

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES
FACULTY COUNCIL**

These minutes have been approved.

A regular meeting of Faculty Council was held at 11:30 am, Tuesday, November 27, 2018, in room B400, Killam Library Building.

Present: V. Chappe, , E. Denovan-Wright, A. Donaldson, H. El Naggar, K. Fierlbeck, F. Grosse, D. Groulx (chair), , P. Kienesberger (remote), A. Kirk (secretary), M. Ladouceur, M. Leonard, K. Lowe, M. McAllister, H. Niu, S. Parcell, L. Robinson, P. Tyedmers,

Regrets:, Y. Anini, S. Boe, T. Currie, L. Cutmore, N. Hamdan, A. Iftene, H. MacFadyen, J. Patel, J. Sheng, E. Wunker

FC 18.19.20 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

It was moved by M. McAllister, seconded by F. Grosse: that Faculty Council approve the agenda for November 27, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried.

FC 18.19.21 Approval of the Minutes of previous Faculty Council meeting

It was moved by E. Denovan-Wright, seconded by S. Parcell: that Faculty Council approve the minutes from October 23, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried.

FC 18.19.22 Matters Arising

None.

FC 18.19.23 Reports

Dean (M. Leonard)

There is a university strategic direction on increasing research students, including talk of doubling the number of our PhD students within five years. I'll be doing significant research on this type of growth and if it's feasible, including how will it impact resources and considering international students to ensure they have resources and support to succeed. I intended to push for a needs assessment on this topic, and will report back.

Associate Dean (A. Donaldson)

As a result of the last APCC meeting, an approved minor modification to the Clinical Psychology PhD program, replacing the current core course requirement of PSYO 6208 (Clinical Neuropsychology) with the choice of either PSYO6208 or PSYO 6804, a special topics course in Neuropsychology. This will move forward to SAPRC.

Also as a result of the last APCC meeting, an approved minor modification name change from the current MSc in Community Health and Epidemiology to proposed name: MSc in Epidemiology and Applied Health Research. This will move forward to SAPRC.

In the scholarship portfolio, the NSERC's have been reviewed, CIHR has been direct submitted to them, and the review committees will assess the SSHRC doctorals in December. We also

continue to engage with the community (faculties and departments) on the harmonization process.

Of interest, there is a lecture series launching out of the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Senate hosting a speaker series on how we recognize and assess different forms of scholarship within academia. The first is on November 30th.

Associate Dean (E. Denovan-Wright)

An item that resulted from the Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Administrators (CAPA) was that tri-council is mobilizing to do more online professional development for senior grad students and postdocs. These offerings are not meant to replace what we already do at individual universities, but it will be highly complementary for these scholars, during time that is convenient for them. It will also be recognized as part of their independent development plans.

PDF Report (F. Grosse)

PDF Research Day was on November 2nd as a half day event. Two awards were given for best poster and best talk. We had invited speakers (one young faculty, one from NS Power representing the public sector, and one from BIO representing the government sector) and roundtables. Representative from the copyright office, the Centre for Learning & Teaching and Mitacs were all present and well received. Took feedback surveys, most of it appears positive.

DAGS (K. Lowe)

Kaitlynnne reported that she recently attend CAGS which was a great opportunity to connect with student leaders and resources. Some of the topics to be addressed in the coming year are integrated/student-centered programming, progress reports on institutions as they make progress toward Indigenous strategies, a repository of professional development opportunities, and national best practices in graduate student supervision.

We've held DAGS elections and the new VP Academic is Adebayo Majekolagbe, and two new directors were also appointed.

The Grad House is finally being closed out and as of the end of December DAGS will have fully vacated.

We're also working on programming for a winter new-student orientation.

FC 18.19.24 Faculty Council Terms of Reference

Continuing the discussion around the Chair of Faculty Council from prior meetings, given the ToR will be due to be reviewed/updated in June 2019, discussion on this matter will be deferred to that time. In the short term, a renewed call will go out for Chair.

Vacancies remain in some Faculty Council sub-committees. H. Niu agreed to sit on APCC in the short term, and A. Donaldson noted that a DAGS representative may be valuable as well. K. Lowe will report back on a possible student to fill that last vacancy, which does not need to be someone from Faculty Council.

The following members volunteered to sit on the Governance sub-committee: P. Tyedmers, K. Fierlbeck, H. El Naggar, K. Lowe.

FC 18.19.25 Physiology & Biophysics Review (Update)

A written update was submitted by Alexander Quinn on behalf of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics as requested by Council following their 2017 review. A. Donaldson noted that the update indicates the department has taken action to address our key concerns as a result of the review. The group agreed that the update meets our needs, and this review cycle for Physiology & Biophysics is now closed.

FC 18.19.26 PSAC Bargaining Update (M. Shinyei)

M. Shinyei attended Faculty Council representing Academic Staff Relations. She reported that we've been served notice to bargain, so they are trying to do a bit of consultation as we prepare. Communication was sent from her to Deans and Assoc. Dean, which Dean Leonard will forward to this group, seeking input or feedback. M. Shinyei encouraged members to have conversations with their colleagues and encourage them to provide feedback.

There was a brief conversation and questions around parental leave, union dues and minimum salaries.

FC 18.19.27 Presentation: Student Health & Wellness (H. Ling and R. Poley)

Raquel Poley provided a presentation and overview of what services the Student Health & Wellness Centre offers to students, including physicians, nurses, counselors, psychologists, social workers and access to psychiatrists when needed. Counselors offer services on a walk-in basis but also arrange for ongoing treatment when needed, and there are also group offerings in the areas of anxiety, eating disorders, mood regulation, etc. The social workers, which is the area for Raquel Poley and Hazel Ling, do resource navigation for students who require assistance navigating the options available. They work to ensure an communication as appropriate between the Centre and the departmental contacts

There was some conversation around the need of graduate student centric support, noting the unique needs of graduate students. H. Ling noted there are simply not enough resources to offer a separate line of services for graduate students, but they strive to treat every situation with care and understand unique needs of the students. M. Leonard noted this is an ongoing conversation, and there are likely several ways to approach it (peer mentoring, faculty/department-embedded counselors, etc). She also noted there is ongoing collaboration between FGS and Student Services on this important issue.

FC 18.19.28 Other Business

None.

FC 18.19.29 Next meeting – Tuesday December 18, 2018 in the Lord Dalhousie Room, Henry Hicks.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02