

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

Faculty Council Notes

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

4 pm

As quorum was not reached, no motions could be discussed. **Present:** L. Beck (secretary),

Observers:

Regrets:.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

2. Approval of the October 1 Minutes.

3. Report from the Chair.

The chair stated he had no report to give. He prefers to give updates at senate where there are more people to hear it.

4. Report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Council's Purpose

The chair introduced the by-law revisions, as well as the ad hoc committee's work on revising them and their consulting of colleagues over the last few months. If members approve of these changes, the next step involves bringing them to the Board of Regents. After a brief discussion, and some light wordsmithing, members present generally agreed that the revised by-laws could be put before members in a ballot vote. The secretary will arrange a mail ballot on the revisions based on discussion at this meeting in December.

5. Discussion on Police Presence at Campus Events

D. Thomas outlined a situation that arose during a guest lecture that he had organized on campus where plainclothes police made an appearance and attempted to intimidate his guest speaker. He raised concerns about academic freedom, police surveillance, and the willingness in the future of guest speakers to contribute to events and asked how we can make the campus safe for everyone, including activists. Members present voiced concern on a number of issues, including whether the university has policies about police presence. A rich discussion ensued.

6. Other Business.

None raised.

7. Adjournment. 5:13 pm.