

Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting – April 11, 2018

Jane Wolff (*Chair*)

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Kate Nelischer (*Council Secretary*)

Guests: Shirley Chan, Dale Duncan, Katrina Groen, Irene Puchalski, Jacqueline Raaflaub, Molly Yeomans

Call to Order

Jane Wolff calls the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

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

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (March 14, 2018)

Motion: THAT the minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on March 14, 2018 be approved. (*Refer to Attachment 1*)

Moved by Rob Wright.

Seconded by Liat Margolis.

The motion carries unanimously.

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

The Dean asks that clarification of Council terms of engagement be reiterated at the first meeting of Faculty Council in the fall. This year, Faculty Council meetings were rescheduled to conclude in April instead of May at the request of students, and were rescheduled to noon. This timing may be revisited.

The Dean notes that the Faculty is currently engaged in two ongoing faculty searches. There was an incredible response to both calls, and the search committees have created shortlists for both positions, which will be shared shortly along with scheduled job talks. The first of these job talks is taking place tomorrow, April 12th. All are welcome to attend.

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

- What is a School? Symposium (April 27 – 28)
- Pritzker Architecture Prize Public Lecture (May 16)
- Smart Geometry (May 7 – 12)
- Doors Open (May 26)
- Hough Lecture, to be given by Claude Cormier (May 31)
- Commencement

Jane Wolff thanks the Dean for providing an update on the faculty searches, and requests that the schedule of job talks be provided to the faculty as soon as possible. The Dean apologizes for the delay. He notes that Chris Henion has done a great job coordinating these, and hopes that in the next day all of the job talk dates will be shared.

3. Curriculum Committee Report

Zeynep Çelik Alexander presents the Curriculum Committee Report, noting that the Committee is bringing forward to significant items: the PhD Proposal and the Major Modification Proposal for the Post-Professional programs.

Zeynep thanks Mary Lou Lobsinger, Rob Wright, Jeannie Kim, and Kate Nelischer for their work on the PhD Proposal. Zeynep provides an overview of the development of the PhD, most recently including the External Appraisal Visit. On March 12, 2018 Hashim Sarkis (MIT) and Michelle Addington (University of Texas at Austin) visited Daniels to conduct the appraisal visit, and subsequently submitted the appraisal report. The appraisal report prompted a few minor changes in the proposal from the last version that was circulated to faculty. These include:

- Clarifying what the Faculty means by the “interdisciplinary” nature of the program. This was accomplished by providing a more detailed description of the comprehensive exam. The first part of the exam (breadth) is to be completed with the student’s primary supervisor. The second part of the exam (depth) is to be completed in the student’s sub-field, either at Daniels or another department. This is permitted because Daniels has made official connections to other departments (such as Geography & Planning, Engineering, and Art History) by cross-appointing faculty members to our Graduate SGS Faculty
- Increased minimum required TOEFL scores for applicants to be in line with peer institutions in the United States
- Increased the number of recommendation letters required of applicants from two to three

Katrina Groen notes that according to SGS Guidelines, scores other than TOEFL can be accepted. Zeynep commits to looking into this.

Motion: THAT Faculty Council approve the New Graduate Program Proposal for the Ph.D. in Architecture, Landscape, and Design. (*Refer to Attachment 2*)

Moved by Rob Wright.

Seconded by Stephen Verderber.

The motion carries unanimously.

Motion: THAT Faculty Council approve the proposed Major Modifications to the Post-Professional Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture programs, including:

- a) Revisal of the Post-Professional Master of Architecture required FCE from 7.5 to 6.0
- b) Revisal of the Post-Professional Master of Landscape Architecture required FCE from 5.0 to 6.0
- c) Revisal of the Post-Professional Master of Architecture program from 1.5 years (fall, winter, and fall semesters) to one calendar year, beginning in the summer semester
- d) Revisal of the Post-Professional Master of Landscape Architecture program from 1 year (fall and winter semesters) to one calendar year, beginning in the summer semester

Mason White provides an overview of the major modification proposal, and notes that it has not changed since it was discussed at the last Faculty Council meeting. Mason thanks faculty for their contributions.

Zeynep notes that admissions will open in fall 2018, and the first students will start in fall 2019 (similar to the PhD program).

The Dean clarifies that because this is a major modification (and not a new program like the PhD), it only requires approval from Faculty Council and not wider University governance.

Moved by Shane Williamson.
 Seconded by Andrea McGee
 Abstention: Stephen Verderber
 Motion Carries.

Motion: THAT Faculty Council approve the University of Toronto Major Modification Proposal for the Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture Post-Professional Programs in full, as presented. (*Refer to Attachment 3*)

Moved by Andrea McGee
 Second by Luke Andritsos
 Abstention: Stephen Verderber
 Motion Carries.

4. Research Committee Report

Liat Margolis presents the Research Committee report, and thanks Shirley Chan for her extraordinary work in supporting faculty in their grant proposals.

The Committee has organized a number of workshops for faculty this year, including a SSHRC funding workshop in the fall and a January workshop in collaboration with the Innovation Partnership Office. The Committee intends to continue offering these workshops.

The Committee met twice to discuss the proposed Centre for Architecture, Design, + Health Innovation as an EDU:D. Additionally, the Committee is planning to look at potential to provide a

more structured process for faculty to apply for internal funding. Lastly, the Committee hopes to revisit the Daniels website to look at how it can better communicate faculty research.

Motion: THAT Faculty Council approve the establishment of the proposed Centre for Architecture, Design, + Health Innovation as an EDU:D, as presented.

Moved by Charles Stankieveh
 Seconded by Rob Wright
 Motion carries unanimously.

5. GALDSU Report

Aidan Loweth presents GALDSU updates.

Aidan notes that graduate students enjoyed the meetings with directors this year, and the town hall meeting. Direct communication from the Dean's office to students is appreciated.

Fabrication resources are an ongoing issue. The "first come, first serve" structure is somewhat of an improvement, but new issues have arisen. Aidan notes that building updates provided by Didier Pomerleau are appreciated, but that there are lingering building issues concerning students (including air quality).

The Annual will be launched on April 20th, 7pm at Offsite on Dundas Street West.

Next year's GALDSU President will be Yasmine El Sanyoura.

6. AVSSU Report

Marienka Bishop-Kovac presents the AVSSU report, including providing an overview of the recent AVSSU election.

AVSSU recently introduced a new clubs levy, developed the student initiative fund, and established the Eyeball award (with Sue Lloyd). AVSSU also held the City-building Expo in March with GALDSU and Ryerson planning students, and Marienka thanks Dean Sommer and Fadi Masoud for participating as keynote speakers.

Marienka thanks the Dean, ORSS, Directors, and faculty for attending the AGM, where a new constitution and policies document was passed.

Moving forward, AVSSU hopes to hold one town hall meeting a year.

7. Admissions Committee Report (*Laura Miller*)

Zeynep Celik Alexander presents the report in Laura's absence.

Admissions for the upcoming year are nearly completed. Zeynep provides a summary of applications:

- Graduate applications are up 10% from last year, 28% since 2014, and 65% since 2012
- Undergraduate applications are up 21.1% from last year, and 52% since 2013

Final admissions figures will be provided at the first Faculty Council meeting in the fall.

In response to a question raised at the last Faculty Council meeting about admissions procedure, Zeynep notes that the Curriculum Committee report includes relevant information. The process for admissions involves reviews by individual faculty members, reviews in pairs, and then reviews by the Admissions Committee, to reach a collective decision. Rankings provided by pairs are only provisional as applications are then reconsidered by the committee. The applicant pool is organized by school in an attempt to contextualize the work and identify the best candidates from each institution.

Marienka Bishop-Kovac asks about the acceptance rate for undergraduate students. Katria Groen notes that Daniels plans to make 558 undergraduate offers, and is expecting an incoming class of 220. Therefore, the yield is approximately 50%. Jeannie Kim notes this expectation is often exceeded. Dean Sommer notes that the undergraduate program is relatively new, and each year the Faculty makes an educated prediction. A traditional yield across the university is 30%. The applicant pool is increasing each year, and the acceptance rate is decreasing.

John Shnier requests a broader conversation with the Admissions Committee to address the logic behind organizing applicants by school.

Katrina Groen notes that the number of undergraduate applicants has increased, and that the committee is pleased with the calibre of Daniels undergraduate applicants to the graduate program. Andrea McGee notes that Daniels undergraduate students are also being admitted to top graduate schools around the world. Sue Lloyd confirms that these remarks are in reference to all graduate programs. Jay Pooley notes that many of his top undergraduate students were admitted to the graduate program, along with other prestigious graduate programs, such as Columbia.

Charles Stankieveh notes that the MVS program has a slightly different approach than the MARC or MLA programs, and that it is important to have a Faculty-wide conversation. Dean Sommer agrees that this is important to determine the kinds of student cohorts faculty would like to have for all of these programs.

8. School of Cities Presentation (*Dwayne Benjamin, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education, Faculty of Arts and Science*)

Vice-Dean Dwayne Benjamin gives a brief presentation outlining updates on the new School of Cities, which was recently approved by FAS Council to be established in July 2018.

9. Awards Committee Report (*Mason White*)

Mason White provides an overview of the committee's recent activities, including reviewing applications for travel awards (for which there was a competitive pool). A more fulsome report will be provided in the fall.

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

Zeynep notes that the committee has not met.

11. Diversity and Equity Committee (*Jane Wolff*)

Jane Wolff notes that the committee has not met since the last Faculty Council meeting. However, Jane participated in a recent meeting of chairs of other diversity and equity committees in the Faculty of Arts and Science. This group felt it would be valuable to develop an inter-unit working group to share knowledge, strategies, and dilemmas. This will be discussed further with the committee.

12. Appeals Committee (*Zeynep Celik Alexander*)

Zeynep notes that the committee has not met.

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

Zeynep notes that the committee has met, but has nothing to report as the results of the meeting are confidential. As reported at the last Faculty Council meeting, the Curriculum Committee recently standardized the appeals process language in the calendar.

14. Master of Architecture Program Report (*Shane Williamson*)

Shane Williamson presents the program report, noting that work on the upcoming program accreditation review is ongoing. The majority of this work will be completed over the summer, and the Architecture Program Report will be submitted prior to the first fall Faculty Council meeting, so a more fulsome report on this process will be provided at that time.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the planned shortening of the MARC program. Shane will begin to consult with faculty on the curricular changes that would accompany this shortening.

Brady Peters will host the Smart Geometry event from May 7 – 12, primarily on the third floor of the building. The workshop will take place during the week, and the conference will be held on Saturday.

The Global Architecture Program will be led by Mauricio Quiros Pacheco in Costa Rica this year, and will be focused on housing issues.

15. Master of Landscape Architecture Program Report (*Liat Margolis*)

Liat Margolis presents the program report, noting that preparation for the upcoming program accreditation review is ongoing. The report is due in July, and the visit will be held from September 29 – October 3. Liat thanks faculty for their work so far on this effort, including the Strategic Plan.

Liat notes that the faculty is working on its response to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. In the fall, a workshop was held with the CSLA Indigenous Task Force, which launched a productive conversation among faculty.

Claude Cormier was selected as this year's Michael Hough critic. His talk is scheduled for May 31 in Principal Hall, and he spent the day with MLA students on March 23.

The program recently held a networking event, along with a celebration of Alissa North's receipt of the Sloan Award from Architect Magazine.

Liat invites everyone to attend the MLA thesis reviews on April 17th in rooms 230 and 330.

16. Master of Urban Design Program Report (*Mark Sterling*)

Mark Sterling presents the report, noting that in partnership with Liat the MUD program has been working to develop Indigenous relationships. This includes connections through the new public consultation course offered by Lorne Cappe this year. Mark hopes to invite Lorne back to teach again next year, along with Michael McClelland who may teach an architectural preservation course.

Mark invites everyone to attend the MUD reviews on April 17th.

17. HBA-AS (*Jeannie Kim*)

Jeannie Kim presents the report. Undergraduate reviews are taking place today (Jay Pooley's course), Thursday, and Friday.

Applications for the two summer design-build studios have now closed and were very popular: 90 applications were received. Students have asked for more of these opportunities in the fall and winter semesters.

Jeannie will provide a report on admissions for the three specialist streams in the fall.

18. HBA-VS and MVS (*Charles Stankievech*)

Charles Stankievech presents the report. Final reviews are now completed, and three exhibitions are being held at the art museum. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The thesis exhibition was held at One Spadina last weekend. Charles thanks everyone for allowing the use of the space, and noting that it contributed to the development of a shared sense of community.

Charles provides an overview of proseminar, which included partnerships with outside institutions, and notes recent faculty accomplishments, which are detailed in the written report.

Charles notes that the admissions process was successful.

Lastly, Charles notifies Council of the new faculty cross-appointment with UTM and thanks Dean Sommer for this position.

19. Other Business

Dean Sommer notes that the recent change to the Faculty Council schedule to end in April instead of May was in response to requests from students. There is a need to consider this with regards to admissions reporting.

Andrea McGee notes April 30th is the end of term. Convocation will be held the morning of June 14th and faculty are encouraged to participate in the procession. An afternoon reception will follow, with the awards presentation, in Principal Hall.

Jane Wolff notes there was a request in the last Council meeting to provide additional information to on the distribution of awards. This will be provided at the first Council meeting in the fall.

Stephen Verderber provides an overview of previous publications that will constitute the foundation of the CADHI.

Adjournment

Moved by Elise Shelley.
Seconded by Marienka Bishop-Kovac.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 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*)