

Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting – March 14, 2018

Jane Wolff (*Chair*)

Zeynep Celik Alexander, Erica Allen-Kim, Petros Babasikas, Brian Boigon, Ultan Byrne, Tye Farrow (Alumnus), Leonardo Garcia (OALA), John Harwood, Mark Laird, David Lieberman, Sue Lloyd, Mary Lou Lobsinger, Aidan Loweth (GALDSU), James MacGillivray, Liat Margolis, Francesco Martire, Fadi Masoud, Andrea McGee, Laura Miller, Victor Perez-Gomez, Didier Pomerleau, Irene Pulchanski, Robert Raynor (AVSSU), Barry Sampson, John Shnier, Steve Socha (OAA), Dean Richard Sommer, Charles Stankieveh, Mark Sterling, Joanne Tod, Mason White, Shane Williamson, Robert Wright, Yue (Flora) Yin (AVSSU)

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Kate Nelischer (*Council Secretary*)

Guests: Maxim Batourine, Shirley Chan, Dale Duncan, Jacqueline Raaflaub

Call to Order

Jane Wolff calls the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Welcome, traditional lands acknowledgement, and reminder that printed copies of reports and attachments will no longer be provided at Faculty Council meetings (but agendas will continue to be provided).

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of December 12, 2017

That the minutes of the previous meeting of December 12, 2017 be approved.

Moved by Brian Boigon.

Seconded by John Shnier.

The motion carries unanimously.

2. Report of the Dean (*Richard Sommer*)

The Dean's report provides updates on a number of University-wide and Faculty projects.

The University has come to an agreement with the sessional faculty and TA bargaining units. The Dean thanks staff and faculty members who worked to prepare contingency plans in advance of these agreements.

The Dean provides an update on the School of Cities. The development of the School as an EDU:C is to be voted upon this spring by the Faculty of Arts & Science. This initiative has been



underway for a number of years, and the Daniels Faculty is one of the four founding faculties (others include the Rotman School of Management, the Faculty of Arts & Science, and the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering). A consultation session was held with Daniels faculty members last spring, and additional consultations and committee meetings have involved Daniels representatives. Robert Wright was a member of the inception committee, Liat Margolis is on the research and steering committees, Mauricio Quiros is on the outreach committee, and Fadi Masoud is on the teaching committee. The Dean notes that there should be a discussion about how Visual Studies would like to participate. Additionally, the new positions (which are part of ongoing searches) are expected to be involved.

The Dean notes that the PhD Appraisal Visit was held on Monday with appraisers Hashim Sarkis (MIT) and Michelle Addington (University of Texas at Austin). The Dean provides an overview of the timeline for the approval of the PhD program, which will be presented for voting at the April 11, 2018 Faculty Council meeting.

The Dean provides a building update, noting that the GRIT Lab, Principal Hall, and the Gallery are behind schedule, but work is moving forward.

The Dean provides an overview of planned public programming, including:

- What is a School? Symposium
- Doors Open
- Smart Geometry
- Hough Lecture (to be given by Claude Cormier in Principal Hall, May 31)
- The Pritzker Prize will be held in Toronto this year. The award ceremony will take place at the Aga Khan, and the public lecture will be held at the Daniels Faculty in Principal Hall

The Dean provides an update on fundraising efforts, noting that this year has been very successful. A more detailed fundraising report will be provided in April. Dean Sommer thanks the fundraising team for their work.

No questions or comments of the Dean's Report.

3. Update from ORSS regarding December Faculty Council Motion

Andrea provides an overview of report attached to agenda, noting that she has met regularly with both student unions, regular building updates have been provided to students, students have been meeting often with program directors, and students are participating in the Studio Design Task Force led by Jay Pooley.

No questions or comments of the ORSS report.

4. GALDSU Report

Aidan Loweth presents GALDSU updates.

Aidan thanks the administration for providing students with a meditation room, and for their responsiveness to student building concerns, including providing increased security, forming the Studio Design Task Force, and increased communications via ORSS.

Aidan provides an overview of the recent City-Building Expo, which was hosted in partnership with AVSSU and Ryerson planning students. Aidan thanks Dean Sommer and Fadi Masoud for their participation. There are plans to host the event again next year.

Aidan thanks the café managers for making the café hours more reliable, and notes that they will try to keep the café open during reviews and possibly during the summer.

GALDSU is currently working to outfit the grad lounge, and thanks the faculty for their support.

Aidan notes that GALDSU plans to launch The Annual after thesis reviews, and thanks Mason White for his participation as faculty liaison.

Aidan notes that an ongoing concern amongst students is security. The Dean notes that he is working with the construction crews to ensure doors remain locked, and also notes that as a community we have to be more diligent and stop propping doors open. Sue Lloyd asks about the circumstances around the recently stolen laptop. Aidan clarifies it was stolen from the thesis workroom. Mary Lou Lobsinger notes that other students were present at the time, and that it is important everyone be vigilant. Sue notes there have also been security concerns in the Borden Building.

5. AVSSU Report

Robert Raynor presents the AVSSU report.

Robert thanks the Registrar and the Studio Design Task Force for engaging with students on building issues. Changes made to the undergraduate studio have been well received, and are continuing to evolve. Security is also a concern for undergraduate students, and specifically doors that are propped open.

Robert also thanks Dean Sommer and Fadi Masoud for their participation in the City-Building Expo.

Additional updates:

- Elections for next year's AVSSU executive are ongoing and will be completed tomorrow
- AVSSU hosted its final formal last Friday
- AVSSU is working to set up its shared office space with GALDSU
- AVSSU recently started the Student Initiative Fund to support students who participate in competitions (including entry fees, materials, etc)

Andrea McGee thanks AVSSU and GALDSU for collaborating this year, specifically with regards to building issues.

The Dean notes that its important for AVSSU and GALDSU to work together, and that the recent City-Building Expo was a successful example of the potential of this collaboration. The Dean also notes that in response to requests regarding notice boards, the screens in The Street and a planned screen by the café can be programmed to include announcements (to be coordinated by ORSS).

6. Curriculum Committee Report (*Zeynep Celik Alexander*)

Zeynep provides an overview of recent minor changes to the academic calendar approved by the Curriculum Committee (outlined in the Committee's report), and notes that the Committee's major item for today's meeting is the proposed Major Modifications to the Post-Professional MArch and MLA programs. These proposed changes are presented today for discussion.

Liat Margolis summarizes recent changes to some MLA courses, including name changes to better reflect course content and splitting of courses into 0.25 FCE modules. These changes are outlined in the Committee's report.

Mason White presents an overview of the Draft Major Modifications to the Post Professional Programs proposal, which was circulated to Council in advance of the meeting. Discussion of these changes was initiated last summer. They be the first changes to the post-professional programs since their inception in 1998. Mason has held working meetings and consultations with faculty throughout this academic year. These changes are proposed in an effort to give the programs a stronger identity, align the timelines of the MArch and MLA programs to one year each, create a stronger student cohort between the two programs, introduce concentrations, and allow for cross-disciplinary research. The MLA program currently requires 5 FCE and the MArch program requires 7.5 FCE, and the proposed changes would mean both programs require 6 FCE completed over a full calendar year (beginning with a summer term that includes a fieldcourse and a thesis preparation course). Zeynep notes that these changes are intended to allow the post-professional programs to dovetail with the existing graduate programs and with the planned PhD program; only four new courses are proposed as part of this major modification. Mason and Zeynep ask that any questions or comments on the draft proposal be sent to them prior to the next Curriculum Committee meeting on March 28.

The Dean clarifies that the post-professional programs require that admitted students hold professional degrees. Zeynep notes that there have been discussions about changing this requirement to allow other students to apply, however the Provost's Office has made clear that this change is not possible within the major modification framework and would require the development of a new program.

Andrea McGee (via Jane Wolff) clarifies that student diplomas will continue to note "Master of Architecture" and "Master of Landscape Architecture," however transcripts will specify post-professional through a label of "MARC1" or "MLA1."

David Lieberman raises the issue of some foreign students incorrectly thinking that the post-professional program is accredited, and asks that this be clarified in information for applicants.

Shane Williamson asks if the existing post-professional program will remain in place after these changes are made. Mason confirms this is not the intention, and that the new model would supersede the existing programs.

Laura Miller notes that many of the post-professional applicants this year have specified desired areas of concentration, which would work well within the proposed new format.

The final proposal will be brought to Faculty Council in April for approval.

7. Admissions Committee Report (*Laura Miller*)

Laura notes that admissions are still underway. Undergraduate offers will be sent out on Friday, and Graduate "One Ideas" are still being read by faculty. A report will be provided at the April Faculty Council meeting.

Mason White asks about the Faculty's approach to phone calls. Laura notes that faculty are encouraged to make phone calls as soon as possible. Dean Sommer notes that these calls are made each year by him and the Directors to the top applicants, and that it is important for faculty to reach out to students.

John Shnier asks about the possibility for mixing applicant cohorts together in future admissions reviews. Dean Sommer notes that the larger admissions process accounts for the concerns John raised.

John Shnier moves a motion to ask the Admissions Committee to provide rationale for the current admissions procedure at the next Faculty Council meeting.

David Lieberman seconds the motion.

Motion passes.

8. Appeals Committee Report (*Zeynep Celik Alexander*)

Zeynep notes that the committee has not met.

9. Awards Committee Report (*Mason White*)

Mason notes that the travel award submission deadline was earlier this week, and thanks Katrina Groen for her work in organizing the lunchtime award session where previous awardees presented their work.

Mason encourages faculty to advise students to apply to the Howarth-Wright Fellowship.

Mason notes the Committee is continuing advocacy work to expand undergraduate offerings.

10. Committee on Academic Standing Report (*Zeynep Celik Alexander*)

Zeynep notes that the committee has not met.

11. Research Committee Report (*Liat Margolis*)

Liat notes that the committee has nothing to report.

12. Diversity and Equity Committee Report (*Jane Wolff*)

Jane provides an overview of the committee's ongoing efforts to analyze course content on diversity and equity, based on information submitted by faculty. Faculty are asked to submit existing course content if they have not done so already.

Jane reviews recent presentations hosted by the Committee, including:

- Unconscious Bias, presented by Bryan Gaensler and Virginia MacLaren at the January Diversity and Equity Committee meeting and at the January Core Faculty meeting
- Access Programs, presented by Ann Lopez and Kimberly Tull at the March Diversity and Equity Committee meeting (program directors and ORSS staff were also invited)

Jane notes that in April she will represent the Committee at a meeting of faculty members from various departments who are leading efforts on diversity and equity in their respective programs. A presentation will be made by Sandra Carnegie-Douglas, Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office.

13. Other Business

Marienka Bishop-Kovac (AVSSU) moves a motion to request that information be shared regarding financial aid, grants, and awards currently available across the undergraduate programs, and the rate at which the awards are being increased to match the increase in undergraduate students.

Robert Raynor seconds the motion.

Motion passes.

Marienka notes that AVSSU is planning to develop a clubs levy, and asks faculty to encourage students to vote in the AVSSU elections.

Jane Wolff reminds Council that the April 11th meeting will include a number of important votes, including on the PhD proposal and the Major Modifications to the Post-Professional Programs proposal. Jane asks that faculty try their best to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

These notes are considered to be an accurate account of the meeting. Please note that attendance is recorded as per the sign-in sheet. If any discrepancies or omissions are noted, please contact the undersigned; otherwise these shall be deemed acceptable to all.

Kate Nelischer, Assistant Dean, Academic and Outreach Programs (*Council Secretary*)