

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Tim Babcock, Jane Cahill, Barbara Foucault, Neil Funk-Unrau, Fiona Green, James Hanley, Catherine Hunter, Steven Kohm, Roy Loewen, Glenn Moulaison, Pauline Ripat, Jacqueline Romanow, Jim Silver, Alden Turner.

Regrets: Karen Barkhouse, Jane Barter, Jim Clark, Pauline Greenhill, Lisa McLean.

Motion to approve the agenda (S. Kohm/J. Cahill). Addition: Major Declaration forms. Approved.

Motion to approve the minutes (C. Hunter/J. Hanley). Approved.

Business Arising

No new information on the provincial injection of funds.

Capital Campaign

UW is going to apply to a request for proposals on infrastructure. But the terms are not clear and seem narrow. The Federal Strategic Infrastructure Fund has \$2 billion available and, apparently, \$9 billion in applications. Our application has focused on renovation and sustainability. The concept of an Indigenous House has been taken out of this application. Sparling Hall has been proposed for cladding and renovation as an energy exchange centre. It is hoped that energy savings would free funds for other expenditures. New classrooms and labs are also part of the application. The Leatherdale extension is going forward and will offer flexible spaces for the University community.

Stipends

The budget for Arts has not yet been received. The stipend budget is unlikely to be what was requested. There will be cuts. Two to three FCE cuts may be the average. Departments should review stipend submissions.

Deans' Council

Courses with low enrolments have been flagged. Some seminars are included in this group. There is pressure to cut low enrolment courses. Low-enrolment courses are those with less than 12-15 students. Required courses will have some protection. But care needs to be taken. Some courses are cross-listed and so enrolments could be higher.

Motion to adjourn (???)