

NOTICE OF MEETING

46th Meeting of Faculty Council

Thursday May 14, 2015

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda
2. Chair's Remarks
3. Minutes of the **April 9, 2015**, meeting1
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Dean's Report to Council
6. Question Period
7. Reports of Standing Committees of Council
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 - b. Research Policy and Planning
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8. Other Business: Motion to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance.....11

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
LA&PS Faculty Council**

Senate Chamber
Minutes of the 45th Meeting of Council
April 9, 2015
#150409

Attendance: T. Abdullah, N. Adelson, M. Adriaen, P. Angermeyer, S. Ariyaratnam, C. Arlia, L. Armenio, J. Avery, J. Berland, A. Bickford, K. Birch, K. Bird, K. Blake, I. Boran, R. Coombe, T. Das Gupta, M. Derayeh, N. Dhillon, Z. DiFranco, S. Dimock, K. Dowler, J. Edmondson, S. Embleton, L. Erwin, P. Evans, I. Ferrara, N. Fesharaki, R. Fisher, W. Giles, D. Gobert, R. Grinspun, R. Habib, B. Heron, Z. Hirji, T. Hwong, A. Hypolite, P. Jacques, M. Joshi-Vijayan, J. Kainer, M. Keall, R. Kenedy, A. Khandwala, K. Kincaid, S. Kwon, R. Latham, D. Leyton-Brown, T. Macias, I. Mahmud, T. Maley, J. Marcus, M. Martel, J. McMurtry, D. McNally, K. McPherson, A. Medovarski, D. Mutimer, R. Myers, L. Myrie, P. Ng, D. Ndlovu, V. Olender, D. Reed, R. Roth, R. Saunders, D. Scheffel-Dunand, A. Schrauwers, J. Simeon, J. Spencer, D. Spokiene, B. Spotton Visano, G. Spraakman, S. Tufts, S. Tweyman, A. Valeo, P. Walsh, J. Wang, L. Weir, A. Weiss, R. Wellen, C. Wilkin, E. Winslow, P. Wood, D. Woody, M-P. Zito

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Chair of Council called the meeting to order.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

2. Chair of Council's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 45th meeting of Faculty Council.

3. Minutes of the January 29, 2015, Meeting

A comment was made that the minutes of the January 29, 2015, meeting were incomplete. A brief discussion regarding university practices on minute-taking took place.

The Chair stated that the Executive Committee will take the opinions of colleagues into consideration to determine the revised wording. It

was then moved to table the minutes for the next Faculty Council meeting.

4. Minutes of the March 23, 2015, Special Meeting

A request was made to add the word "two-thirds" in relation to the majority vote that took place in favour of appealing the Chair's ruling.

The Chair stated that she will review the notes from the meeting and the minutes will be amended, if necessary.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

A member of Council put forward a notice of motion to add the following item to the May 14, 2015, Faculty Council meeting agenda: "A Working Group/Task Force be established by LAPS Council members to recommend changes to LAPS rules, procedures and practices that would strengthen collegial governance."

6. Dean's Remarks

The Dean's remarks focused on a series of administrative decisions that have been made recently, which included cancelling the hiring of CLAs, as well as support staff, and enforcing minimum enrolment standards at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to name a few.

7. Question Period

Members proposed questions related to the estimated savings as a result of a reduction in tutorials and how the Faculty deficit is calculated.

8. Reports of Standing Committees of Council

a) Executive

The Vice Chair announced that the floor is now open to put forward nominations to fill vacancies on Senate and Standing Committees of Council. Nominations will close on the floor of the May 14, 2015, Faculty Council meeting.

The Vice Chair also noted that the new Committee on Teaching and Learning and Student Success will be in effect as of July 1, 2015.

b) Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards

The Chair called upon Professor A. Weiss as Chair of the Committee to deliver the report.

A.Weiss outlined the items in the Consent Agenda. There were no objections and it was, therefore, passed.

c) Academic Policy and Planning

The Chair called upon Professor T. Hwong as Chair of the Committee to deliver the report.

T. Hwong provided a brief update on the two-page document summarizing the APPC conversations.

d) Teaching and Learning

The Chair called upon Professor R. Roth as Chair of the Committee to deliver the report.

R. Roth provided an update on the unit and faculty websites, as well as the decline in Teaching Award nominations this year, which resulted in an extended deadline to April 30, 2015.

e) SCOLAPS Update

The Chair called upon S. Ariyaratnam as Chair of SCOLAPS to deliver the report.

S. Ariyaratnam updated Council members on the growth of SCOLAPS since its inception in 2009 and outlined the professional networking opportunities that have been provided to LA&PS students.

9. Special Presentation: Rhonda Lenton, Vice President Academic & Provost

The Provost provided an update on the decanal search, and stated that the candidate has been selected, but will be announced shortly. Other items discussed included strike remediation, the impact of the labour disruption, and the budget model.

Members of Council asked questions related to the budget model and the Provost responded accordingly.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned.

A. MacLennan, Chair of Council

C. Arlia, Secretary of Council

Executive Committee Report to Council

Report 1
April 2015

ITEMS FOR ACTION (2)

1. Council Standing Committees

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election to Council Standing Committees effective July 1, 2015. Nominations are also accepted from the floor of Council. A final approval for the slate of nominees is given by Council on a motion that nominations be closed, as moved by the Vice-Chair of Council.

The nomination period, which ran from April 9 – May 14, sought to fill 34 vacancies on Council Standing Committees for the 2015-16 academic year.

An election (e-vote) will be held for those committees for which there are a greater number of nominees than vacancies, or multiple nominees from the same academic unit. An announcement regarding the e-vote will be issued following the meeting of Council. For all other committees in which the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies, those who have been nominated for election will be acclaimed to the respective committee.

Attached is the academic departments/schools represented on the Committees of Council documentation.

We would like to thank all the Chairs and Directors for their support throughout this process.

Faculty Council Nominees for 2015-16 are as follows:

Executive Committee (two vacancies)

Nominations

Annette Louise Bickford, Department of Social Science

Kean Birch, Department of Social Science

James Sheptycki, Department of Social Science

Continuing Members:

Ali Asgary, *School of Administrative Studies*

Ida Ferrara, *Department of Economics*

Susan Ingram, *Department of Humanities*

Robert Kenedy, *Department of Sociology*

Gerard Naddaf, *Department of Philosophy*

Academic Policy and Planning Committee (three vacancies, at least one from the Social Science area)

Nominations

Annette Louise Bickford, Department of Social Science
Merle Jacobs, Department of Equity Studies
Sean Kheraj, Department of History
David Szablowski, Department of Social Science

Continuing Members:

Kym Bird, Department of Humanities
Susan Dimock, Department of Philosophy
Christopher Innes, Department of English
Mustafa Karakul, School of Administrative Studies

Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards Committee (three vacancies)

Nominations

Roberta Iannacito-Provenzano, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics
Peter Khaiteh, School of Information Technology
Mona Oikawa, Department of Equity Studies
Christian Marjollet, Department of French Studies
Allan Weiss, Department of English

Continuing Members:

Tokunbo Oio, Department of Communication Studies
Viviana Patroni, Department of Social Sciences
Adriano Solis, School of Administrative Studies
Robert Tordoff, Department of Humanities

Tenure and Promotions Committee (nine vacancies)

Nominations

Steve Bailey, Department of Humanities
David Goldstein, Department of English
Teresa Macias, School of Social Work
Nick Mulé, School of Social Work
Andrey Stoyanov, Department of Economics
Jing Wang, School of Human Resources Management

Continuing Members:

Alison Bain, *Department of Geography*
Daniel Cohn, *School of Public Policy and Administration*
Rosemary Coombe, *Department of Anthropology*
Eric Mykhalovskiy, *Department of Sociology*
Ingrid Splettstoesser, *School of Administrative Studies*
Jeremy Trevett, *Department of History*

Committee on Research Policy and Planning (six vacancies, at least one from the Professional Studies area)

Nominations:

Jody Berland, Department of Humanities
Simone Bohn, Department of Political Science
Wenona Giles, Department of Anthropology
Peter Khaiteer, School of Information Technology
Maria Liegghio, School of Social Work
Chris Robinson, School of Administrative Studies
Laura Salisbury, Department of Economics
Jelena Zikic, School of Human Resources Management

Continuing Members:

Mark Hayward, *Department of Communication Studies*
Muhammad Ali Khalidi, *Department of Philosophy*
Geoff Lawrence, *Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics*

Committee on Student Academic Petitions (eleven vacancies)

Nominations:

Amelie Barras, Department of Social Science
Sarah Blake, Department of Humanities
Cheryl Cowdy, Department of Humanities
Caroline Hossein, Department of Social Science
Thaddeus Hwong, School of Administrative Studies
Ann Kim, Department of Sociology
Anita Lam, Department of Social Science
Chris Robinson, School of Administrative Studies
Margaret Schotte, Department of History
Andrei Semenov, Department of Economics

Continuing Members:

Sirvan Karimi, *School of Public Policy and Administration*
David Koffman, *Department of History*
Alice MacLachlan, *Department of Philosophy*
Sarah Maiter, *School of Social Work*
Merouan Mekouar, *Department of Social Science*

2. Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Representatives on Senate

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election as Liberal Arts & Professional Studies faculty representatives on Senate effective July 1, 2015. Nominations are also accepted from the floor of Council. A final approval for the slate of nominees is given by Council on a motion that nominations be closed as moved by the Vice-Chair of Council.

Meetings of Senate for the 2015-16 year, as well as agendas and related materials, may be accessed through their website at: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/meetings.htm>.

Membership (40):

- 21 Academic Chairs & Directors (LA&PS Schools/Departments)
 - Chair of Faculty Council
 - 16 Full-time Faculty members Elected at-large
 - 2 Contract Faculty Members Elected at-large each September
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Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Full-time Faculty Representatives on Senate (8 vacancies)

Nominations:

Kean Birch, Department of Social Science
Kym Bird, Department of Humanities
Ida Ferrara, Department of Economics
Luin Goldring, Department of Sociology
Ricardo Grinspun, Department of Economics
Merle Jacobs, Department of Equity Studies
Thaddeus Hwong, School of Administrative Studies
Peter Khaiteer, School of Information Technology
David Leyton-Brown, Department of Political Science
Annette Louise Bickford, Department of Social Science
Merouan Mekouar, Department of Social Science
Anna Pratt, Department of Social Science
Leslie Sanders, Department of Humanities
Sonya Scott, Department of Social Science

James Sheptycki, Department of Social Science

Continuing Members:

Heather Campbell, *Department of English*

Susan Dimock, *Department of Philosophy*

Susan Ehrlich, *Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics*

Craig Heron, *Department of History*

Mustafa Karakul, *School of Administrative Studies*

Bernard Lightman, *Department of Humanities*

Gail Vanstone, *Department of Humanities*

Lorna Weir, *Department of Sociology*

**Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Representatives on Senate: Honorary Degrees
Committee (one vacancy)**

Nominations:

Caroline Hossein, Department of Social Science

David Goldstein, Department of English

Appendix B

**Academic Departments/Schools Representation on Council Committees
2015-2016 Continuing Members**

Department/School	faculty			Continuing Members			Nominations	
		#		#	%		#	%
Administrative Studies		56		4	7.1%		3	5.4%
Anthropology		22		1	4.5%		1	4.5%
Communication Studies		14		2	14.3%		0	0.0%
Economics		45		1	2.2%		3	6.7%
English		39		1	2.6%		2	5.1%
Equity Studies		12		0	0.0%		2	16.7%
French Studies		18		0	0.0%		1	5.6%
Geography		23		1	4.3%		0	0.0%
Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies		12		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
History		42		2	4.8%		2	4.8%
Humanities		60		3	5.0%		4	6.7%
Human Resources Management		16		0	0.0%		2	12.5%
Information Technology		11		0	0.0%		2	18.2%
Languages, Literatures, & Linguistics		50		1	2.0%		1	2.0%
Philosophy		25		4	16.0%		0	0.0%
Political Science		49		0	0.0%		1	2.0%
Public Policy and Administration		12		2	16.7%		0	0.0%
Social Science		54		2	3.7%		8	14.8%
Social Work		22		1	4.5%		3	13.6%
Sociology		47		2	4.3%		1	2.1%
Writing		10		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
		639		27			36	

Note: Highlighted above are those Units which will have less than 5% of the Department/School represented on Standing Committees of Council effective July 1, 2015, if nominations from them are not received. Teaching Assistant's not included in the number above.

Committee of Student Academic Petitions Report to Council

May 2015

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

Faculty Level Petitions and Appeals Activity

The following is a breakdown of petitions processed and adjudicated by the Committee on Student Academic Petitions from July 1, 2014 to April 13, 2015. A full report on the total number of petitions will be made at the September meeting of Faculty Council.

Number of total student academic petitions/appeals processed:

2576 petitions + 125 appeals = 2701 files considered

Breakdown of Student Academic Petitions/Appeals, selected categories:

	PETITIONS			APPEALS		
	APPROVED	NOT APPROVED	TOTAL	APPROVED	NOT APPROVED	TOTAL
Late/Re-Enrolment						
Enrol in Course(s) After the Faculty Deadline/ Re-Enrol in Course(s) After the Faculty Deadline	55	0	55	0	0	0
Late Withdrawal						
Drop Course(s) After Faculty Deadline	996	448	1444	22	43	65
Repeat						
Waiver of legislation restricting students to repeating a course once only for degree credit	0	18	18	0	1	1
Overload						
Course Overload	21	8	29	0	0	0
Deferred Standing						
Deferred Standing (Final Exam or term work)	85	44	129	2	5	7

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Extension of Deferred Standing	108	46	154	7	5	12
Letter of Permission						
Credit for Course(s) Taken Elsewhere Without LOP	7	2	9	0	1	1
Pass/Fail Option						
Waiver of deadline for submitting a pass/fail option application	0	1	1	0	0	0
Waiver						
Request For Waiver of Required Withdrawal and Request For Waiver of Required Debarment	120	191	311	9	13	22
Waiver of Degree/Program (elective, Gen Ed, major, upper-level, GPA etc) Requirements	20	15	35	1	2	3
Take additional credits in attempt to upgrade GPA and graduate 90-credit degree	77	19	96	1	2	3
Waive Honours Standing Regulations - take additional credits in attempt to upgrade GPA and graduate 120-credit degree)	121	45	166	6	2	8
Cancelled Files			125			3
Other petitions	2	2	4	0	0	0
Totals			2576			125

The Council of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS) moves to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Governance of LA&PS ('the Committee'). The Committee shall recommend to Council how best to strengthen democratic, inclusive, accountable and collegial governance of the Faculty.

Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on the Governance of LA&PS

Members of the Council of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS) have recently expressed profound concerns regarding the governance of the Faculty and the University.

Hundreds of faculty signed an open letter to President Shoukri in November 2014 regarding the Academic and Administrative Program Review (AAPR) expressing that "We see this [AAPR] as a fundamentally flawed restructuring process that is inflicting harm and bringing demoralization and disrepute to the university."

Council passed a motion in December 2014, despite attempts to rule the motion out of order, by an overwhelming majority stating it "opposes the use of the AAPR Task Force Report as the basis for any Faculty planning and calls for the re-assertion of collegial governance in academic planning processes."

During the CUPE strike, two motions were passed with an overwhelming majority at a special 23 March meeting, again after attempts to have them ruled out of order by the Chair of Council. The first one stated that

"...Council... calls upon the University to take immediate steps to restore the rights of individual faculty and collegial bodies to make decisions regarding academic integrity and remediation, and to protect all members of the University community from reprisal or intimidation for the exercise of these rights"

and the second one was prefaced by a statement that

"...the partial resumption of classes under present conditions raises grave concerns about our ability as LA&PS Faculty Council to assure our standards will be met."

We are persuaded that the future of the Faculty of LA&PS requires the strengthening of democratic, inclusive, accountable and collegial governance of the Faculty. The proposed Ad Hoc Committee on the Governance of LA&PS ("the Committee") will make recommendations on how best to achieve this through a process of consultation, reflection and study of existing rules, procedures and practices within the Faculty.

The recommendations of the Committee, to be brought for approval of Council, should be in conformity with Senate rules and procedures, and will serve as the basis for change and transformation. These changes will happen at two levels:

- In areas that are the purview of Council, changes will come about through decisions of Council itself.
- In areas beyond the purview of Council, Council will frame recommendations and engage with various stakeholders within the University to promote change.

In a time of transformation that involves challenges for LA&PS such as the new SHARP budget

model and new responsibility for graduate matters, it is most propitious to open a new page in the governance of the Faculty. We expect the recommendations from the Committee will assist Council to work collegially and productively with the new Dean in effecting positive change and working towards more robust collegial governance in the Faculty.

The Committee shall seek to clarify the contribution of existing administrative structures, roles, rules and practices to the democratic, inclusive, accountable and collegial governance of the Faculty, as well as to recommend innovations. In particular it shall consider the role of Departmental and Unit Chairs in the governance of the Faculty, the structure and composition of the Council and its committees, and the selection, appointment, reappointment and evaluation of the Dean and Associate Deans.

The Committee may receive submissions and may undertake inquiries and consultations within and without the University as it sees fit. LA&PS Council asks the administration of the Faculty, including the Dean, Associate Deans, and staff, to assist the Committee in its work, and to provide the Committee in a timely fashion with all information that the Committee deems necessary to execute its mission.

The Committee shall be composed of nine members of the Council who are not the Chair, members of Executive Committee, Dean, or Associate Deans, with at least one member from each of the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Professional Programs, one of whom shall be a contract faculty member. It shall also include one undergraduate and one graduate student from across LA&PS who do not currently serve in an elected capacity in LA&PS Faculty Council or any of its committees.

Election of Committee members shall be by secret ballot of the Council membership, following its normal procedures. There shall be a ten day open nomination period, with candidates submitting a brief statement of their qualifications and interest, followed by a ten day on-line voting period. The nomination and voting process shall be conducted by the Secretary of Council, assisted by the Chair of Council. The elected members of the Committee shall be announced at the next Council meeting. The Secretary of the Council shall be asked to serve as Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee shall first report to Council in the fall 2015. Its final report and recommendations shall be submitted to Council for a vote no later than nine months after its formation, unless an extension is requested from and approved by Council.

The approved recommendations of the Committee shall become policy goals of LA&PS Council. These recommendations shall be advanced for implementation (when they are in the purview of LA&PS Council) or advanced as recommendations to other bodies (when they are not in the purview of Council) by the Chair of Council and its Executive, which will report back to Council on its progress at least once per academic term.

Mover: Terry Maley, Political Science
Second: Lorna Erwin, Sociology