

## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES MEETING

28 March 2019

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IN ATTENDANCE: 23 members, Jackie Osterman (Assistant Dean), Jennifer Richardson (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: 13 regrets received

### MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 31 January 2019

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The minutes were deferred to the next faculty meeting.

### BUSINESS ARISING

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There was no business arising due to the minutes.

### DEAN'S REMARKS

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Dean Cruikshank welcomed everyone to his final Faculty meeting as Dean. A new Dean has been selected, Pamela Swett will take over on July 1, 2019. There will need to be searches for two Associate Deans. Brighter World research initiative will start some time next year. Some faculty will be approached about the types of themes being focused on. We have a new initiative to raise funds for Humanities specific entrance awards. Changes in OSAP and other funding changes are coming. We need to do better for our incoming students. Applications will be required for these scholarships. \$11,000 raised to date, the target is at least \$15,000, which with donor and Humanities match would amount to \$45,000. Awards are to be \$ 2,500 each by essay competition.

### ASSOCIATE DEAN'S REMARKS

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Dr. Corner thanked everyone who manned the stalls at the last majors fair. Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) competition has been decided. It was impressive to see the range and calibre of the research proposals.

He has been in conversation with the MacPherson Institute about streamlining the process for IQAP assistance, suggestions include having the MacPherson Institute speak with the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis about receiving the data required for IQAP review in a more usable form. There were a good number of impressive applications for the MacPherson Teaching and Learning grants.

We have a new colleague, Dr. Alpha Abebe, who is teaching HUMAN 1QU3: Insight and Inquiry and our leadership curriculum in Humanities and the IBH Program. The Leadership program has always included mentoring students from MELD. We are now looking at ways to expand the range of areas in which

students can develop their leadership skills, with a focus on cross-cultural experience and equity. We are discussing how we might tie the Leadership Curriculum to the Student Success Centre's global experience programming and to the programming of the Office of Community Engagement, have been hosting seminar speakers from outside the academy (most recently, an open seminar on Young Women in Leadership), and fine-tuning the curriculum to expand access to and provide more flexibility in the Leadership and Cross-Cultural Literacy Certificate.

We are also continuing to develop our first-year courses. Dr. Abebe has taken over the Inquiry course, and Dr. J. Donaldson has taken over the level-1 writing course, HUMAN 1VV3. The latter course received a very positive writeup in the Silhouette.

We are one of two Faculties which have seen an increase in the number of applications this year. Humanities Media & Computing has been busy with new projects, working on a journey planner tool which maps academic options and pathways, a course planning portal to provide more resources for instructors regarding course design, and a Faculty-wide website redesign.

On the community engagement front, MELD Community Access Awards have been established. These awards are available to up to 10 individuals living in the Hamilton area who demonstrate financial need and are looking to improve their English language skills to achieve their personal, academic, and career goals. Recipients are not required to be admissible to an undergraduate program. We have already awarded the first scholarship to a student who is currently enrolled in the MELD program.

## BUDGET PRESENTATION

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Dean Cruikshank presented information on the upcoming budget proposal.

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

## ACTING ASSOCIATE DEAN'S OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH'S REMARKS and REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE CURRICULUM & POLICY COMMITTEE

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Dr. Corner presented the report as Dr. Swett was delayed. The full report is posted on the Faculty of Humanities website. Communication Studies and New Media is changing the prerequisite of a seminar. The Cognitive Science of Language program is adding a new 600 level lab, graduate students enrolled in the course will act as mentors to the undergraduates. Cognitive Science of Language is also adding two new milestones. Communication Management is adding a new elective course. English & Cultural Studies is adding a new course on cultural appropriation. French has changes the notes on the MA with project and the MA with thesis; students will need permission for the MA with thesis. History has added an independent study shell course to their MA course offerings. Philosophy has removed the 400-level anti-requisites on their 600 level courses. Philosophy is also making changes to the PhD requirements; gpa will be calculated on the five best graduate level courses instead of all graduate level courses, a Major Research Paper is now integrated into the fast-track from MA and a language requirement has been added.

Dr. Swett moved and Dr. Eilers seconded that the Faculty approve for recommendation to Graduate Council the changes outlined in the report. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

#### UPDATE FROM SENATE

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Dr. Beckmann presented the update from the past Senate meeting. The summary report of the Sexual Violence Survey is now available. Over 100,000 post-secondary students in Ontario participated in the survey. The Department of Religious Studies is changing its undergraduate program name to Society, Culture, Religion. MELD Community Access Awards were announced. Pamela Swett was approved as the new Dean of the Faculty of Humanities.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS

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There were no announcements.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

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There was no other business.

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