

Faculty Council of Humanities and Social Sciences Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 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, October 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx. A list of those present is appended.

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

Agenda was approved as presented.

Moved/Seconded: (H. Everett/L. Swiss). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of September 14, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

Moved/Seconded: (P. Dold/H. Everett). Carried.

4. Dean's Remarks

Dr. Hurley discussed the Dean's Office approach to the Strategic Plan. She will be asking for and collecting information from departments and compile it into a Planning and Implementation document. This will then be shared with the Provost's Office to advocate for HSS needs, with an eye to the budget constraints. The larger agenda will be to strongly advocate for HSS resources.

The mask mandate has been lifted for classrooms and labs. Masks are now "highly recommended". Dr. Hurley recognized some faculty council members have serious concerns with the decision, but as a whole we can suggest strategies for moving forward. Time was dedicated during the meeting for members to share talking points. The Dean's Office will take the lead on this issue on behalf of faculty; Dr. S. Hoff will compile the information into a document that can be shared with instructors. In response to a query, Dr. Hurley did note it is not within the Dean's Office purview to handle requests for health accommodations. All inquiries with regard to health accommodations must be directed to Faculty Relations. To help alleviate some faculty council members' concerns, HSS Faculty Council meetings will be held strictly via Webex for the remainder of the term.

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

K. Simonsen gave the update on behalf of CPC, indicating she and Pat Dold are Co-Chairs for academic year 2022-2023. The full responsibilities of Chair will be shared between them, and Co-Chairs will alternate chairing each CPC meeting, with the Chair of that meeting presenting to the following meeting of the Faculty Council.

K. Simonsen put a motion forward for Faculty Council to approve the following Calendar Change Proposals that have been approved by CPC:

- ENGL 4050 Title and Description Change for ENGL 4050/Deletion of ENGL 4051 (Second: N. Pedri). Carried

- ENGL 4843 Title, PR, and Crosslist Change (Second: N. Pedri). Carried
- ENGL 4844 change in title & course is being added to 15.6.5 Table 1 (Second: N. Pedri). Carried
- ENGL Deletion of Inactive Courses from Department of English Calendar (Second: Nancy Pedri). Carried

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

J. Geck stated that he will be acting as Interim Chair for this term. The previous Chair has commitments this term, but does expect to return in January.

The Planning and Research Committee has formed a working group to investigate some issues and help move things forward for better/more appropriate communication platforms for committee work.

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

Dr. Hoff thanked the CPC Co-Chairs for volunteering for the CPC Committee.

Dr. Hoff reminded everyone that the deadline for calendar change proposals to be submitted to the Dean's Office is Oct 15.

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

Dr. Swiss expressed thanks to the HSS researchers for getting grants in, and noted that there are some great opportunities there for applicants.

A link was provided for upcoming research support events and webinars, and Dr. Swiss encouraged use of the resources available. That link is noted below:

[https://www.mun.ca/hss/faculty-and-staff/research-support-services/events/webinars/.](https://www.mun.ca/hss/faculty-and-staff/research-support-services/events/webinars/)

Upcoming external funding deadlines were noted, and Dr. Swiss encouraged early submission to allow for feedback which may help improve the finalized applications.

The call for departments to submit applications for SITA funding has been issued. The deadline for submission is Friday, Oct. 14. It was noted that joint submissions across departments are acceptable, but must come from only 1 department as a leader on the proposal.

Research Week is Nov 21-25. Departments are encouraged to submit events and ideas for that week to the ADR.

The Annual Activity Reports are due in November. These can be useful for celebrating, promoting and communicating what's happening within the faculty to the university as a whole. The Dean noted that the deadline has actually been extended, and she will send out that notice.

The Planning and Research Committee has approved in principle the Research Catalyst Awards and a notice for application submissions will be issued soon.

9. Research Impacting Indigenous Groups Policy Review Consultations

Special Guest, Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei, Interim Associate Vice President Indigenous Research, gave a presentation on the ongoing RIIG Policy review consultations. The purpose of continuing the consultation is to have a conversation on research policy and procedures, hear thoughts, concerns, and issues to help revise and improve the policy as needed to make things better. Dr. Adjei answered questions and noted concerns expressed. He left his contact information for members if there is anything further to submit directly to him: indigenousresearch@mun.ca.

10. Announcements, any other business, questions

In response to a query, Dr. Hurley indicated there is no real update to give on the motion that was passed for the search for the new Provost. The meeting at which she would have presented it was cancelled. The Dean stated that the Senate would have needed to put it on their agenda. Given that the search process has begun, we may not be able to affect the process during this particular search.

The Dean's Office is still seeking members to fill the search committee for the Associate Dean (Curriculum and Programs), as well as nominations for the position itself. Faculty are encouraged to consider themselves for nomination or to nominate themselves. If anyone has any questions on the role, please contact S. Hoff.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Next Faculty Council meeting: November 2, 2022 at 1 p.m.

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Shannon Hoff (Dean's Office/Philosophy), Elizabeth Dune, Natasha Hurley, Alison Coffin (Economics), Liam Swiss (Dean's Office/Sociology), Heather C. O'Brien (Dean's Office), Matt Milner (Dean's Office/History), Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Andrea Keating (Dean's Office), Paul Banahene (Associate VP Indigenous Research/Social Work), Daniel Kudla (Sociology), Stephen Shorlin (Medicine), Barry Stephenson (Religious Studies), David Hancock (Human Kinetics and Recreation), Kathleen Lahey (Gender Studies PCI Rep), Luke Roman (Classics), Sébastien Rossignol (History), Kathryn Simonsen (Classics), John Geck (English), Neil Kennedy (History), Nicholas Welch (Linguistics), Holly Everett (Folklore), Carol Lynne D'Arcangelis (Gender Studies), Myriam Osorio (MLLC), Shannon Hoff (Dean's Office/Philosophy), Robin Whitaker (Anthropology), Arthur Sullivan (Philosophy), Sarah Thorne (English), Jennifer Dyer (Gender Studies), Kathryn Rose (Library), Milo Nikolic (Classics), Fiona Polack (English), Sara Mackenzie (Linguistics), Liam Swiss (Dean's Office/Sociology), Karin Thomeier (Digital Learning Centre), Rebecca Newhook (Co-operative Education), Meghan Forsyth (Music), Dominique Bregent-Heald (History), Julie Kavanagh (Co-operative Education), Renee Shute (Dean's Office), Patricia Dold (Religious Studies), Andrea Keating (Dean's Office), Philippe Basabose (MLLC), Meghan Collett (HSS Assistant Registrar), Rose Frew (Dean's Office), Matthew Milner (Dean's Office/History), Sarah Penney (Dean's Office), Ken Hopkins (Dean's Office), Adrienne Peters (Sociology), Dave Wilson (Science), Laya Heidari, Caighlan Smith (English Grad Rep), Mark Stoddart (Sociology), Rober Martinez-Espineira (Economics), Alex Marland (Political Science), Rylee Barry (Undergrad Rep), Nancy Pedri (English), Lincoln Addison (Anthropology), Alison Coffin (Economics PCI Rep), Elizabeth Dane (Gender Studies Grad Rep), Kelsey Downer (Gender Studies Undergrad Rep), Nat Hurley (Dean's Office), Jeff Howard (Classics PCI Rep)