

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES MEETING

November 9, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: 33 members

REGRETS: 1 received

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2017

It was moved and seconded that the Faculty adopt the minutes from the meeting of October 7, 2017. The motion CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

Undergraduate student representatives from the Departments of History and Communication Studies and Multimedia were introduced.

DEAN'S REMARKS

The Dean observed that the official opening of L.R. Wilson Hall was a success. Red Wilson has also announced that he will be donating an additional 2 million dollars to McMaster University for the Socrates Project. Full details of this have been available on the Daily News. The Dean confirmed that the first steps in implementation of this project will be the hiring of a (non-academic) Director to coordinate this work, and defining the scope of the project. Further details on the Socrates Project are expected to be forthcoming.

ACTING ASSOCIATE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH'S REMARKS

Dr. Corner announced that Graduate Council has three working groups which are currently in process of clarifying policy, streamlining processes (such as thesis defence and petitions), and reviewing the policy pertaining to graduate diplomas and certificates.

Applications for SSHRC CGS-Masters have been low within the Faculty. Faculty have been encouraged to reach out to potential undergraduate students and graduate student applicants, and to complete applications prior to the December 1st deadline.

Grant applications have been coming in from across the Faculty, and speak to the impressive range of areas and approaches in research. Dr. Corner advised that a research excellence pamphlet is available, and has been distributed within the Faculty and to the wider university community. This highlights the critical research being undertaken by the Faculty's researchers. A special thanks were noted for the

work of Grace Pollock, for her expert support of faculty researchers, and also to Colin Czerneda for showcasing and publication of this work.

Recent videos highlighting some of this research were shown to the committee. These videos have also been posted to YouTube.

ASSOCIATE DEAN'S REMARKS

Dr. Moro thanked all those who participated in the first Fall Preview, and reminded that the second Fall Preview is scheduled for November 18th.

The question as to whether faculty listings are still needed in the online Undergraduate Calendar has been put to DAC, where Chairs will have the opportunity to share their views.

REPORT FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Committee's Chair, Dr. Eilers, noted that the full report was available online. No major changes were put forward by programs at this time.

Each unit's changes were to be reviewed and motioned on in turn.

Studio Art

The program is updating various program notes and requirements to include a new course, ART 3GS6 (to replace separate 3-unit courses and better align with a similar 6-unit level 4 core studio course).

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Studio Art as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Art History:

Changes to the program were primarily housekeeping, including the addition of two new courses, and inclusion of a new program note.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Art History as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Music:

It was noted that the program had made substantial curriculum revisions in the previous year, and changes put forward at this time continued with these changes, so as to reflect offerings going forward.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Music as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Theatre & Film

The program has put forward a change to their introductory program description. Additional changes include minimal changes to course lists and the minor's requirements to reflect course additions and deletions.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Theatre & Film as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Classics

Classics has been working to open up prerequisites for non-program students, and accordingly has revised prerequisites on several courses to more clearly outline required background. Additional minor additions and deletions have been made to course offerings.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Classics as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Communication Studies and Multimedia

Minor course changes were made, and lists updated accordingly, for both the Communication Studies and Multimedia programs.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Communication Studies and for Multimedia as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

English and Cultural Studies

The Cultural Studies and Critical Theory program had previously been phased out, and may now be removed from calendar copy. The program is also slowly removing many 6-unit courses, to replace with 3-unit courses, to allow students greater flexibility.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for English and Cultural Studies as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

French

Minor course updates (additions, deletions) and program lists have been updated in program offerings.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for French as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

History

The History program has made minor updates to several courses, and program course lists to reflect these revisions.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for History as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Faculty of Humanities

With the proposal of a new concurrent certificate in Leadership and Cross-Cultural Literacy (Appendix I), the Faculty will be offering several new Humanities courses in areas of leadership. Minor changes to faculty notes, the Specialized Minor in Commerce, and Humanities I course lists have also been made.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Humanities as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Linguistics and Languages

The department of Linguistics and Languages has put forward several minor changes to courses, and a small revision to Honours Linguistics requirements.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Linguistics and Languages as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Peace Studies

The program and minor's course lists are being revised minimally to reflect updated course offerings.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Peace Studies as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Philosophy

Justice, Political Philosophy & Law program course lists have been updated to reflect all course additions and deletions. All Philosophy programs will be making minimal changes to program requirements to similarly reflect new course offerings, and how these may be used toward program requirements.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Philosophy as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Women's Studies

With one course deletion and one addition, the minor course list is being revised to reflect these changes.

That the faculty approve for recommendation to Undergraduate Council the curricular revisions for Women's Studies as described in this report was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Dr. Eilers noted that additional housekeeping changes may be required, at the discretion of the Associate or Assistant Deans. That all such changes be accepted in principle was motioned and seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Dr. Moro extended her thanks to the work of the Undergraduate Calendar and Curriculum Committee.

REPORT FROM SENATE

The President's comments at Senate, Dr. Beckmann noted, were in regard to funding support for Tri-Council. Dr. Cruickshank advised that the province is indicating there is to be a 5-year plan for increasing STEM enrolment, however no details are available at this time.

CHAIRS' AND DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.