

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA
FACULTY COUNCIL OF ARTS
MINUTES

The Faculty Council of Arts, University of Regina, met on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room of the Administration/Humanities Building (AH527).

PRESENT: R. Fisher (Chair), A. Ashton, P. Bell, D. Blachford, J. Bonneville, M. Calkowski, P. Charrier, T. Chase, B. de Vlieger, H. Diaz, P. Dorrington, C. Ferrer, I. Germani, P. Gingrich, V. Greifenhagen, H. Hadjistavropoulos, T. Hadjistavropoulos, A. Hayford, J. Jaffe, M. Jones, D. Juschka, H. King, H. Leeson, K. Leyton-Brown, C. Londono-Sulkin, J. Mulvale, T. Ovaska, T. Phenix, B. Plouffe, K. Probert, Y. Ren, S. Rheault, J. Shami, W. Smythe, R. Swales, B. Thraves, C. Torres de la Hoz, M. Trussler, M. Wigmore, S. Wilson, Y. Zhu, M. Zimmermann.

SENATE MEMBERS: R. Krismer
REPS FROM OTHER FACULTIES: D. Nicholson (Library)
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: None
REGRETS: P. Bisson, D. Juschka, S. McCarthy, B. Misskey, S. Weiss
VISITORS: None

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

WILSON/KRISMER moved that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Attendance at these meetings is very low and the Office of the Dean is trying to find ways to encourage faculty to attend (eg. raffle draw/door prizes). Suggestions are welcomed!

2. Approval of the Minutes

None available.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes.

None.

4. Reports from Arts Representatives to Other Faculties.

R. Swales (representative to Fine Arts): Fine Arts has a high attendance rate; no academic report.

S. Rheault (representative to Education): no report.

M. Jones (representative to Kinesiology & Health Studies): Attendance good – only one meeting a year; they are busy recruiting as they have 4 colleagues have left for other appointments.

D. Juschka (representative to Science): Attendance good – one meeting a semester.

5. Reports from Representatives from Other Faculties.

None.

6. Dean's Report.

- China trip was great. H. King, Y. Zhu, D. Blachford and R. Fisher visited two universities. An Adjunct faculty appointment for International Languages was made with Nangai University. An agreement was developed with Central University of Nationalities. A very productive trip.
- Briercrest College agreement was signed. Approximately 100 people from the community attended the signing showing their interest in this agreement.
- Department Head Searches – 3 of the 4 have had the ballots counted and recommendations will be made shortly. The new generation of academics are not prepared to take on leadership roles yet.
- Recruitment continues in various departments (French, Women's Studies, joint appointment in Justice Studies/Sociology). Recommendations have been made in the other departments that were recruiting.
- Senate approved new programs: Coop program; Science and Technology Studies; French as a Second Language; MA in Social and Political Thought; Graduate School of Public Policy; name change for the Faculty of Administration to Faculty of Business Administration.
- Discussions with B. Pollock and J. Kearsey (External Relations) to discuss the need for greater involvement from the Faculty of Arts in initiating fundraising initiatives.
- Performance Review Committee is very busy evaluating all the requests for this year. Results will be forwarded to the academic members once the decisions have been made.
- K. Heinrich (VP Academic) presented at Deans' Council a policy paper on "Computer-based Timetabling".
- University Budget will be released in early May. Provincial Government will bring down their budget on March 23.

7. Associate Dean (Research and Graduate) Report

- Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research has withdrawn their motion to prevent students from registering in an 800-level course when they have already taken its 400-level counterpart. A committee has been struck to examine this issue and T. Chase will be a member.
- Graduate Studies has approved the following: changes to the graduate program in History; a name change from Indian Studies to Indigenous Studies for graduate course offerings from that department at First Nations University; RLST 904 and 906; and, SOPT 901.
- Graduate enrolment figures show an increase of 5% across campus – enrolment figures in the Faculty of Arts remains the same.
- Reminder to faculty to inform their students that Graduate Studies has a limited pool of money (\$500 per student) to assist students to travel to conferences which is on a first come first serve basis.
- The Accreditation Committee has approved changes whereby Instructors with PhDs are now able to co-supervise thesis work.
- A student at The University of British Columbia has sued them for listing courses in its graduate calendar that are no longer offered. Departments should review their listings to ensure that this doesn't happen here.

- Now available on the SSHRC website “From Granting Council to Knowledge Council: Volume 3: Report on the Consultations”. A new strategic plan is imminent, and an operational plan will be published in the fall of 2005. An announcement of successful applications to the Standard Research Grants is anticipated within next two weeks.
- A meeting was held in Windsor in March addressing humanities/social sciences research in the national agenda. Points made: undergraduate enrolment in the social sciences exceeds that of the natural sciences and engineering combined – perception remains that the humanities/social sciences community continues to struggle with articulating both its value and its needs to the wider community; one of SSHRC’s current goals is therefore to ensure that funds encourage research that will influence how Canadians think and act; SSHRC is considering several classes of research grant, including one in the \$10K-\$20K/year range for humanists with modest financial needs.
- Recruitment for the Law Foundation Chair in Police Studies is on track, and interviews have been scheduled for the first week of April.
- Reminder that the Stapleford Lecture will be given by Dr. Maria Campbell on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Campion College.
- A “Celebration of Research” reception will be held following next month’s Faculty Council which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 in the Language Institute Theatre/Gallery (LI 215).

8. Associate Dean (Undergraduate) Report

The Associate Dean (Undergraduate) appointment ends June 30, 2005. The process to re-appoint H. King to this position has begun. Consultations have taken place with the staff in Student Services offices, Deans’ Council, Dean’s Executive Committee and colleagues on campus. Feedback received has indicated an overwhelming support for the work that H. King has done. A recommendation will be made to re-appoint H. King for another term of five years. Congratulations to H. King for a job well done. During the consultation process two concerns were raised: gender balance and the need to develop external relations. Both of these concerns will be addressed by a proposal that is still in the planning stages and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

- Registration for the Spring/Summer and Fall have begun. Banner had some problems but was corrected.
- Online registration will begin in late April/early May. Forms have been created to address the “waiting” list and can be found on the web. The information that is put on these forms should be correct. Department Heads should monitor class enrolments and make decisions on increasing class sizes at an early stage.
- Coop Program – several students have been placed.

8.1 Approval of Graduands

KING/JONES moved that the award of the Bachelor of Arts Honours degree and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree be approved for the students listed, that this list be recommended to Executive of Council and that the Dean of Arts be authorized to make any necessary last-minute additions or deletions.

CARRIED.

9. Committee Reports:

Concern have been raised that recommendations from the various departments come to Faculty Council for approval and there have been no representatives from that department to speak to the request. The Faculty needs to be have some discussion on establishing a policy that if there are no representatives from the department making a request that the request cannot be discussed at that meeting and that approval would have to be tabled until the next meeting. To be discussed at a future meeting.

9.1 Academic Program Development Committee:

KING/JAFFE moved to revise PHIL 378.

CARRIED.

KING/BLACHFORD moved to create PHIL 411AA-ZZ, 328AA-ZZ and 428AA-ZZ.

CARRIED.

KING/PLOUFFE TABLED the request from the International Languages re: Spanish courses.

CARRIED.

KING/LEESON moved to revise the Major/Honours Major in Political Science.

CARRIED.

KING/JONES moved to add Spanish 30 to the list of language, social science or fine arts courses that can be used to fulfill the high school admission requirements.

CARRIED.

KING/JONES moved to add an Optional Concentration in Indigenous Health to the Bachelor of Health Studies.

CARRIED.

KING/MULVALE moved to revise the Major in Human Justice; revise the Bachelor of Human Justice Program Sequencing; to create – HJ 307, 405; to revise – HJ 320, and delete 321, 322, 355, 407, 406, 354, 424, 330, 312, 313, 315, 423, 427, 430, 445, 446, 447; to delete – HJ 317, 350, 351, 420, 434, 421.

CARRIED.

KING/HADJISTAVROPOULOS, T. moved to create the First Nations University of Canada Co-op Education Program.

CARRIED.

KING/JONES moved to create the interdisciplinary degree of Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and the Certificate in International Studies with a few minor changes.

CARRIED.

10. New Business

None.

11. Announcements

None.

12. Any Other Business

There being no further business WILSON moved the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.