting classrooms to be flexible, accessible teaching spaces
- interdisciplinary creative lab for digital humanities, with in-house film making space (digital research centre/HSS film unit)
- Endowed chair in/through the Nexus centre

Updates on discussions with Provost and Department Heads regarding deficit reduction, future budget model and programming within HSS. The Provost has approved our deficit reduction strategy

- HSS has Approval to hire for one new faculty position; consultation with Department Heads has occurred, allocation has yet to be decided. Following that decision, a recommendation will be provided to the Provost

9. New Business:

Motion - The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences opposes the outsourcing of the crucial work of teaching first-year international undergraduates at Memorial University to a private, for-profit international 'pathway' college such as Navitas. Moved and seconded (R. Whitaker./L. Ashworth.).

Dean's comments: A Navitas visit was scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18th and was cancelled. Expectation is that there will be open, campus-wide conversation. Dean expressed concern that a motion in opposition might be inappropriately timed at this point, since it is prior to consultations and fuller information being available.

Following discussion, the motion was voted upon: Carried.

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

List of Attendees

Kurt Korneski (History), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Wendy Mosdell (English), Michael Kirkpatrick (History), Lisa-Jo van den Scott (Sociology), Arn Keeling (Geography), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), Christina Doonan (Political Science/Gender Studies), Carol Lynne D’Arcangelis (Gender studies), Francine Synyard (HSS), Norm Catto (Geography), Ken Hopkins (HSS), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), Stephanie Dohey (English), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Eric Richards (Classics), Bill Schipper (English), Matt Milner (HSS/History), Suma Rajiva (Philosophy), Alec Brookes (MLLC), Andrea Keating (HSS), Anne Graham (MLLC), Carrie Dyck (Linguistics), Catherine Losier (Archaeology), Corey Tatz, Cory Thorne (Folklore), Dave Wilson, Dean Bavington (Geography), Dominique Bregent-Heald (History), Emma-Jean Thomson, Hannah Borotsik, Heather O’Brien (HSS), Holly Everett (Folklore), Jeff Howard (Classics), Jennifer Selby (Religious Studies), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Josh Lewapsky (Geography), Julie Kavanagh, Karin Thomeier (Digital Learning Centre), Kate Lahey, Liam Swiss (Sociology), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Lucian Ashworth (Anthropology), Maria Mayr (MLLC), Martin Sizov, Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Natasha Farrell (MLLC), Neil Kennedy (History), Nicholas Welch (Linguistics), Nicole Power (Sociology), Oscar Moro-Abadie (Archaeology), Pat Dold (Religious Studies), Paul Ledger (Archaeology), Peter Whitridge (Archaeology), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Rebecca Newhook (Co-op Education), Renee Shute (HSS), Renee Skinner, Robert Ormsby (English), Sarah Kuchn, Sarah Martin (Political Science), Sarah Thorne (English), Scott Lynch (Economics), Scott Matthews (Political Science), Sebastien Rossignol (History), Shannon Hoff (HSS), Sharon Roseman (Anthropology) Stephan Curtis (History), Tana Allen (HSS), Theresa Mackenzie (Co-op Education), Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology), Wayne Fife (Anthropology), Yolande Pottie-Sherman (Geography), Peter Trnka (Philosophy), Alex Marland (Political Science)

Regrets

Karen Dobbin-Williams (Nursing), David Hancock (HKR), and Amanda Tiller-Hackett (Library Rep)