

Faculty of Arts Council

Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

12:30-1:30 PM

Present: Tim Babcock, Rachel Berg, Brandon Christopher, Carlos Colorado, Roewan Crowe, Linda DeRiviere, Barbara Foucault, Neil Funk-Unrau, Matt Gibbs, Colin Goff, Hugh Grant, James Hanley, Steven Kohm, Roy Loewen, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Shauna MacKinnon, Glenn Moulaison, Catherine Taylor, Sante Viselli, Doug Williams.

Regrets: Jacqueline Romanow.

Motion to approve the agenda ((B. Christopher/ C. Colorado). **Approved** with addition of campus security.

Motion to approve the minutes (J. McLeod Rogers /S. Kohm). **Approved.**

Business Arising

There is a Nexus copyright issue that could impact UW. Access Copyright has sued York University and, in a surprising decision, was successful. The case is being appealed, and UW will operate as per usual.

AMA training

AMA training is compulsory. Video links are available through Nexus. The current compliance rate is 30%. There is a plan to host some larger sessions in Eckhardt-Gramatte.

Bookstore

There are continuing problems with the Bookstore; a number of Departments began the term without an adequate supply of text books. In some cases, this happened even if books were ordered by the deadline. But it was reported that the Bookstore also faces challenges.

PSAC process

The new protocols for advertising, interviewing and hiring associated with the PSAC agreement have been implemented. The implementation has, to date, been uneven. Some departments have noted fewer applicants this year. Those departments who later reached out to senior students as potential applicants were better able to meet their needs. Some found the site less-than-user friendly. The DAs also had issues with the site. These issues were complicated by a perceived lack of timely response from HR.

Access to student transcripts as part of the application process was not clear. A button for the student to approve access was one suggestion; another was to require access in the application.

Some departments wanted to employ higher level and, thus, better paid TAs for general service to the department. But positions have to be associated with a specific course, and so this option seems not to be possible.

The discussion also focused on equity issues. Not all were certain where the balance between competing issues lay.

C2C

Call to Conversation is a conference being held here October 20-22. It is a think-tank style event designed to draw scholars and community activists and participants from the queer and trans communities. During the conference, the magazine, *Red Rising*, will be launched. A closing banquet will be held at Thunderbird House. The conference has SHRCC and Manitoba funding.

TPCAC

The DPC membership lists should be sent to Glenn. It is from this list that members of TPCAC are drawn. A workshop will be held for potential members.

DPC policies should be consistent. If there are changes, Glenn should be notified.

Staffing

Tables have been sent by Lisa and Chairs should book appointment times.

Dates

Activity Reports should be submitted by October 1 and completed evaluations should be forwarded these to the Dean's Office by Nov 15.

Study Leave applications are due Oct 1.

On September 27, an information session for graduate school applicants will be held in 2M70 at 12:30 -1:20.

Motion to adjourn (B.Christopher/ S. Kohm). **Approved.**