
NOTICE OF MEETING

**51st Meeting of Faculty Council
Thursday January 14, 2016
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Senate Chamber, N940 Ross**

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2015 - 2016 Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Council Meetings are normally on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00pm in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross.

February 11, 2016

March 10, 2016

April 14, 2016

May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

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

Senate Chamber
Minutes of the 50th Meeting of Council
December 3, 2015
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N. Adelson, K. Akere-Azeez, M. Amalathas, M. Anam, R. Arata, J. Avery, J. Berland, K. Birch, E. Brule, P. Carbonel, T. Cohen, R. Coombe, N. Couto, L. Cozzi, A. Davis, Z. Davis, M. Elhawash, P. Evans, I. Ferrara, R. Fisher, M. Frascchetti, R. Gill, R. Grinspun, M. Harper, C. Heron, T. Hwong, R. Iannacito-Provenzano, S. Kazmi, R. Kenedy, M. Khalidi, H. Khan, A. Khandwala, L. Lai, D. Leyton-Brown, T. Loebel, C. Marjollet, M. Martel, J. McMurtry, K. Michasiw, A. Medovarski, J. Michaud, A. Mukherjee-Reed, D. Murray, L. Myrie, D. Ndlov, S. Paskaran, S. Persaud, A. Ramjattan, S. Ranganathan, L. Rebello, D. Reed, C. Robinson, L. Sanders, J. Simeon, D. Skinner, G. Sprakman, L. Stewart, M. Tayyar, S. W. Tufts, J. Vernon, L. Wagner, P. Walsh, A. Weiss, D. Woody, M. P. Zito

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the agenda be approved.

2. Chair of Council's Remarks

The Acting Chair welcomed members to the 50th meeting of Council. As the Council Chair Professor I. Boran is observing UN climate talks in Paris, Vice-Chair Professor T. Hwong is serving as Acting Chair for this Council's meeting, with Professor I. Ferrara as the Acting Vice-Chair. The Acting Chair noted that the Council's meeting will feature a special presentation on Mental Health in addition to long-term service awards for staff members to be presented by the Dean.

As there was no request to move items off of the consent agenda, these items were deemed approved.

3. Special Presentation: Years of Service Awards for Staff (15 years & 20 years)

The following staff members were recognized for their 15 and 20 years of service at York.

15 Years of Service

Suzette Aleung
Shakira Bacchus
Margaret Barreto
Mohamed Fayyaz Bhimani
Tanya Cora
Eugenie Deziel
Orlene Ellis
Catherine Genua
Christine Gooljar
Mavis Griffin
Despina Klinakis
Khanh Le
Karen Rumley
Josie Sansonetti
Jlenya Sarra-DeMeo
Sylvia Waterman-Anderson
Kimberly Wilson

20 Years of Service

Lucia Cozzolino
Karen Dancy
Vidyouti Dhanraj
Barlu Dumbuya
Celita J. Irvin
Pamela Lamb
Ellis Lau
Duane Morris
Regina Pinto
Savitri Ramjattan
Souad Redouane
Jacqueline Selman

4. Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting be approved.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Dean's Report to Council: Further Discussion on LA&PS Financial Planning and Enrolment

Dean Mukherjee-Reed followed up on the Faculty Financial Planning presentation which took place at the last Council's meeting.

She informed the Council that LA & PS is 55 FFTEs below our target of 19,907 for this year, with lower numbers on both 105 domestic and international students. She also pointed out the challenges on financing and transfer credit arrangements faced by students.

On the SHARP budget model, the Dean cautioned that since the model is driven by undergraduate FFTEs there is some concern regarding graduate program support. She noted that the Graduate Studies Advisory Group is looking into this and will submit their preliminary report to her.

In light of the transition to SHARP and enrolment projection, the Dean mentioned that LA & PS needs to plan for complement renewal and develop a budgetary plan for the next three years in light of likely slower growth in FFTEs.

For that purpose, the Dean mentioned that LA & PS will focus on student retention challenges including financial and course registration issues. She stressed the importance of enhancing support, especially by making information on bursaries and scholarships accessible to students.

On planning for the new Markham campus, the Dean commented that the options being considered are either a satellite site or a stand-alone operation. She noted some proposed programs for the initial development, with the governance model yet to be discussed and formalized.

7. Question Period

A comment was made about the correlation between finances and failing, and students who need to resolve financial issues before enrolling in classes. Students cannot get into classes they need due to late enrolment. There is no easy solution for these students as the Registrar's Office requires 2/3 of debt to be paid.

It was noted that international students need more support for retention and graduation.

A question was asked about what professors can do when there are situations that occur because of acts of god. It was noted that questions may be directed to the Associate Dean, Students.

A comment was made about the need to revamp advising. It was noted that a review is underway with the Vice-Provost of Students. Within LA & PS we are looking for ways to move more advisors into departments/schools. A Dean's Advisory Council of Students will be put in place.

It was suggested that more empathy from instructors is needed for those students who work part-time and full-time. It was mentioned that leniency toward exam schedules and when papers are due is needed.

8. Reports of the Standing Committees of Council

a) Tenure and Promotions

The item for information year-end summary 2014-2015 was received.

b) Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Council approve the proposal for major modifications to Italian Studies.

The consent agenda was approved.

c) Teaching, Learning and Student Success

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Council approve the proposal for revision to the Dean's Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

9. Presentation: Advancing a Mentally Healthy Campus - Community Consultation

The presentation prepared by the Mental Health & wellness Steering Committee is available here: <http://laps.yorku.ca/files/2015/04/2015-11-4-MH-Presentation-Consultations.pdf>

Following the presentation a discussion ensued.

Comments were made about the mental health of students around finances, due dates of assignments and exams, and pressures about deadlines.

Members discussed possible ways of assisting students – the use of multiple deadlines as accommodation tool; the use of rewards for those who meet deadlines, as opposed to reducing marks for lateness.

More communication regarding policies and where to direct students is needed. Students need to be aware of workshops and counselling services.

Members also commented upon contract faculty and their mental health related to their precarious employment and their workload.

10. Other Business

There was none.

The meeting adjourned.

T. Hwong, Acting Chair of Council

L Cozzi, Secretary of Council

Committee on Curriculum Policy and Standards
Report to Council

Report 4
December 2015

ITEMS FOR ACTION (2):

The Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards recommends that Council approve the closure of the BA in Italian Culture, effective September 2016.

1. **Proposal for the closure of the BA in Italian Culture**

In recent years, the Italian Culture major, although an interesting and robust degree program according to external reviewers' comments from a recent UPR (2010), has failed to attract the number of majors that would ensure its sustainability. It is for this reason that the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, in the recent AAPR, has insisted upon its closure. The Italian Studies section recognizes that in 2015-16 there are no majors in the program.

The Degree options to be closed include an Honours BA (120 credits) and a BA (90 credits) in Italian Culture and other possibilities such as an Honours Minor, a double major and a major/minor option linked to other programs at York University.

The sunset date for students currently pursuing the program will be seven years.

APPC support for the closure received on December 16, 2015.

THE FULL PROPOSAL IS AVAILABLE BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

The Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards recommends that Council approve the creation of a course rubric in classics (CLST), effective September 2016.

2. Proposal for the creation of a course Rubric in Classics, CLST

The proposal is to establish a distinctive course rubric for Classical Studies courses. All courses receiving the new rubric will keep their existing rubrics and numbers (e.g. HIST 1100, HUMA 1105), but will now be cross-listed to a CLST rubric (e.g. CLST 1100, CLST 1105). The reform is that having a specific Classical Studies rubric will make it clearer to students precisely which courses count towards the Classical Studies degree. At present, the courses are drawn from several units within the Faculty, and therefore have HUMA, HIST, PHIL, and POLS rubrics, depending on the department in which they are offered. A cross-listing with a CLST rubric will make it clear at a glance which HUMA, HIST, PHIL, and POLS courses are also Classical Studies courses.

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Consent Agenda

December 2015

Approved New General Education Course Proposals

AP/WRIT 1703 6.00 Writing Process: Invention, Originality, and Ethics
AP/IT 1070 6.00 Food and Culture in Italy and Beyond
AP/ESL 1015 3.00 Advancing Oral Communication for ESL Students
AP/MODR 1790 6.00 Modes of Reasoning for ESL Students
AP/HUMA1165 9.00 Gods and Humans

Approved Changes to Existing General Education Courses

AP/MODR 1730 6.00 Reasoning About Social Issues
AP/MODR 1760 6.00 Reasoning About Morality and Values
AP/MODR 1770 6.0 Techniques of Persuasion
AP/IT 1751 9.00 Italian Culture: The Great Ideas and the Masterworks
AP/IT 1791 9.00 Migration, Immigration and Beyond: Italians in North America

New Course Proposals:

AP/ANTH 2130 6.00 Anthropology Through the Visual: Images of Resistance/Irresistible Images
AP/HIST 1051 6.0 How We All Become Shoppers
AP/HIST 2150 6.00 Classical Greek and Roman Archaeology: An Introduction
AP/HIST 2250 6.00 Revolutions in the Stars: Science in the Age of Galileo
AP/HIST 2250 3.00 Revolutions in the Stars: Science in the Age of Galileo
AP/HIST 3781 3.00 African Civilizations before Colonialism
AP/HIST 3820 3.00 More Money than God
AP/HIST 3855 3.00 “Bad” Kids: History, Culture, Media, and the Law in Canada and the U.S. Since the 1880s
AP/HIST 4132 6.00 Caesar’s Palace: A Social History of the Roman Imperial Court
AP/HIST 4230 6.00 Technologies of Communication: A History of Reading from the Codex to the Kindle
AP/SOCI 3500 3.00 Public and Privates

Changes to Existing Courses:

AP/ADMS 3360 3.00 Physical Distribution and Transportation
AP/ADMS 4333 3.00 Supply Chain Management
AP/ADMS 4360 3.00 Materials and Inventory Management
AP/ANTH 3410 6.00 Us and Them: Race, Ethnicity, Nation
AP/CLTR 3150 3.00 Doing Culture
AP/ECON 1900 3.00 Microeconomics for Life: Making Smart Choices
AP/ECON 1910 3.00 Macroeconomics for Citizens: Government Hands-Off or Hands-On?

AP/HRM 4475 6.00 Migrants, Work and Society
AP/SOCI 3940 3.00 The Social Life of Science
AP/CH 3800 3.00 Chinese-Canadian Diasporic Literature
AP/JP 3600 3.00 Japanese Popular Culture: manga and anime
AP/JP 3610 3.00 Japanese Popular Culture: beyond manga and anime
AP/POR 1000 6.00 Elementary Portuguese
AP/POR 3000 6.00 Advanced Portuguese
AP/SP 3150 3.00 Spanish Applied Linguistics
AP/SP 2100 3.00 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
AP/SP 4120 3.00 History of the Spanish Language
AP/SP 4130 3.00 Varieties of Spanish Worldwide
AP/SP 4140 3.00 Spanish Sociolinguistics

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A consent agenda item is deemed to be approved unless, prior to the commencement of a meeting, one or more members of Council advises the chair of a request to debate it

Please contact the Secretary to the Committee (apccps@yorku.ca) if you have any questions regarding the changes to existing courses section.