

**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, March 27, 2018, in the Lord Dalhousie Room, Henry Hicks Building.

**Present:** V. Chappe, T. Currie, E. Denovan-Wright, A. Donaldson, M. Durier-Copp, P. Gardiner-Barber, D. Groulx, L. Guibault, D. Iron, B. Johnston, E. Joubert, B. Karten, A. Kirk (Secretary), M. Lee, M. Leonard, M. Macdonald, R. Manett, L. McGarrigle, H. Niu, S. Parcell, M. Pegg, L. Robinson, V. Simedoh, S. Stone, S. Wells, M. Yuksel

**Regrets:** J. Blustein, S. Boe, P. Duinker, J. Gahagan, H. MacFadyen

**FC 17.18.62 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

**It was moved by M. Durier-Copp, seconded by M. Macdonald, to approve the Faculty Council agenda for March 27, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried.**

**FC 17.18.63 Approval of the Minutes of previous Faculty Council meeting**

**It was moved by S. Parcell, seconded by L. Guibault to approve the minutes from February 27, 2018 as circulated. The motion carried.**

**FC 17.18.64 Matters Arising**

None

**FC 17.18.65 Reports**

**i) Dean (Marty Leonard)**

The 3-Minute Thesis competition was a success, with over 250 people in attendance at the finals.

Application fees are being raised from \$100 to \$115. This has been communicated in weekly newsletter. The increased funds will provide additional support for PhD defence external examiners and student travel grants.

**ii) Associate Dean (Adam Donaldson)**

Internal reviews for scholarships are finished, announcements to go out April 1.

Three Donald Hill Family fellowships were created this year in the areas of Medicine, Computer Science and Arts and Social Sciences. Three offers have been made. Two have been accepted and confirmation is being awaited on the third.

Eight nominees for the Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships were received, with two moving forward to interview in Montreal.

At APCC, a minor modification to PhD in Chemistry was approved, as was a major modification to the MA in Economics and the MDE. Both modifications are moving on to SAPRC.

A guideline document for new course proposals will be up on the FGS website soon, making clearer what information is required for the submission and approval process.

**iii) Associate Dean (E. Denovan-Wright)**

Information sessions on PhD defences, thesis preparation and submission, and copyright issues are being held.

**iv) PDF Report (L. McGarrigle)**

Research Day plans for October are in the works. The theme this year will be non-traditional career paths for postdoctoral fellows.

**v) DAGS (R. Manett)**

Travel grants and special funding grants have gone out.

The DAGS Annual General Meeting is being held on Thursday March 29th on Sexton campus. Elections will follow in April.

**FC 17.18.66 Program Review: Fountain School (E. Joubert, J. Gantar, J. M. Lee)**

Faculty Council Vice-Chair D. Groulx assumed the Chair for consideration of this report.

E. Joubert commented that it's an exciting time at the Fountain school, although the lack of a concert hall limits their ability to add other grad programs. The upcoming expansion to the Arts Centre, including a new recital hall will be a significant improvement. In light of recommendations on recruitment, the program is targeting Europe and relationships are being cultivated with European universities. Graduate stipend funds have been well managed and three three Fountain fellowships were offered this year (as opposed to two in previous years).

A. Donaldson raised the possibility of coordinating with IDPhD program. E. Joubert noted that there is an applicant in film studies who may be suitable for this program, as is another current MA student. L. Robinson offered to come to the School and speak about the program if it would be helpful.

There was some discussion regarding the physical state of the building that houses the Fountain School. While the expansion should help alleviate some issues (access to a modernized recital hall, for example), if they were looking to modernize the entire space it would be cheaper to demolish and build a new building. J. Gantar noted that the Fountain School shares the Dalhousie Arts Centre building with the Arts Centre per se and therefore it does not control all space there.

A. Donaldson expressed his hope that the space issues can be addressed, noting quality of applicants and students is high.

**It was moved by M. Lee, seconded by M. Durier-Copp, that Faculty Council rate the graduate program in Musicology as Satisfactory with no follow-up required. The motion carried.**

**FC 17.18.67 Program Review: MBA Financial Services (B. Aubert, D. Shaw, M. Durier-Copp, A. Cochrane)**

D. Shaw noted the timing of the review was welcome and generally aligned with the internal directions being taken by the Rowe School of Business.

B. Aubert agreed with the reports' recommendations around programs operating in isolation, and the need for a strategic approach. The Rowe School will endeavor to have one MBA, with a multiple entry pathways which will facilitate better collaboration and use of resources.

M. Durier-Copp added that the blended online program (which is accredited) has been successful, with over 1000 grads across country since its inception 20 years ago. It was noted that a more creative approach needs developed to solicit feedback from distance students, which was evident in the report and the amount of feedback received. It was also noted that the continuing overload teaching model has been phased out.

A. Donaldson confirmed that APCC will be working with the Rowe School toward a major modification of the MBA programs over the next year. Faculty Council/APCC rules of operation would not see that modified program return to Council; instead it would move forward directly to SAPRC.

Based on the knowledge that a major modification will be forthcoming, it was agreed that Council was supportive of the effort but (despite the APCC/SAPRC pathway) would like to be informed of the progress toward these changes.

**It was moved by A. Donaldson, seconded by E. Denovan-Wright, that Faculty Council rate the MBA Financial Services program as Satisfactory with follow-up required in 12 months. The motion carried.**

**FC 17.18.68 New Program Proposal: MSc in Business (A. Donaldson)**

A. Donaldson presented information on the proposed thesis based Master's program in Business, noting Dalhousie is one of the few U15 to not have it (or a PhD program in Management). The MSc will consist of four separate streams, three being more closely connected and the fourth, the financial stream, being a bit more independent. There were no concerns regarding supervision capacity, and there has been active consideration of faculty workload and how appropriate research efforts would mesh. The financial stream is has raised some concern about library resources to support it. A letter confirming support from Dalhousie Libraries will be solicited before the proposal goes on to SAPRC.

**It was moved by A. Donaldson on behalf of APCC that Faculty Council approve the Program Proposal for the MSc in Business and recommend it proceed to SAPRC for consideration. The motion carried.**

**FC 17.18.69 Other Business**

M. Lee provided an update on the establishment of the new Faculty Council structure to begin September 2018. Updated governance documents will be circulated within the next week or two, feedback will be incorporated and documents will be circulated again prior to the April meeting for any last feedback. Faculty Council will approve the governance changes and, if appropriate, forward same to the full Faculty of Graduate Studies annual meeting in May.

**FC 17.18.70 Next meeting – Tuesday April 24, 2018 in Lord Dalhousie Room**

The meeting adjourned at 12:56p.m.