

DRAFT Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting – February 13, 2019

Jane Wolff (*Chair*), Dean Richard Sommer, Alstan Jakubiec, Joshua Humphrey (AVSSU), Flora Yin (AVSSU), Vivian Lee, Tei Carpenter, Jesse LeCavalier, Justine Holzman, Andrea Kristof, Steve Socha, Mitchell Akiyama, John Shnier, Liat Margolis, Charles Stankieveh, Barbara Fischer, Brian Boigon, Tye Farrow, Erica Allen-Kim, Alex Luchachko, Didier Pomerleau, Andrea McGee

Non-voting: Molly Yeoman, Jiffin Abroleda, Jeffrey Little

Kate Nelischer (*Council Secretary*)

Call to Order

Jane Wolff calls the meeting to order at 4:23pm.

Welcome and traditional lands acknowledgement.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (April 11, 2018)

Motion: THAT the minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on December 5, 2018 be approved. (*Refer to Attachment 1*)

Note: minutes could not be approved as quorum was not met. Minutes will be brought forward to the next Faculty Council meeting on April 10, 2019.

2. Report of the Dean (Richard Sommer)

The Dean provides an overview of the Provincial Government's recently announced 10% cut to domestic tuitions, along with changes to policies on student financial aid. The University is now looking at changes to the subsidies offered to domestic students and/or changes to the tuition policy and financial aid. The Daniels Faculty was expecting this change and has accounted for it within our financial planning. We do not expect to experience a significant loss, but we will have to make some cuts. We recently received a \$6 million gift from Mr. and Mrs. Daniels for student financial aid, and we continue to work on fundraising.

The Dean provides an update on the ongoing consultations on the proposal to dissolve the Faculty of Forestry and bring those programs into the Daniels Faculty. Currently, representatives of our various programs are holding meetings with Forestry faculty members to discuss potential for amalgamation. Additionally, staff and student representative groups from both Faculties are in

conversation. If these discussions go well, the Provost would like to bring this proposal through governance in April for consideration.

The Dean welcomes new faculty members, including Alstan Jakubiec, Tei Carpenter, and Jesse LeCavelier.

The Dean notes that there are four ongoing faculty searches, including a history-theory search, a history-theory with focus on housing search, a teaching stream search in architectural design, and a search in digital architecture. The visits for these searches will happen over the next few weeks. The Dean encourages Council members to attend the upcoming job talks.

The Dean notes that there are a number of curricular processes moving forward (to be outlined in the Curriculum Committee Report). Additionally, the public programming is going well this term. The Urban IQ Test was recently held, and the Faculty is convening a committee to discuss public programming for next year.

The Dean notes the Master of Architecture accreditation visit is approaching, to be held March 16 – 20.

Liat Margolis asks about the status of the PhD program. The Dean notes that the program is still awaiting approval from the provincial government, as is every other proposed program. We are hopeful that it will be approved in the coming months.

Andrea Kristof asks about the size of the Forestry Faculty. The Dean notes it includes 5 faculty members and 112 graduate students (including 40 PhD students). The proposal is to move the Forestry Faculty as-is. Didier Pomerleau notes there are 122 undergraduate students, but the undergraduate programs are housed in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Charles Stankievec asks what will happen at the end of the ongoing 120-day consultation period. The Dean notes that this has been a matter of discussion with the Provost, as this process is being led by the Provost. After the current discussions faculty are engaged in, the Dean would like our broader Faculty to have one or more discussions. The degree to which this is a procedural vote within our Faculty Council is still to be determined with the Provost. The Dean notes that he will be acting on the will of our faculty. The Dean notes the Forestry faculty have already voted in support of joining the Daniels Faculty. Tye Farrow asks if Faculty Council has any power in this situation. Tye also suggests that the results and feedbacks of the smaller consultation meetings be brought to Faculty Council for discussion, and then can be reported to the Provost's Office. Didier notes this is a central university decision through Governing Council. However, this decision will be informed by the consultation process, which will culminate in the April 10th Faculty Council meeting.

3. **Curriculum Committee Report** (*Andrea McGee and Kate Nelischer, in Robert Levit's absence*)

Andrea notes the Curriculum Committee recently met to discuss housekeeping items for the graduate programs. This included a motion that passed to change the MLA elective course series numbers to allow for future PhD students to potentially take these courses for credit (pending approval from their supervisors). Additionally, the 2000 series courses were removed from the academic calendar. Additional MVS course codes were brought forward so they can appear next year. Five courses in the ALA series for the Post-Professional programs were approved (following the Major Modification in 2018).

Kate Nelischer notes that the Curriculum Committee also discussed the proposed Major Modification proposal for the Master of Architecture program, which is presented at this Faculty

Council meeting for a first reading. The Dean notes that this change is a priority as nearly all competitor programs are three years in length, which is beneficial to students. Additionally, shortening the program would provide opportunities to coordinate with the 3-year MLA program.

4. GALDSU Report (*Written report submitted*)

5. AVSSU Report (*Flora Yin*)

Flora Yin provides a summary of recent events, including WinterFest. AVSSU recently opened the Design Challenge for the first year, focused on the Borden Building. The Formal is coming up this Friday, February 15 at the Gladstone Hotel.

Joshua Humphrey notes that the City-Building Expo will be held on March 2, with support from the OPPI and co-hosted by Ryerson SURP. This will include a keynote presentation from Mark Sterling. Andrea McGee notes that both GALDSU and AVSSU are collaborating on the Expo.

6. Admissions Committee Report (*Laura Miller*)

Written report submitted.

Andrea McGee notes that admissions are ongoing for undergraduate and graduate programs. Andrea thanks faculty for their contributions.

Andrea introduces Jeffrey Little, the Faculty's new Admissions Officer.

7. Awards Committee Report (*Mason White absent*)

Andrea McGee notes that the Awards Committee works throughout the academic year. The applications for summer travel awards were recently opened.

Andrea also introduces Jiffin Abroleda, who is the secretary of the Awards Committee.

8. Research Committee (*Liat Margolis*)

The committee is scheduled to meet at the end of the month. Applications to research grants are steady, and thanks to Research Coordinator Shirley Chan faculty have been very successful. There have been 15 application to tri-council and industry funding. So far 8 have been successful and 6 are awaiting notification. The Committee is collecting the themes of ongoing faculty research with the goal of collating this information and developing a proposal for how to best represent this on our website. Liat encourages new faculty members to contact the Research Office to discuss grant opportunities.

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

The committee has not met and has no business to report.

10. Appeals Committee Report (*Robert Levit*)

The Appeals Committee has not met and has no business to report.

11. Committee on Academic Standing Report (*Robert Levit*)

The Committee on Academic Standing has no business to report.

12. Master of Architecture Program Report (*Shane Williamson sends regrets*)

No business to report.

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

Liat notes that MLA students received 5 of the 27 ASLA awards this year, which is a significant accomplishment. Two special electives are being offered this term. For the first time the program has a Métis instructor teaching a course on Indigenous landscapes. Additionally, Victoria Taylor is offering a course titled "Making for Placemaking."

The OALA makes an annual donation to the MLA program (and also to the University of Guelph). Liat submitted a proposal to the OALA earlier this year to urge them to take action on truth and reconciliation. In response, they have provided a first donation of \$1,000 to support the program in responding to the TRC Calls to Action.

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

Mark Sterling notes that there is a lot of interest in the program this year in terms of admissions, which has now been completed.

15. HBA-AS (*Jeannie Kim sends regrets, written report submitted*)

Please refer to the submitted written report.

16. HBA-VS and MVS (*Charles Stankieveh*)

Charles Stankieveh notes that the program has gone through incredible growth recently, from 30 courses to 60 courses. Some of the new courses are part of Critical Practices, a new degree program.

Charles notes that there is an event to be held by MVS tomorrow night, along with a number of other upcoming events.

17. Post-Professional Programs (*Mason White sends regrets*)

18. PhD (*John Harwood sends regrets*)

19. Other Business

Brian Boigon asks if reports will be provided from the PhD and Post-Professional Programs. The Dean notes that neither program has a lot of business to report. Charles Stankievecch notes that a number of program directors opted not to submit full reports given the recent Council meeting. Andrea McGee notes that the admissions cycle for the Post-Professional program has recently begun.

Adjournment

Moved by Andrea McGee
Seconded by Liat Margolis
Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.

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 Planning and Governance (*Council Secretary*)