

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA
FACULTY COUNCIL OF ARTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 DECEMBER 2006

The Faculty Council of Arts, University of Regina, met at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday 20 December 2006 in the Fifth Floor Board Room of the Administration-Humanities Building (AH527).

PRESENT: T. Chase (chair), E. Aito, K. Arbuthnott, A. Baydala, R-M Bouvier, M. Calkowski, B. Cecil, G. Chernov, J. Conway, S. Drury, D. Elliott, B. Fiore, A. Fizzard, I. Germani, P. Gingrich, M. Hurlbert, N. Jones, H. King, W. Kubik, H. Leeson, K. Leyton-Brown, R. MacLennan, D. Miller, J.M. Nkongolo-Bakenda, F. Obrigewitsch, C. Oriet, J. Pfeifer, B. Plouffe, C. Polster, K. Probert, A. Robinson, W. Smythe, E. Soifer, L. Sykes Tottenham, M. Trussler, M. Vetter, A. Ward, L. Wells

SENATE MEMBERS: J. Jeske, L. Julé, R. Krismer

FROM OTHER FACULTIES: B. Campbell (Centre for Continuing Education), D. Nicholson (Library), B. Sterenberg (Science)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: S. Fraser, D. Parr, M. McCarron, D. Olson, B. Patterson, J. Sinclair, J. Vonrichter, D. Ward, Y. Zha

REGRETS: H. Akhand, P. Bisson, D. Blachford, D. Broad, K. Collimore, J. Shami, D. Sharpe, J. Siemer, M. Zimmermann

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of 18 October 2006

GERMANI/PLOUFFE moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 October 2006 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 MOTION: WELLS/PROBERT to remove from the table

To approve the Phase I letter of intent for a PhD program in English.

Dr Wells indicated that there is no new information and the Department of English wishes that the letter of intent not go forward.

DEFEATED

(Abstentions - 3)

3.2 MOTION: WELLS/CECIL to remove from the table

To approve the Phase I letter of intent for a PhD program in Geography.

Dr Cecil indicated that until financial/budgetary parameters are made clear the Department of Geography is not ready to proceed.

DEFEATED

(Abstention - 1)

**3.3 MOTION: WELLS/KING to remove from the table
To approve Sections 5.4 and 5.91 of the *Faculty Handbook*.**

Section 5.4:

Discussion/Concerns: how to deal with cancelled courses and faculty teaching loads? Some areas prefer/need smaller classes and this policy could have implications for them; the wording is designed to signal that we are taking suggested minima seriously, but that final decisions on course cancellations or conversion to reading courses will be made only after discussion and consultation with the departments affected; it is clear that a “one size fits all” approach is not appropriate in a Faculty as diverse as this; the policy also has implications for the question of “fairness” in teaching load and class sizes.

CARRIED
(In favour - 22)
(Against - 4)
(Abstentions – 10)

Section 5.91:

The new policy will allow consistency across each department and within the faculty.

Discussion/Concerns: Guidelines will supply information to Sessional Lecturers; Need to add pedagogical approach (mastery level).

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: to add “pedagogical approach (mastery levels)”.

CARRIED
(Abstentions – 2)

4. Reports of Representatives to Other Faculties

None.

5. Reports of Representatives from Other Faculties

D. Nicholson (representative from the Library): The Library will be adding the Taylor and Francis Full Text Journal collection to our suite of products in 2007 through our membership in CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network). Through this offer Spring/Kluwer has offered their 2007 monograph and book series publications at a significantly discounted price (included in this price are 2006 and 2005 publications). Included is some humanities and social science content. New databases include IPSOS Reed Polling Data.

B. Campbell (representative from Centre for Continuing Education) welcomed Dr King to his new position as Acting Director, CCE (to 30 June 2007). The Dean thanked Mr Campbell for his words of welcome, but reminded him that the Faculty wants Dr King back as soon as it can.

6. Report of the Dean

The following items were discussed as per previously distributed report:

- 6.1 Associate Dean (Undergraduate)
- 6.2 Associate Dean (External Relations)
- 6.3 Recruitment
- 6.4 Timetabling adjustments and course cancellations: Faculty and counsellors are encouraged to direct students to Philosophy and French courses to improve their enrolments.
- 6.5 Budget preparations
- 6.6 Dr Hadjistavropoulos wins SHRF award
- 6.7 Dr Trussler wins Saskatchewan Book of the Year and City of Regina book awards
- 6.8 Dr Peter Hemingway's passing

7. Report of the Acting Associate Dean (Undergraduate)

The following items were discussed as per previously distributed report:

- 7.1 Coop Program
- 7.2 Admissions to the Faculty
- 7.3 Registration Reports
- 7.4 Academic Misconduct Cases

8. Report of the Associate Dean (External Relations)

The following items were discussed as per previously distributed report:

INTERNATIONAL

- 8.1 Arts funding proposal submitted
- 8.2 Three courses involving international field studies approved
- 8.3 International visitors and exchanges
- 8.4 International Student Services – ESL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & OUTREACH

- 8.5 Arts Students' Association event
- 8.6 Aboriginal Student Centre
- 8.7 Arts retirees event

9. Report of the Associate Dean (Research & Graduate)

The following items were discussed as per previously distributed report:

- 9.1 Health Research Weeks
- 9.2 Dean's Research Awards
- 9.3 Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research
- 9.4 MA in Text and Culture
- 9.5 Woodrow Lloyd Lecture
- 9.6 Coffee House Series
- 9.7 New Office
- 9.8 Happy Holidays

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Academic Program & Development Committee

KING/DRURY moved that cross-listed courses in the Faculty of Arts should be at the same level and departments should endeavour to have course titles, descriptions and prerequisites as uniform as possible.

CARRIED.

KING/SOIFER moved to create PHIL 336 and PSCI 316.

CARRIED.

KING/A. WARD moved to create PSCI 317 and PSCI 318.

CARRIED.

KING/ROBINSON moved to develop new Interdisciplinary Major in Classical and Medieval Studies.

ADMENDMENT: to add HIST 464, HIST 467, PSCI 317 to the electives.

CARRIED.

KING/SOIFER moved to create a Major in Classical and Medieval Studies.

CARRIED.

KING/SOIFER moved to revise the Major/Minor in Philosophy (deleting HUM 207 and adding PHIL 336).

CARRIED.

KING/ROBINSON moved to revise CLAS 200.

CARRIED.

KING/N. JONES moved to revise the Advanced Certificate in Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice (Corrections and Public Safety) to include holders of the Bachelor of Human Justice who graduated prior to Fall 1998).

CARRIED.

KING/N. JONES moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement re: Bachelor of Human Justice Program and Community Youth Worker Staffing.

CARRIED.

KING/AITO moved to revise the Minor in French.

CARRIED.

KING/WELLS moved that a maximum of 6 credit hours of activity-based KHS course may be included in a Faculty of Arts degree or certificate program.

CARRIED.

KING/PLOUFFE moved to revise the approved electives list for the majors and certificates in Chinese, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

CARRIED.

KING/WARD moved to create ARTS 007.

CARRIED.

KING/CECIL moved to revise the Terms of Reference for the Academic Program Development Committee and the Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee to shift responsibility for the approval of individual majors, minors, and Honours programs from SAC to APDC.

CARRIED.

- 10.2 Research & Graduate Studies Committee
WELLS/GERMANI moved to approve HIST 860 and HIST 864.

CARRIED.

11. New Business

11.1 MOTION: Standardized Teaching Evaluations

After a brief discussion the question was called.

CARRIED

(In favour – 16)

(Against – 3)

(Abstentions – 13)

11.2 Arts Students' Association

ArtStock 2007 will take place on 15 March 2007 in the Shu-Box Theatre as part of the Community Outreach program and to establish a scholarship to a refugee. Participation and involvement from faculty members are needed either as performers, to assist in preparations (e.g. promotional material, finding funding, scholarship details) or to be a part of the audience. There will be music, slideshow of historical stories, and presentations.

12. Other Business and Announcements

- Minifie Lecture – Edward Greenspon (Editor-in-Chief, *The Globe and Mail*): “Terror and the Media” - 7 March 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Education Auditorium.
- Media and Politics seminar -- “The Problem Between People in Power and the Media” – Rick Salutin – 9 March at 3:30 p.m. in the University Theatre.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.