

**FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Arts and Science Faculty Council
Minutes of the meeting held on, May 10, 2019

OPEN SESSION

Present: C. Parkinson; M. Battaglino; C. Acland; B. Alsaieq; P. Biron; E. Bloodgood; E. Boulanger; W. Brake; C. Calogeropoulos; J. Camlot; J. Capobianco; B. Caron; A. Champagne; E. Chevrier; M. D'Amico; C. Daniel-Hughes; E. De Martinis; C. DeWolf; M.-F. Dion; E. Faure; G. Foster; D. Gauvreau; P. Gossage; P. Gulick; M. Hale; J. Hansen; C. Hyndman; S. Kennedy; T. Khaner; I. Kraus; P. Leroux; D. Liakin; K. Manning; P. Morden; B. Nelson; V. Penhune; V. Pepin; M. Russell; F. Scala; D. Secko; M. Sharma; M. Sharma; L. Vilen; M. Zaare

Regrets: A. Roy; M. Barker; C. Brandiff; G. Carr; E. Champagne; B. Colwell; G. Cordeiro; G. Dodds; C. Guy; P. Joyce; M. Kenneally; J. Lefebvre-Provost; D. Linetsky; K. Miller; J. Occhionero; R. Paquin; P. Roy; D. Salée; M. Scheffel; A. Shepard; T. Tower

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2019-3M	Minutes of the meeting held on March 29, 2019
ASFC 2019-4M-A	ASFC Steering Committee Election Ballots
ASFC 2019-4M-B	Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, GEOG-46
ASFC 2019-4M-C	Department of Philosophy, PHIL-24
ASFC 2019-4M-D	Department of Theology, THEO-22
ASFC 2019-4M-E	Department of Theology, THE-23

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called by J. Camlot at 10:18 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

ASFC 2019-4M-10	It was moved and seconded (P. Gossage/V. Pepin) that the agenda be approved. Carried, unanimously
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3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held March 29, 2019

ASFC 2019-4M-11 It was moved and seconded (M.F. Dion/V. Pepin) that the minutes be approved.

Carried, unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

5. Presentation by Gracy Pardillo, Associate Vice-President Finance and Controller, Financial Services on the HR/FIS Renewal Project

- Cancelled – conflict in their agenda.

6. ASFC Steering Committee Election (ballots distributed at the meeting)

ASFC Steering Ballots, ASFC 2019-4M-A

- Ballots were distributed.
- Eligible members were identified.
- The votes will be counted after the meeting and the results are to be announced via official email.

7. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, GEOG-46, ASFC 2019-4M-B

- P. Biron explained to Council the history of the program. This major initiative started in 2012, when Concordia scored an F in academic Sustainability performance. Initiative was promoted by students – Sustainability Action Fund. It is truly an Interdisciplinary program on Sustainability with 10 letters of support, with 42 credit major (compulsory with another Minor or Major), housed in Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, but will draw expertise and participation from a number of FAS departments and Management (JMSB). New courses come with that program the acronym is SUST. Small cohort for the first few years (30 students first year) and it's about leadership. In terms of resource implication there is a full-time TT position, the rest is course sections and internship coordinator which already exists in the department. Clearly, it's the first time that there was such an enthusiasm from the students, they really took a curriculum initiative and as Chair P. Biron felt that she should push this program forward; the students have worked hard and it's a big success for students to see this program come through. This program will definitely help Concordia's score in the future in Sustainability.
- A. Champagne asked why the 7 year delay? P. Biron explained that she doesn't have the

whole history, as she recently became chair and the letter of intent was approved in June 2018, but a lot of the key players moved on, therefore building a program from scratch takes some time and it required lots of discussion with other departments regarding pre-requisite, access to students in other departments and what's suitable to them. Not a simple thing to build such an interdisciplinary program and P. Biron was only involved at the very end.

ASFC 2019-4M-12 It was moved and seconded (P. Morden/M.F. Dion) that the document be approved.

Carried, unanimously

8. Consent Agenda

a. Undergraduate Curriculum

Department of Philosophy, PHIL-24, ASFC 2019-4M-C

Department of Theology, THEO-22, ASFC 2019-4M-D

Department of Theology, THEO-23, ASFC 2019-4M-E

ASFC 2019-4M-13 It was moved and seconded (D. Secko/K. Manning) that the documents be approved.

Carried, unanimously

9. Remarks of the Chair

There was none.

10. Announcements

- V. Pepin informed Council that the "Born to Run" fundraising event, in memory of David Jones, will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 4 pm at the Stingers field. Funds raised will be used for a student scholarship for an Athletic Therapist doing something in research.

11. Question Period

- S. Kennedy asked for some guidance on the ETA article in the new Collective Agreement. J. Camlot said a few words about that article in that the faculty is working hard with Provost's office in developing a real understanding of the spirit and meaning of that article and have established criteria by which we've applied our understanding of that article to all ETAs. Vice-Provost's, N. Hardy, office is also in discussion with CUFA still about the ultimate meaning of this article. The way the Faculty has approached it, is for ETA members having designated roles, those remissions remained, but if they are a cluster of other service activities that go beyond sitting on a committee or two a few times a year then the normal

service would kick in, bringing starting workload from 21 to 18. Essentially, this is how we've approached it.

- S. Kennedy asked if department chairs decide on the ETA workload. J. Camlot says that the chair recommends to the Dean. The Dean is the individual that still has final discretion over workload.
- C. Acland asked if there is any update whether or not the University is going to make a statement on Bill 21. Individual departments are willing to make public their statements.
- V. Penhune mentioned that the department of PSYC has put out an Open letter on Bill 21.
- J. Camlot replied that no formal statement has been made by the University, but we will seek more guidance. M. D'Amico informed that she attended Academic Cabinet and confirmed there was no formal statement yet.
- V. Penhune following-up on ETA article. Workload letters have gone out before a decision was made. J. Camlot asking for list of activities and trying to apply criteria.
- P. Gulick asked about deferred exams and why professors need to go to the SGW to retrieve and sign for them. M. D'Amico explained that this is not a new comment, we have tried but it's a legal issue. Exams office says that it is the instructor's responsibility to pick-up exams. Exams cannot be put in the mail – this particular rigidity was put into place in order to not have lost exams and the University sued. A. Champagne says that it is a big burden for PT Faculty members and it could be resolved if there were an exam office at Loyola. J. Camlot promised that we would enquire at the Exam office again.
- C. Hyndman related the high volume of exams in his department. He suggested the system "Crowd Mark" which is presently being used in many universities. He's already spoken to A. Whitelaw for a potential pilot project. Need to check with IITS. Some burden to it but on the whole this system would eliminate a lot of problems. J. Camlot promised to bring this forth to the Exams office.
- M. Sharma brought up the deregulation of Masters Programs. B. Nelson clarified the Ministry's decision to deregulate non-research graduate programs for the international students. Province will no longer be funding international students in graduate programs that are not defined as research oriented. The University can determine what it will charge international students. Ministry's definition of a research program is limited to those degree programs that have a "thesis" worth at least 18 credits. All non-thesis will be deregulated. B. Nelson has contacted the GPDs of several departments that have non-thesis, research-oriented options and discussing how to deal with this new regulation. Currently no mechanisms in place to grandfather current or incoming students with respect to their tuition, however, the Ministry has set aside funds to cover costs for these students. No details on how Concordia might charge international students for tuition. Senior administrators putting together some proposals and discussion with Board of Governors at the next meeting.
- D. Gauvreau mentioned that there are curriculum changes that are required, can they be fast-tracked.? B. Nelson has spoken to S. Gabriel, VP Innovation and Computer Learning, because these are not really editorial in nature, we can't see fast-tracked. There is funding to cover the students that are currently in the program, if we see these proposals in the fall they can probably go through fairly quickly. Because they are not editorial, it will be case by case basis if it's just a title change, but others 15 credit research project with a 3 credit proposal that will have to be bundled together and will be a curriculum change and will take a little more time. J. Camlot informed that borderline programs have been flagged by SGS and

conversations have begun. B. Nelson stated that there have been conversations with all the GPDs.

- C. Acland asked for a clarification because of the language being used. This is about International students, so that in Quebec the Francophone students will not be affected. J. Camlot replied that it is different for French students.

12. Other Business

There was none.

13. Notices of Motion

There was none.

14. Next Meeting of Council will be in held in September 2019 in GE 110

15. Adjournment

ASFC 2019-4M-14 It was moved and seconded (M.D'Amico/W. Brake) that the session be adjourned at 11:42 a.m.
Carried, unanimously