

Faculty of Arts Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Adina Balint, Jackie Benson, Rachel Berg, Derrick Bourassa, Brandon Christopher, Rory Dickson, Jonathon Franklin, Joan Grace, Fiona Green, Kelly Gorkoff, Peter Ives, Shauna Therese MacKinnon, Lisa McLean, Peter Miller, Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Mark Meuwese, Glenn Moulaison, Shailesh Shukla, Kirit Patel, Stephanie Stobbe, Tracy Whalen.

Guests: Lauren Bosc, Research Office.

Regrets: Christopher Brauer.

Motion to approve the agenda. (p. Miller / B. Nobbs-Thiessen). **Approved.**

Remarks from the Chair

Convocation is next week. Past President, Annette Trimbee, will be on campus for the unveiling of her portrait.

Glenn reminded Chairs about deadlines: submission of Activity Reports, Research/Study Leave applications.

The migration to Microsoft365 should not mean the disappearance of Zoom licenses. This was also the understanding of the Provost, who was going to check with Kim Benoit, CIO of Tech Sector.

To the question of the possibility of having visitors/guest speakers in classes in the Winter term, Glenn responded that if they are double-vaccinated, that is likely to be allowed, but there will be a process to make this happen.

Minutes of September 22, 2021

Motion to adopt the minutes of September 22, 2021 (B. Christopher / S. Stobbe). **Approved.**

With the addition of Tracy Whalen as being in attendance.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Re: Online offerings post-2021-2022.

Upon consultation with the Provost, Deans agreed that decisions regarding online offerings would be made at the Faculty level, during the normal staffing/timetabling exercise. Glenn stated his position: the vast majority of courses will be in-person, but he is open to offering perhaps one section of a multi-section course on line; if a Chair/Department wants to propose other (or more)

courses as online offerings, there would need to be a compelling rationale. Such a rationale cannot simply be the instructor's preference.

Lauren Bosc, new Program Officer, Research Office

Lauren Bosc came to Arts Council to present herself to Chairs and explain her role within the Research Office. Lauren has a long history with the University of Winnipeg, as a student and as a staff member, and Chairs welcomed the new appointment.

Other

The question as to why the COVID FAQ entertains the possibility of someone being exempted from vaccination on religious grounds was raised, but left unanswered...

Next meeting

October 20, 2021.

Motion to adjourn (B. Christopher / F. Green). **Approved.**

Glenn Moulaison

Date