

FACULTY OF  
ARTS AND SCIENCE**Arts and Science Faculty Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on, September 25, 2020

**OPEN SESSION**

**Present:** P. Sicotte, C. Parkinson, I. Lacelle, J. Muir, M. Barker, E. Bloodgood, W. Brake, P. Caignon, J. Capobianco, B. Caron, A. Champagne, S. Chlopan, R. Courtemanche, C. Daniel-Hughes, S. Dayanandan, C. DeWolf, M-F. Dion, E. Faure, J. Foisy, M. Gagnon, J. Grant, J. Hansen, C. Hyndman, A. Johnson, M. Kenneally, S. Kennedy, M. Kissock, I. Kraulis, P. Leroux, D. Liakin, D. Linetsky, K. MacDonald, K. Manning, T. Matraxia, P. Morden, B. Nelson, M. Penney, V. Pepin, C. Richardson, R. Saha, F. Scala, D. Secko, M. Sharma, Mahesh Sharma, A. Swiffen, S. Smith, H. Muhammad, T. Tower, C. Townsend, L. Vilenó

**Regrets:** W. Bukowski, G. Carr, E. De Martinis, J. Didur, A. Whitelaw, P. Wood-Adams

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**Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting**

ASFC 2020-5M	Minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2020
ASFC 2020-5M-A	Department of Applied Human Sciences, AHSC-37
ASFC 2020-5M-B	School of Irish Studies, CCIS-19
ASFC 2020-5M-C	Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics, CMLL-84
ASFC 2020-5M-D	Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics, CMLL-85
ASFC 2020-5M-E	Interdisciplinary Studies, INTE-20
ASFC 2020-5M-F	Department of Journalism, JOUR-25
ASFC 2020-5M-G	Department of Political Science, POLI-45
ASFC 2020-5M-H	Department of Religions and Cultures, RELI-59
ASFC 2020-5M-I	Simone De Beauvoir Institute and Women's Studies, WSDB-14
ASFC 2020-5M-J	Department of Religions and Cultures, RELI-60

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called by P. Sicotte at 10:20 am.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

ASFC 2020-5M-1      It was moved and seconded (S. Smith/C. De Wolf) that the agenda be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held May 15, 2020**

ASFC 2020-5M-2      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. Remarks of the Chair**

Dean Sicotte welcomed all members and stated how nice it is to be able to see everyone. She stated that the formal announcement about the winter semester will be publicized the following Monday by G. Carr. Those who attend the session on inclusion with N. Hardy later on during the day will be given a preview of the announcement which will not come as a surprise due to the current COVID situation.

There is no news on the new budget yet. P. Sicotte was informed to plan for the same budget as the previous year and that Faculties need to be financially responsible. Every initiative that the faculty funds will be decreased in comparison to the past. Ninety-six percent of the budget goes towards salaries (not including Teaching Assistants). Arts and Science has however, submitted a few demands to the Provost's office to improve our functioning.

Dean Sicotte stated that the Faculty of Arts and Science was given ten tenure-track hires for the upcoming year which is very good considering the current circumstances. A tremendous amount of work is being put into these hires already by the Chairs, C. Parkinson and J. Didur. EDI training for committees such as the Department Hiring Committee will begin shortly. During this round of hiring, the hire of candidates at the Associate level will also be considered.

Chairs are requested to please send any positive, innovative and fun stories related to online and remote delivery of courses to her.

D. Linetsky from Advancement will be meeting with the Chairs more often than in the past. D. Linetsky will attend the all Chair meetings and will reach out to Chairs individually. We as a faculty need to move in a direction where we start to think more about Advancement.

## 6. Consent Agenda

### a. Undergraduate Curriculum

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### b. Graduate Curriculum

Department of Religions and Cultures, RELI-60, ASFC-2020-5M-J

ASFC 2020-5M-3      It was moved and seconded (R. Courtemanche/P. Caignon) that  
the documents be approved.

**Carried, unanimously**

## 7. Forum – Conversation on “How do we maintain students engagement in their department units during COVID-19?”

This is a new item on the agenda which was proposed by the ASFC Steering Committee. It is an experiment to increase discussions, sharing of knowledge and problem-solving through the use of Zoom break-out rooms. ASFC meetings are one of the few opportunities to bring together representatives from the student, staff and faculty complements. Significant feedback was received through a survey designed by A. Champagne. Future Forums and topics will be decided upon once the feedback is taken into account.

## 8. Question Period

The question period occurred during the Remarks of the Chair. Topics such as the bookstore, EDI training, access to graduate student offices, online teaching and other topics were discussed.

## 9. Other Business

There was none.

## **10. Notices of Motion**

There were none.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020.

## **12. Adjournment**

ASFC 2020-5M-4      It was moved and seconded (J. Capobianco/C. Daniel-Hughes) that the open session be adjourned at 11:33am.  
**Carried, unanimously**