

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES GENERAL MEETING

1 February 2016

IN ATTENDANCE: 59 members, Jackie Osterman (Assistant Dean), Christine Kawerau (Recording Secretary)

BY INVITATION: President Patrick Deane, Matt Kelly

REGRETS: 8 regrets received

WELCOME

Dean Cruikshank welcomed all the attendees to the meeting. He prompted everyone that if not already completed, the employment equity census should be completed via Mosaic.

He then reminded members of the Humanities Awards Assembly, taking place on February 5. This year's speaker, Juanita Gledhill, is a graduate of English and has built her career around consulting on human resource and organizational issues. She is very enthused about what her degree did for her and is eager to address the award recipients.

The dean also made note of the research achievement celebration following this meeting, and looks forward to saying a few words there.

Dr. Cruikshank then welcomed President Deane and Matt Kelly, who helps to facilitate these discussions with faculties.

POSITIONING MCMASTER AND THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES FOR LONG TERM SUCCESS: A DISCUSSION

The President and Matt Kelly facilitated a discussion with faculty members regarding McMaster's differentiation and defining its purpose. The proposed definition is, 'advancing human and societal well-being'. Discussion then ensued, and minutes were taken by the L5 consultants. President Deane left the meeting at approximately 2:30, and discussion continued with Matt Kelly.

Dean Cruikshank thanked President Deane, Matt Kelly, and their team for attending. He told members that if anyone has any further ideas or comments, to please send them to deanhum@mcmaster.ca.

REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. P. Swett presented this report. In Classics, changes were made to reflect the growing number in the M.A. program.

Cognitive Science of Language has a minor change to their courses, the issue was Ph.D. students were retaking some material done during the M.A.

Communication Studies and Multimedia has a new faculty member, Paula Gardner, and courses being offered are showing a maturing and better representation of the M.A. program.

French had only some housekeeping items.

History made changes to its comprehensive exam, and will largely be an evaluation of a dissertation proposal.

In Gender Studies and Feminist Research, stronger language was used to encourage more participation in their symposium.

Philosophy is getting rid of courses that have not been offered in many years, and other housekeeping items were resolved.

Dr. Swett **MOTIONED** and Dr. E. Gedge **SECONDED** the motion for the approval of the changes brought forth within the report. The motion **CARRIED**.

OTHER BUSINESS

i. Humanities Research Achievements Reception

Dr. Cruikshank concluded the meeting and invited everyone to stay for the research reception.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m.