

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of the meeting held October 19, 2018

OPEN SESSION

Present: A. Roy; S. Salari; C. Acland; M. Barker; P. Bianucci; C. Belkhodja; P. Biron; W. Brake; S. Cahill; C. Calogeropoulos; J. Camlot; J. Capobianco; B. Caron; E. Champagne; E. Chevrier; M. D'Amico; C. Daniel-Hughes; C. DeWolf; M-F. Dion; E. Faure; A. Furlani; D. Gauvreau; N. Gertler; P. Gossage; P. Gulick; M. Hale; J. Hansen; C. Hyndman; P. Joyce; S. Kennedy; K. Kravetz; J. Lefebvre Prevost; V. Martineau; K. Miller; P. Morden; F. Naudillon; B. Nelson; V. Pepin; M. Russell; M. Scheffel; D. Secko; M. Sharma; T. Tower; L. Vileno

Regrets: B. Alsaieq; E. Bloodgood; G. Carr; B. Colwell; E. De Martinis; C. Guy; T. Khaner; D. Linetski; K. Manning; C. Montanari; R. Paquin; V. Penhune; H. Rodrigo; A. Shepard; I. Kraulis

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2018-6M A	Department of Education, EDUC-63
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ASFC 2018-6M S	Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, GEOG-44
ASFC 2018-6M T	School of Community and Public Affairs, SCPA-17

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called by A. Roy at 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

ASFC-2018-6M-1 It was moved and seconded (J. Hansen; A. Furlani) that the agenda be

approved.

Carried, unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held September 21, 2018

ASFC-2018-6M-2 It was moved and seconded (J. Camlot; J. Hansen) that the minutes be

approved.

Carried, unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

5. Remarks of the Chair

The Faculty hosted its annual Scholars' Event to celebrate the top one percent of its undergraduate students. The event was a success and the FAS received positive feedback.

The Dean hopes for high attendance from faculty representatives at the upcoming Open House. The Dean and the Associate Dean, Student Academic Services, will be present on both campuses throughout the day. Enrolment is critical, and most of the university budget is driven by the latter.

Fall enrolment was solid with a few sensitive areas. The Humanities, however, have generally decreased from last year, and this will be discussed with the Sector Chairs. With regards to graduate studies, the numbers are strong, especially in research-based programs.

Momentum must be kept for Winter admissions. CEGEP applications have decreased; international and transfer student applications have increased from the year before.

The Dean conveyed the importance of growth in challenging budgetary times, with a projected University deficit of 2M \$.

The FAS is also projecting a deficit between 1 to 2M\$, given that:

- It is still recovering from the VRP exercise;
- It was decided that operating funds would be used to maintain graduate funding support.

The FAS has hired a Coordinator, Graduate Admissions and Recruitment following the departure of Meredith Evans.

The Faculty will soon announce the appointments to succeed Kim Sawchuk. The mandate will likely be separated into two portfolios: Research as well as Graduate Studies. It became clear that two distinct positions are needed to maintain the momentum created and to support the university and the faculty's shared goal of doubling the research and growing smartly. In the meantime, Dean Roy remains Acting Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies.

The Dean encouraged Faculty Council members to join the Centraide campaign.

A question was posed by M. S. Sharma about space shortage, as well as increased class size required with regards to growth. The Dean responded that space usage is being addressed, including the times at which classrooms are not being fully utilized as well as different ways in which curriculum can be delivered, among other matters.

6. Update on FAS 2025: A Living Document

Dean Roy introduced the document with a review of the process which led to the creation of FAS 2025. The main tenets of the strategy were reviewed, including its values and governance principles.

An update was provided on the progress made to date with regards to the strategy's objectives. Among others, some updates included:

- The FAS's ongoing efforts to "own the budget";
- The creation of the Pluri-Studies Institute (PSI), an umbrella which supports existing initiatives such as the International Graduate Summer Schools and future opportunities such as the PSI Fellowship program;
- The successful curriculum mapping initiatives with the Indigenous and Urban and Policy themes, and the next project on mapping research;
- Curriculum renewal, which includes many inter-disciplinary program proposals and inter-faculty projects;
- The Mind the Gap project, which is intended to better prepare students for universitylevel academia.

Other projects the Dean provided an update on include:

- LabLife and successful examples such as ULab, Human Impact Lab and Makerjam;
- The Digital Strategy
- La Francophonie
- Learning from Others
- The In-Residence Program, with the successful recruitment of professionals such as jurists, journalists, public administrators, translators, social innovators, and writers, among others.

The Dean shared with Council members that the FAS is committed to sustaining successful initiatives, and invited ongoing feedback and contributions to the collaborative strategy.

An AFSA student representative asked if any attempts had been made to facilitate connections between the research being conducted in the Faculty and community organizations. Dean Roy responded that such efforts are indeed being made and offered the example of the CFAR project on activism and feminism, which resulted in many university-community partnerships.

- 7. Department of Education, EDUC-63, ASFC 2018-6M-A
 - P. Joyce and S. Kennedy presented the new Minor in Teaching English as a Second Language program.

ASFC 2018-6M-3 It was moved and seconded (P. Joyce; C. Belkhodja) that the document

be approved.

Carried, unanimously

8. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, GEOG-16, ASFC 2018-6M-B

P. Joyce and P. Biron presented the new Minor in Geospatial Technologies and Certificate in Geospatial Technologies.

ASFC 2018-6M-4 It was moved and seconded (P. Joyce; P. Biron) that the document be

approved.

Carried, unanimously

- 9. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, GEOG-45, ASFC 2018-6M-C
 - P. Joyce, P. Biron, P. Gulick and C. DeWolf presented the new BSc Specialization/Honours in Environmental and Sustainability Science program.
 - C. Hyndman enquired as to the student population targeted by this program as well as its possible impact on other units, for example with the delivery of prerequisite courses. C. DeWolf explained that there is an identified CEGEP population interested in the program.
 - J. Camlot enquired about how prospective student interest and applications could be further converted into registrations. P. Biron explained that she is working with I. Lacelle to determine how to best address this matter.

ASFC 2018-6M-5 It was moved and seconded (P. Joyce; P. Biron) that the document be

approved.

Carried, unanimously

10. Consent Agenda

a. Undergraduate Curriculum – Co-op

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ASFC 2018-6M-6

It was moved and seconded (P. Joyce; M. D'Amico) that the consent

agenda be approved. **Carried, unanimously**

11. Announcements

Announcements were made by:

The Department of Journalism;

The Department of Education;

The Department of Communication Studies.

12. Question Period

P. Gulick asked who to contact for modifications to SIS. M. D'Amico offered that all inquiries can be sent to the SIS Sustainment and Presto teams. The FAS contact is Isabelle Lacelle, who can be reached for guidance on where one's query should be forwarded.

P. Gossage asked if there was any follow-up on the report by the task force on sexual misconduct and sexual violence. A. Roy suggested that Lisa Ostiguy, Special Advisor to the Provost on Campus Life and lead for this task force, could be invited to present at Council on this matter.

13. Other Business

There was none.

14. Notices of Motion

There were none.

- 15. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held January 25, 2019 in GE-110.
- 16. Adjournment

ASFC 2018-6M-7 It was moved and seconded (M-F. Dion; C. Hyndman) that the session be

adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Carried, unanimously