

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

Faculty Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

4 pm

The Windsor Grand Room

Present: L. Beck (secretary), K. Bell, P. Berry, A. Beverley, J-P. Boudreau (chair), C. Brett, A. Cannon, A. Cockshutt, J. Devine, J. Dryden, N. Farooqi, C. Forstall, M. Fox, S. Garrett, J. Gillis, L. Hamilton, R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, K. Johnston, D. Keeping, L. Kern, M. Litvak, L. Michaelis, R. Moser, A. Nurse, J. Ollerhead, S. Runge, L. Shumka, E. Steuter, E. Stregger, J. Tomes, L. Wasylikiw.

Observers: S. Unger (MASU).

Regrets: E. Millar, V. St-Pierre.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion: that members approve the agenda (N. Farooqi/C. Ionescu).

Carried.

2. Member introductions.

Members present introduced themselves.

3. Report from the Chair.

The chair commented on a number of initiatives and accomplishments across campus and thanked senior administrators for their role in recruiting this incoming class, and members for their programme building. He inquired with members about what sort of support faculties and programmes need for teaching and research that cross traditional faculties and programmes, and how deans can support our mission better and more productively. The discussion alighted upon the dean's role and how this position could better support faculty in light of its administrative burdens and areas where programme growth would be enhanced by the presence of a dean, for instance in commerce. The dean of Arts observed that the present decanal system is not working well in the Faculty of Arts and expressed his wish to revisit this topic and to undertake broader consultation at the departmental level.

4. Report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on FC's Purpose and Mission.

The committee shared its findings and commented on possible ways that the university's by-laws should be updated. A lively discussion ensued and resulted in general agreement that Faculty Council should seek to update the by-laws' language so that they are gender inclusive, accurately reflect present practices and policies in place at the institution, and incorporate revisions to how the body is chaired and how often it meets. Members workshopped a motion requesting that the committee return to the November meeting of this body to present a report as well as a draft of the revised by-laws, after which a vote of the membership by ballot will ensue, with the

aim of sending member-approved revisions to the by-laws to the February 2020 meeting of the Board of Regents for approval.

Motion: that the Ad-Hoc Committee on FC's Purpose and Mission prepare a report with recommended changes to the by-laws concerning its purpose and mission and present the report to FC at its November meeting (L. Michaelis/A. Nurse).

Carried.

5. Other Business.

J. Ollerhead thanked members in advance for efforts to make this year's open house a successful event.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 17:28.