

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES MEETING

26 March 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: 26 members, Jackie Osterman (Assistant Dean), Lorraine Bell (Staff Representative), Christine Chauvin (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: 14 received

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 9 NOVEMBER 2017 AND 29 JANUARY 2018

The minutes from the meeting of 9 November 2017 were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that the faculty adopt the minutes from the meeting of 28 January 2018. The motion **CARRIED**.

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising as a result of the minutes.

DEAN'S REMARKS

The dean announced the director for the Socrates Project, Rina Fraticelli. Rita will join McMaster in April and has an extensive background in filmmaking, artistry, and community development.

An announcement was recently made regarding \$5000 Experiential Learning in Academic Programming grants (ELAP). Unlike previous teaching and learning grants, this funding is intended to support projects that would be sustainable without investment in the future.

The dean touched on the faculty newsletter, the first of which was produced about this time last year. The same approach will be used in future ones, drawing largely on Daily News stories, as there had been concerns in past that newsletters were creating more work for departments and faculty members.

ASSOCIATE DEAN'S REMARKS

Dr. A. Moro thanked all those who participated in the majors fair earlier this month. This event gives our students a chance to explore their options before level II program selection opens next month.

She reminded everyone about the upcoming May @ Mac open house event. Nathan Nash will be sending information about this event and call for participants.

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH'S REMARKS

Dr. S. Corner gave a brief update on research initiatives before moving to the graduate curriculum report requiring approval.

REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Corner presented the report, which outlines curriculum changes to the Ph.D. program in English and Cultural Studies, focussing on the creation of new milestones and changes to the calendar copy.

It was moved and seconded that the faculty approve for recommendation to Graduate Council the changes outlined within the report. The motion **CARRIED**.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dean Cruikshank presented information on the upcoming budget proposal. He reminded everyone that given how early is in the year, this is not the budget that was presented, but is a projection.

[See full presentation on the Faculty of Humanities website.]

SENATE UPDATE

Prof. Judy Major Girardin provided a brief update from Senate. There was an announcement about the superclusters initiative, in which McMaster was part of the winning bid. This is an advanced manufacturing project.

Senators were informed that a director has been selected for the Socrates project. Ms. Rina Fraticelli will join McMaster in April.

The new Concurrent Certificate in Language of Medicine and Health and the Ethics and Policy for Technological Innovation Certificate were approved.

A proposal for a new appointment was approved to establish the Associate Vice-Provost (Faculty). This would be a temporary role with a suggest term of 3 years. This incumbent would assist with such things as the Strategic Mandate Agreement, experiential learning, and other initiatives as necessary.

CHAIRS' AND DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at approximately 11:15 a.m.