



York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
12th Meeting of Faculty Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

Thursday, October 7, 2010
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Harry Crowe Room, 109 Atkinson

Agenda

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3. Minutes of the **September 16, 2010** meeting.....1
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5. Inquiries
6. Special Presentation: Professor Susan Dimock, Chair of Senate
7. Special Presentation: Peter Salerno, Chair and Bryan Zarnett, Vice-chair
Student Council of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (SCOLAPS)
8. Report of the Dean
9. Report of the Chair of the Council of Masters
10. Report of the Faculty Representative on Senate
11. Question Period
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2010 - 2011 Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Council Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00pm in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross (except for December):

November 11, 2010	February 10, 2011
December 2, 2010*	March 10, 2011
January 13, 2011	April 14, 2011
	May 12, 2011
	June 9, 2011

**The December 2010 meeting of the Faculty Council will be the first Thursday of the month*

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



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

Senate Chamber
Minutes of the 11th Meeting of Council
September 16, 2010
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N. Adelson, J. Allen, C. Ashton, E. Avery, M. Belcourt, K. Bird, M. Blumberg, B. Bradbury, N. Britto, M. Buccheri, V. Caparello, D. Cohn, B. Crow, C. De Fazio, C. Deschamps, M. Dick, S. Dimock, S. Ding, M. Dodman, M.J. Ducharme, J. Edmondson, C. Ehrlich, P. Evans, D. Freake, A. Gekas, G. Ginsberg, B. Gleberzon, B. Heron, M. Hoffman, X. Huang, T. Hwang, H. Jackman, M. Jacobs, M. Karakul, R. Kenedy, A. Kulak, M. Lambert-Drache, F. Latchford, D. Leyton-Brown, B. Lightman, K. Little, J. Liambias-Wolff, L. Lo, P. Lovejoy, B. Luk, D. Lumsden, A. MacLennan, J. Magee, N. Mandell, C. Marjollet, K. Michasiw, H. Moghissi, D. Neill, K. Ogata, R. Ophir, J. Parkinson, J. Pelham, J. Pichini, N. Razack, A. Redding, A. Ricci, P. Salerno, L. Sanders, G. Scardellato, R. Sheese, M. Singer, P. Singh, R. Sinyor, D. Skinner, B. Smith, D. Soennecken, J. Spencer, B. Spotton Visano, G. Spraakman, , S. Tweyman, S. Villani, K. White, D. Woody, B. Zarnett.

Guests: J. Ball, J. Duklas, C. Edgecombe, R. Everett, J. Friskney, A. Gordon, T. Hudson, K. Li, J. Pin, R. Pinnock, P. Olin, K. Skinner.

1. Call to order and approval of agenda

The Chair of Council called the meeting to order.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the agenda be approved.

2. Acting Chair of Council's Remarks

The Chair offered his congratulations to Lesa Cozzi, who gave birth to Alexander Harvey Billingsley on Thursday, July 22, 2010. He

noted that Colin Deschamps as Acting Secretary of Council (assisted by Eric Avery), will be replacing Lesa Cozzi for the 2010-2011 year.

Gary Spraakman will be the Acting Vice-Chair for this meeting.

3. Minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting of Council be approved.

4. Report of the Dean

Dean Singer thanked Carl Ehrlich for his service and leadership as Chair of Council during the inaugural year of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Council.

Dean Singer updated Council on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, which was approved on the June 24, 2010 meeting of Council.

The Dean first updated Faculty Council on full-time faculty hiring. 25 contractually limited appointments have been hired for 2010-2011. The Faculty has also been successful in obtaining approval for 13 new centrally funded tenure-track positions for 2010-2011, of which three will be at the level of associate professor. Advertisements for these positions are now in circulation, with application deadlines ranging from October 15 to November 30. All shortlisted candidates will meet with the Dean. The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies has also been invited to participate in the Dean's interviews with shortlisted candidates. 20 contractually-limited appointments are to be hired for 2011-2012, with the search process to begin once the tenure-track positions have been successfully filled.

Dean Singer spoke to the substantial progress made in the area of staff support. A review of staffing across the Faculty indicated that there was a disproportionate number of support staff in the central administrative units compared to the academic units. Of the 50 staff positions currently filled by temporary staff, 38 will become permanent. Temporary positions will continue until the end of 2010 to allow for an orderly transition.

announced that Denise Mirabelli will be the new Administrative Officer.

5. Question Period

Councilors commended Dean Singer for his leadership of the Faculty and the substantial progress that has been made during LA&PS's first year. In response, the Dean extended the commendation to Chairs/Directors, the Associate Deans, and faculty members with whom he had the privilege of meeting during his official visits in the spring.

A concern was raised with respect to the restricted budget opportunities available to the School of Administrative Studies. It was noted opportunities are available to those academic units that had prepared a strategic vision.

A concern was raised with respect to job closures given that the removal of senior administrators might jeopardize key student services and related historical knowledge.

It was clarified that Associate Dean Kim Michasiw would be acting as a temporary contact for all matters related to experiential education until a coordinator is formally appointed.

A question was raised with respect to advising and student support for ESL programs. The Dean agreed to investigate and report back to Council on this matter.

6. Reports of Standing Committees of Council

6.1 Executive Committee

The report from the Executive Committee was received by Council for consideration and approval.

A motion was made to amend article 1.3 of the Rules and Procedures of Council to the following: "No individual shall serve simultaneously on more than two Council committees with the exception of ex-officio members."

The motion was defeated.

Dean Singer spoke to the 23 support staff job closures across the Faculty since May 2010. No jobs were closed without the approval of the Chair/Director or Manager of the unit. 16 new positions have been created, for which those staff whose jobs were closed have been encouraged to apply. The result of the job closures less the new positions is a net \$1 million in savings to the Faculty.

Enrollments for 2010-2011 are encouraging. There has been an increase of 235 eligible FTEs as well as a significant increase in the number of international enrolments during the Summer semester.

The Vice-President Finance and the Vice-President Academic and Provost are co-chairing a committee to review the budget structure across the University. Currently, the Faculty has been allocated less than 15% of the University budget despite being almost 50% of York. As a one-time temporary relief, the Dean has allocated to all academic departments a 10% increase to their operating budget in order to address budgetary needs.

The Dean also noted that the Associate Deans are spearheading the preparation of nine implementation plans for the Faculty as a result of the approved Strategic Plan. The implementation plans involve: student engagement, the faculty experience, research, programs, internationalization and engagement, faculty complement planning, budget planning, fundraising and alumni, and space planning. These documents will be brought to the Strategic Planning Working Group for discussion and to Council for information in the future.

Associate Dean Barbara Crowe noted that the 2010 external research funding competitions have resulted in the best year historically than the combined antecedent Faculties. York fared well across tri-council grants, non tri-council grants, and fellowships.

Richard Pinnock was introduced as the Director of the Division of Continuing Education; Gary Spraakman was introduced as the temporary Master of New College for 2010-2011; Mauro Buccheri was introduced as the Acting Director of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics for six months. It was also

A discussion ensued. The proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of Council were made with the intent to create opportunity and increase involvement of faculty for the purposes of mentoring and to legitimate a culture where service responsibilities are valued. It was suggested that better incentives could be explored in order to encourage a wider array of faculty members to apply to Council committees. It was noted that the Faculty is following those changes instituted at Senate in the interest of promoting diversity within the Faculty.

A motion was made to amend article 1.5 to stipulate that: "Non-succession does not apply to Faculty Representatives on Senate".

The motion carried.

It was moved, seconded that the question be called.

The motion carried.

It was moved, seconded that Council adopt the proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of Council including the amendment to article 1.5 that non-succession does not apply to Faculty Representatives on Senate.

The motion carried as amended.

6.2 Committee on Student Academic Petitions

Council received as an item for information the year end summary of the Committee on Student Academic Petitions Faculty level petitions and appeals, 2009-2010.

6.3 Committee on Teaching and Learning

Council received as an item for information the year end summary of the Committee on Teaching and Learning Faculty-wide student awards as well as school and departmental awards and prizes, 2009-2010.

Dean Singer remarked that the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching had been referred back to the Committee in order to

clarify the procedures used and rationale for the recommendations.

7. Other Business for Which Due Notice Has Been Given

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Chair of Council be congratulated for his leadership and service to the Faculty during its inaugural year.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the meeting of the Faculty Council be adjourned.

C. Ehrlich, Chair of Council

E. Avery, Manager, Academic Administration
C. Deschamps, Acting Secretary of Council



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ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Status of Moratorium on New Academic Initiatives

In November 2009, the Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) informed Council of a moratorium on new academic initiatives under the context of the development of the Faculty Strategic Plan, which was subsequently approved by Council on June 24, 2010.

Given the approval of the Faculty Strategic Plan, APPC would like to remind academic units that the moratorium on new academic initiatives is no longer in effect. APPC thanks the community for their understanding during the development and consultation phases of the Faculty Strategic Plan, and looks forward to the review of new academic initiatives (degrees, programs, certificates) during the 2010-11 academic year.



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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (2):

1. Minor Research Grant

The Committee on Research Policy and Planning (CRPP) would like to remind faculty of the competition for the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) Minor Research Grant program. It is the adjudicative vehicle through which LA&PS dispenses the YUFA Faculty/Library Research Grant Funding and the YUFA Junior Faculty/Librarian Fund.

Eligibility:

- ♦ Full-time tenure stream YUFA faculty members affiliated with the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies may apply to the LA&PS Minor Research Grant program as long as the project for which they are seeking funding is not already funded by an external grant.
- ♦ Applications from CLAs and SRCs in LA&PS will also be considered, but are normally given lower priority. (Appointments for the grant period must have been confirmed by the application deadline)
- ♦ Retired YUFA faculty members from LA&PS or its antecedent faculties who are eligible to teach will also be considered, but are normally given lower priority.
- ♦ Visiting professors affiliated with YUFA are not eligible.
- ♦ CUPE Unit II and CUPE Exempt Contract faculty members are not eligible for funding through this program.
- ♦ Team applications are eligible for consideration as long as all applicants are YUFA faculty members and are affiliated with LA&PS. Team applications should indicate how any funds awarded should be divided up among the applicants.
- ♦ Members of the Faculty Committee on Research Policy and Planning (CRPP) and/or its sub-committees are not eligible to apply for funding through this program while sitting on the committees.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Monday, November 15, 2010**.

Applications and guidelines can be found online at: <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/faculty/mrg.html>

2. Specific Research Grant – Leave and Non-Leave

The Committee on Research Policy and Planning would like to remind faculty of the deadline for the Specific Research Grants. The Specific Research Grants program at York permits, under certain conditions, a researcher to receive a research grant in lieu of salary. The grant may be used for all the purposes of a grant-in-aid of research. Grants awarded under this program are considered as taxable income. The adjudication of the Specific Research Grants reflects the practice used in connection with other research grants; i.e., adjudication by a panel of peers.

The process of reviewing research grant applications and completing financial arrangements can be a lengthy one and therefore the application form should be submitted for a deadline which leaves two months between the deadline and the date on which the grant is needed.

Applications and guidelines can be found online at: <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/faculty/srg.html>