

FACULTY COUNCIL
March 3, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room (BN 302)

Notes

Please note quorum was not reached for this meeting thus formal minutes were not kept and reports were presented for information only

Present: Ira Jacobs, Josie Lalonde, Marius Locke (chair), Paula Paunic, Robin Campbell, Margaret MacNeill, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Peter Donnelly, Beth Ali, Scott Thomas, Angela Fong, Kaleigh Fernand-Pennock, Lynda Mainwaring, Catherine Amara, Luc Tremblay, Tim Welsh, Ashley Stirling, Catherine Sabiston, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Daniel Santa Mina

Regrets: Merrily Stratten, Erica Lenton, Ryan Schwenger, Dan Moore

Secretariat: Kerstin Giannini

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Quorum was not reached for this meeting, thus reports were presented for information only. Items requiring approval will appear on the agenda of the next Faculty Council meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 20, 2017 meeting were circulated. Marius Locke thanked Peter Donnelly for chairing the January 20th meeting.

4. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations

No report.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum

Professor Amara reported on the curriculum mapping process.

c. Undergraduate Admissions

Catherine Amara noted that admissions is ongoing and the Faculty is recruiting competitively. To date, there have been 304 students admitted. The Faculty is preparing for the second round of admission offers. Because there were more applications this year, we have been able to strengthen the criteria. A series of conversion events will be taking place in the next few months.

d. Graduate Committee

Marius Locke applauded the success of the recruitment event and noted that there have been thirteen PhD offers made.

e. Research Committee

Luc Tremblay noted that announcements for the undergraduate summer research opportunities have been circulated.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation (CAR)

Beth Ali reported on the 2017-18 budget, which was supported unanimously by the CAR budget committee. The budget was presented to the Council on Student Services (COSS), and

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did not receive enough votes to be approved. The student representatives noted that this decision was not a reflection of the budget itself but rather on the principle that students should not have to carry the burden of funding university programs that are necessary to the student experience. The budget will be presented to the University Affairs Board (UAB) for consideration. Finally, the increase in student fees has been postponed.

Beth Ali also reported on the Equity Committee's review of the gendered language used in CAR documents. Changes to these documents will not be implemented until September. CAR will also be in a major election year thus recommendations for changes to the nomination forms have been made. The revised nomination form was presented at a CAR meeting and passed unanimously.

g. Equity Committee

No report.

h. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell presented the changes to various awards including:

- Bertha Rosenstadt Scholarship – Amended with new operating fund numbers
- Evans B and J Daniel Scholarship – Amended with new operating fund numbers
- Ron Kimel Basketball Award – Amended to provide two awards
- Peter Klavora International Fund – Amended title
- Mary Drakich Memorial Award – New award
- North Toronto Award – New award

Professor Stirling noted that Peter Klavora was particularly passionate in having the award used for international travel to a conference and hoped that would be reflected in the selection of the award recipient.

i. Restricted Funds Committee

No report.

j. Sponsorship Committee

No report.

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies

Peter Donnelly reported on the conference with the Premier and Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport where a major announcement on girls and physical activity will be made. The announcement was informed directly by the Centre's work.

Lynda Mainwaring suggested that, in light of the upcoming announcement, there should be discussions to decide on the direction of the Girls' and Women's Health Centre. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed further at the next Professoriate meeting.

b. Centre for Motor Control

Tim Welsh announced the annual research symposium. Professor Welsh noted that he is working with another colleague on a proposal directed towards faculty members as well as a research training grant.

6. Deans' Reports

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a. Dean

Dean Jacobs congratulated Ashley Stirling on receiving the Early Career Teaching Award. The Dean also applauded the ongoing recruitment efforts.

Dean Jacobs provided updates regarding the annual budget. The Dean noted there are no aspirations to grow the undergraduate program and explained the diversification lens in terms of funding. Some of the performance areas include enhancing the undergraduate and international experience and diversity and actions responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Part of this also includes hiring new faculty. There has also been money allocated to update the building to include a HVAC system.

Dean Jacobs thanked Beth Ali for her work and engagement with students on the co-curricular budget. The Dean also thanked Jim Webster and Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman for their work on the budget and increasing transparency as well.

The strategic mandate agreement is currently being renegotiated with the province. This mandate will include changes to the funding model. Currently it is based on primarily on enrolment. However, the province will be introducing a performance-based element to the funding model.

Our undergraduate enrolment is expected to decrease due to demographic changes and the province's goal of encouraging undergraduate enrolment in universities outside of the Toronto core. The importance of our research profile and graduate education at the university is expected to intensify.

Dean Jacobs updated Council on the faculty member searches. The short-listed candidates for the tenure-stream position will be visiting and faculty members are invited to meet with them. The teaching-stream position has been posted.

Beth Ali suggested that, if one performance indicator is student experience, this may be an opportunity to increase funding for sports, recreation and athletics, to align with the Faculty's agenda.

b. Acting Vice-Dean, Academic

Peter Donnelly spoke to the possible introduction of a fall reading week in the coming academic year. While there is Faculty autonomy, it is most efficient to be synchronised with the Faculty of Arts & Science because most KPE students take their electives there. The previous two-day break in November would be extended by three days.

The immediate consequence of this is a shortened orientation. Another is that the exam period may start on a Saturday.

Cathy Amara noted that a Town Hall meeting was organized for students concerning the introduction of a fall reading week. Students from first to fourth year were present. The group unanimously supported the introduction of a fall reading week. They recognized the impact, but felt that it would be worthwhile.

Scott Thomas asked if there was discussion around a portion of orientation activities occurring in November. Professor Amara said that the students didn't raise this. However, the Faculty is working on having more online information available for new students.

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Margaret MacNeill noted that it would be beneficial to have multiple choice exams come at the end of the exam period. Lynda Mainwaring asked that the exam period start on the Monday as opposed to Saturday so students would have the weekend to study. Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos called attention to the impact that scheduling essay-based exams late in the period may have on faculty member wellbeing. Professor Amara suggested that faculty members indicate concerns and preferences ahead of time, and the Registrar's Office would consider them when scheduling exams. Vice-Dean Donnelly noted that this is subject to scheduling constraints.

The introduction of the fall reading week could not be decided upon in this meeting, due to quorum. It was noted that the Dean has power to make decisions between Faculty Council meetings.

Vice-Dean Donnelly reported on the guidelines for assessment, which will be updated to reflect policy changes in terms of teaching and tenure streams terminology.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Luc Tremblay reminded Council of the public research symposium on April 6th. Professor Tremblay also noted a forthcoming proposal to amend the Faculty By-Laws and Constitution related to the size of the standing committees. The intent is to optimize faculty members' time spent on committees.

Professor Tremblay has circulated information to faculty asking for requests that relate to advancement. A communication will be circulated to the faculty.

d. Executive Director of Co-Curricular Athletics and Physical Activity

Beth Ali reported on physical activity and equity. Move U's winter trip in Arrowhead Provincial Park was a success with over 130 students in attendance, many of whom had never been taken part in winter sports. The Move U skate events also attracted over 800 students. Beth Ali also reported on other upcoming events and encouraged faculty, students, and staff to attend. Beth Ali also reported on Equity and Equity Movement noting the Black History month activations spanning across visual displays, documentary screening, and student partnered events. Finally, there will be a Pow Wow in March organized by the Indigenous Studies Students Union and supported by the Faculty.

Beth Ali announced that the co-curricular programs are recruiting for fall 2017 student employment and leadership positions on intramural, physical activity, and peer teams including Move U and Equity Movement.

Beth Ali reported on intramurals and intercollegiate sport. The intramural banquet will recognize student leaders in the program as well as award championship banners to the winning colleges and faculties. The Varsity Blues have earned five OUA banners this term in men's fencing, badminton, men's swimming, and women's swimming. Blue's swimmer Kylie Masse was named the U Sports Female Swimmer of the Year. Finally, the Varsity Board hosted a career night, and are looking at ways to collaborate with other offices in hosting this event next year.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman noted that this year's rollout for new and updated computers for faculty and staff has now been completed. Graduate student and research computers still need to be replaced.

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A new corridor will be constructed this summer in the first floor of the Benson building, and a town hall presentation will be held in due course to describe the project and address any concerns.

The Faculty is working with Capital Projects on the development of a new academic building, proposed to be a 14-storey wood tower, on the north end of the Goldring site. The Faculty anticipates occupying two floors for academic programs in this building, which is estimated for completion by 2021.

The HR Director will be returning from an extended leave very soon.

There was a successful training session for managers about expectations under the University's new policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment. The Faculty is consequently recommending that the training be provided more broadly.

General information has been provided for those needing guidance about travelling to the United States, and regarding security and use of personal devices and smart phones. Rosanne will circulate existing advice.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA

Ryan Schwenger and other KPEUA members were not available for this meeting thus Professor Locke presented the report. There are initiatives over the next few months including graduation, athletic and formal dinners, and Jockularity. The yearly professor and teaching assistant hockey game, and the inter-year athletic completion phe-4-all. The KPEUA is in the process of reviewing the governing documents and hiring a CRO for elections.

b. KPEGS

Angela Fong reported that KPEGS is hosting the Faculty-Student Hockey Game on March 30. She invited faculty and their families to attend.

The Bodies of Knowledge conference will be held May 11– 12th. All faculty members are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in presenting is asked to advise Angela. She will forward information to faculty members.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Announcements

A graduate seminar on Altitude and Human Performance, led by Dr. Stephen R. Muza, PhD, is taking place on March 6, 2017.

The National Undergraduate Research Conference abstracts are due on March 3, 2017. The conference is being held March 31, 2017.

The Faculty retreat will take place on April 7-8th.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.