

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA
FACULTY COUNCIL OF ARTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 NOVEMBER 2005

The Faculty Council of Arts, University of Regina, met at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday 16 November 2005 in the Language Institute Theatre (LI 215).

PRESENT: T. Chase (Chair), E. Aito, W. Arnal, P. Bisson, D. Blachford, M. Calkowski, B. Cecil, J. Conway, P. Dorrington, B. Fiore, I. Germani, T. Grande, V. Greifenhagen, A. Hayford, M. Hurlbert, D. Juschka, F. Kenny, H. King, H. Leeson, K. Leyton-Brown, C. Louis, L. Loutzenhiser, R. MacLennan, P. Miller-Schroeder, J. Mulvale, B. Plouffe, C. Polster, K. Rasmussen, S. Rheault, J. Shami, D. Sharpe, W. Smythe, R. Stirling, S. Tremblay, M. Vetter, L. Wells, S. Wilson

SENATE MEMBERS: J. Jeski and L. Jule

FROM OTHER FACULTIES: W. Misskey (Engineering), D. Nicholson (Library), D. Slezak (Science)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: N. Kirzinger, T. Klassen, D. Meisner, K. Miller, S. Nicholson

REGRETS: M. Abrams, M. Jones, S. McCarthy, R. Swales, J. van Eijk, M. Wigmore

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with one deletion: #9.2.

2. Approval of the Minutes of 21 September and 19 October 2005

CECIL/JUSCHKA moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of 21 September and 19 October 2005 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Reports from Arts Representatives to Other Faculties

- Dr Mulvale (Social Work): The Faculty of Social Work is considering restricting some of their courses to Social Work students only. This could be an issue with some Justice Studies and Women's Studies majors. The issue was referred to the Academic Program & Development Committee.
- Dr Smythe (Business Administration): The 32nd Business Student Dinner will present Mr G. Semple, President and CEO of Brandt Group of Companies, with the first URBusiness Leadership Award on 28 November at the Delta Hotel.

5. Reports from Representatives from Other Faculties

None.

6. Report of the Dean

- Recruitment: Following a resignation and an early retirement, additional tenure-track searches have been authorized in Economics and Sociology. To date, we have received almost 100 applications for academic positions now being advertised in several areas of the Faculty. Thanks to Diane Vandenberghe in the Dean's Office, who is handling this large number of applications and supporting materials with extraordinary efficiency and organization. Thanks as well to recruitment committee chairs and members throughout the Faculty for their hard work on this crucial task.
- SSHRC General/President's Fund applications (internal): 8 applications were submitted from Arts. Two are joint applications, so 10 colleagues are involved. We wish them well in the competition.
- SIAST/UR articulation agreement signed: Graduates from the two-year SIAST Corrections Worker program will now be able to apply for advanced standing in our BA in Justice Studies degree program. Thanks to Drs Mulvale and King for their hard work on this issue.
- Alumni award to Arts graduate student: The Alumni Association presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr George Anderson, who graduated from this university 31 years ago with an MA in Sociology & Social Studies (Dr R. Stirling, supervisor).
- President Hawkins' visit to the Faculty of Arts went very well. He was able to meet many colleagues, and to visit most areas of the Faculty. The urgent need for more space was stressed. Thanks to Donna Glass for so ably putting the day together and to all Arts staff and students who made President Hawkins feel welcome.
- Faculty-wide Teaching Evaluation: The total number of votes cast was 134, including 9 from student representatives. Results are 56 (42%) in favour, 75 (56%) opposed, 2 abstaining and 1 spoiled ballot. This concludes consultation in committee on this issue as per articles 17.20 and 5.7 of the *Collective Agreement*. The Dean will consult with the Associate Deans and Department Heads and consider what is best for the Faculty. A decision as to how to proceed will be made sometime in the new year.
- 2005 CUCS Survey of Undergraduate Students: some of the results were highlighted. The survey results can be viewed at <http://www.uregina.ca/presoff/orp/surveys.shtml>.
- Retirements: Two colleagues will retire from the Faculty at the end of the calendar year: Dr Robert Stirling (Sociology & Social Studies) and Dr Sybille Tremblay (French). Thanks were expressed to them for their service to the Faculty and the University.

7. Report of the Associate Dean (Undergraduate)

- The Coop program is moving ahead. Eleven students are hoping to get placements in January; 6 have placements arranged.
- Plagiarism: we are encountering a few cases. Before punishing the student for plagiarism or cheating, faculty members are reminded that they must first contact Dr King. The final decision on plagiarism and the penalty to be imposed are his responsibility as Associate Dean.

- Explore Arts will take place 23 November in the Education Auditorium and Rotunda area. Students and parents will arrive around 6:30 p.m. Presentations start at 7:00 p.m., including 2 mini-lectures of 10 minutes each. A prize draw for one free course will be held at the end of the evening. Department representatives should arrive around 6:30 p.m. to set up. More information will be sent out.

8. Report of the Associate Dean (External Relations)

- International
 - The International Committee had a first meeting to work on direction, objectives, strategies and plans. The next step is to consult with faculty members through departments.
 - Faculty members are asked to inform the committee of their current international activities regarding teaching, research and student exchanges; their plans or thoughts on new initiatives; capacities or resources available; and comments or suggestions for future projects.
 - International student recruitment event in ESL will take place 18 November.
 - Networking with other faculties for internationalization: Business Administration, Engineering, Science and CCE.
 - Research funding – 2 faculty members received funding
 - International Student Success Office presents “Study in Finland – Why University of Jyväskylä?” Information session on 30 November 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in CL 125.
- Research
 - Arts coordinated meetings which involved members from other faculties to discuss an application for the SSHRC’s new funding initiative for community based research.
- Graduate Studies
 - Graduate coordinators met on 15 November to discuss Arts graduate programs re: flexibility; sharing resources; degree configurations; joint degrees. The Faculty of Arts will continue to work closely with Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for the benefit of our students.
 - Faculty members are invited to participate in a debate and discussion of the relationship and responsibilities between supervisors and graduate students. This joint event of Arts and Graduate Studies will take place in AH527 on Wednesday 30 November at 4:00 p.m.
- Community
 - A committee of Community Outreach has been formed and work has begun to plan for a survey of 2003 and 2004 Arts graduates and an Alumni event for the Fall of 2006.
- Interprofessional Education for Southern Saskatchewan
 - Met with members of UofS / UofR/ SIAST / and Saskatchewan Health to discuss a UofR Bachelor of Health Studies proposal. This program would be offered jointly through KHS, Arts and FNUC. So far there are about 40 students interested. First intake would be Fall 2006.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Academic Program & Development Committee:

KING/WILSON moved to create ARTS 003-004 and to delete the following courses: ANTH 001-004, ECON 001-004, ENGL 001-004, FR 001-004, GEOG 001-004, HIST 001-004, ILLL 001-004, INDG 001-004, INLA 001-004, INTL 001-004, JS 001-004, PHIL 001-004, PSCI 001-004, PSYC 001-004, RLST 001-004, SOC 001-004, WMST 001-004

CARRIED.

KING/PLOUFFE moved to add BUS 408AA-ZZ to the list of approved electives for the Certificates in Chinese, German, Japanese and Spanish.

CARRIED.

KING/LOUIS moved to approve changes to requirements for the combined BA and BEd programs, majors in English and History (will check courses before being approved).

CARRIED.

KING/JUSCHKA moved to revise the Women's Studies curriculum:

CREATION of: WMST 202, 220, 301, 302, 420, 421; *REVISION of:* WMST 200;

DELETION of: WMST 280AB, 280AF, 380AF, 380AI, 480AA, 480AB; *REVISION of the requirements for the Women's Studies MINOR, MAJOR and HONOURS MAJOR as outlined below.*

CARRIED.

KING/LEESON moved to approve that the Centre for Continuing Education program Advanced Certificate in Local Government Authority may be taken as a concurrent program to an Arts degree.

CARRIED.

10. Other Business and announcements

- “Free Knowledge! Creating a Knowledge Commons in Saskatchewan” event will take place on 17 & 18 November in the Multi-purpose room (Riddell Centre).
- The Citizens' Budget Commission will be holding public hearings in Regina on 24 November and 7 December as part of the lead-up to the provincial Alternative Budget. Faculty members, students and anyone involved in social justice groups are encouraged to have their input. Further information can be obtained from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (Sask. Office) at 924-3372 or contact Dr Mulvale for more information.
- Dr Martha Nussbaum of the University of Chicago will present “Radical Evil in Liberal Democracies” at 3:30 p.m. on 21 November in the Champion Auditorium.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business WILSON moved the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

CARRIED.