



York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
19th Meeting of Faculty Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2011
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Harry Crowe Room, 109 Atkinson

Welcome Reception to Follow Council

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2011 - 2012 Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Faculty Council Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00pm in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross:

November 10, 2011
December 8, 2011
January 12, 2012
February 9, 2012

March 8, 2012
April 12, 2012
May 10, 2012
June 14, 2012

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



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

Senate Chamber
Minutes of the 18th Meeting of Council
June 9, 2011
#110609

Attendance: N. Adelson, M. Adriaen, G. Albo, C. Ashton, J.P. Avery, I. Badr, R. Basu, M. Belcourt, J. Blazina, M. Blumberg, N. Britto, M. Buccheri, G. Comminel, B. Crow, S. Deutsch Salamon, M. Dick, M. Dodman, M.J. Ducharme, J. Edmondson, P. Evans, I. Ferrara, M. Figueredo, D. Freake, P. Giordon, V. Gottschling, B. Heron, X. Huang, T. Hwong, C. Innes, M. Jacobs, W. Jenkins, P. Khaizer, M. Lambert-Drache, R. Latham, D. Leyton-Brown, L. Lo, D. Lumsden, N.J. Mandell, C. Marjollet, S. Meyer, K.I. Michasiw, A. Neipaul, J. Newton, D. O'Neill, R. Ophir, J. M. Pelham, S. Plekhanov, N. Razack, L. Ripley, D. Reed, G. Scardellato, A. Schrauwers, S. Sevigny, R.L. Sheese, J. Sheptycki, M. Singer, P. Singh, D. Skinner, B. Smardon, B. Smith, J. Spencer, B. Spotton Visano, G. Spraakman, A. Sookrah, P. Taylor, L. Visano, D. Woody, W. Woolrich

Guests: A.Noordeh, A. Cantoeus, V. Olender, V. Sandher

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. Chair of Council's Remarks

The Chair reminded Council that this is the final meeting of 2010-11 year. Faculty Council meeting dates for 2011-12 can be found on the agenda page.

3. Minutes of the March 10 and May 12, 2011 meetings

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting of Council be approved.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting of Council be approved.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Inquiries and Communications

As the Chair of the Council of Masters presented an extensive report in March, there is no report this month.

The report from our Faculty Representative on Senate is available as a handout at the front of the room.

5. Report of the Dean

The Dean thanked the Chair of Council for her leadership this year. He also recognized a number of Council members for their work throughout the year including those Chairs/Directors and Acting Masters who will have completed their terms as of June 30, 2011. Special recognition was given to Professor Madelyn Dick, who has recently retired after many years of service, for her numerous contributions to York University.

The Dean confirmed the renewal of 18 CLAs for 2011-12, with an additional 13 ongoing searches. 12 of the 13 searches have resulted in shortlisted candidates with the intent to have these positions filled by end of month. The CLA appointments are transitional due to the large number of tenure-track retirements this year.

The Dean has submitted a proposal for 19 tenure-track appointments to begin in 2012-13. The proposal was informed by the priorities articulated in Strategic Plan.

The Dean, in conjunction with CSBO, has procured the services of a space planner to, over the course of next nine months, inventory the

space currently occupied by the Faculty and compile an inventory of needs as they relate to physical space.

The Dean informed Council that the Executive Director of Advancement will correspond with Chairs/Directors in order to prioritize issues and needs concerning fundraising and alumni relations.

On the matter of enrolments, the Dean notified Council that domestic enrolments are slightly lower than they were for 2010-11, but are higher than they were in 2009-10. International enrolments are significantly higher for summer 2011 and fall 2011-12.

The Dean anticipates an announcement concerning the portfolio for a new Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning during summer 2011.

The Dean indicated the need for the Faculty to take more initiative in celebrating the success of its top students.

The Dean encouraged Council members to attend the upcoming convocation ceremonies to be held from June 13-15.

The Dean commented that the Faculty has accomplished a great deal in two years, and reinforced his belief that LA&PS is essential and central to the future of the University. He expressed his appreciation to all members of Council for their efforts in this regard, with special thanks to Associate Dean Kim Michasiw, Didier Pomerleau and Professor George Cominell for their integral roles in the strategic planning process.

6. Special Presentation: LA&PS Strategic Planning Implementation Scrolls

Professor George Cominell presented the Strategic Planning Implementation Scrolls to Council. Page 1 of the document details the process of the strategic plan from 2009-11. The nine individual scrolls identify the primary challenges faced by the Faculty over the coming years.

The Strategic Planning Implementation Scrolls may be accessed at the Faculty Council web site: <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council>

7. Question Period

Council made the suggestion that a student satisfaction survey be created in order to understand the student experience and areas in which the Faculty might improve.

Council made the suggestion that the Faculty Profile spreadsheet be revised to combine the undergrad and graduate FTE statistics to more accurately reflect the administrative resources of each academic unit.

Council expressed concern that the key milestones might not serve as an accurate representation of the numerous priorities and initiatives outlined in the various scrolls, with particular concern to the milestone for Student Experience. It was clarified that while there was an obligation to have a measurable milestone for each scroll to ensure accountability and progress in each area, the milestones are intended to be specific aspirations rather than a holistic representation of the many considerations given to each area of the document.

Council commented that the retention of students through to graduation was an important statistic to capture, particularly due to its potential impact external to York.

Council commented that the scrolls should serve to identify and concentrate on those issues in which the Faculty has control over, rather than those that may be impacted by economic or political conditions (i.e. graduation rates).

8. Reports of Standing Committees of Council

8.1 Executive Committee

It was moved and seconded that the amendments to the Rules and Procedures of Council be approved.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Dean expressed his thanks for those members of Council who were willing to stand for election. He expressed continued concern regarding the significant number of vacancies on the Tenure and Promotions Committee.

The items Election Results: Council Standing Committees, Outstanding Vacancies on Council Standing Committees, Election Results: Faculty Representatives on Senate, and Summer Authority – Summer 2011 were received.

8.2 Academic Policy and Planning Committee

The item Year-end Summary of Activity 2010-11 was received.

8.3 Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards

The items Criteria for LA&PS General Education Courses and Year-end Summary of Activity 2010-11 were received.

The consent agenda was approved.

8.3 Committee on Research Policy and Planning

The item Year-end Summary of Activity 2010-11 was received.

8.4 Committee on Teaching and Learning

The item Year-end Summary of Activity 2010-11 was received.

Council raised concern regarding the current status of online course evaluations. It was noted that the Committee will engage in consultation with academic units during the summer in order to present a comprehensive document to Council in Fall 2011.

Council suggested that the Committee consider potential initiatives to address applications for provincial-wide teaching awards.

8.5 Tenure and Promotions Committee

The item Year-end Summary of Activity 2010-11 was received.

8.6 Committee on Student Appeals and Academic Integrity

The item Year-end Summary of Activity 2010-11 was received.

9. Other Business

Council raised concerns regarding issues of health and safety both in the classroom and as it may relate to violence in workplace. It was suggested that the appropriate parties within the University be invited to present to Council at its October 2011 meeting.

The Chair of Council thanked members of Council for support during the 2010-11 year, and special thanks was given to Dean Singer for his leadership. Eric Avery, Colin Deschamps and the Council Office staff were thanked for their support of Council and its Standing Committees.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

L. Ripley, Chair of Council

C. Deschamps, Acting Secretary of Council

E. Avery, Faculty Affairs Coordinator



**Report 1
September 2011**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Amendments to the Rules and Procedures of Council – Notice of Motion

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, members noted that updating and reforming the rules and procedures of Council is an ongoing initiative. It is the intention of the Executive Committee over the course of the year to bring forward for discussion to Council ongoing concerns with timing of Council meetings (inclusion of a September meeting), participation of members of the community on Council, and overall membership rules and limitations on Council and its Standing Committees.

The Executive Committee at this time would like to draw to Council attention the inclusion of a September meeting (effective July 1, 2012), and would ask members to provide feedback to the Secretary of Council (lcozzi@yorku.ca) on the practicability of this amendment.

ITEMS FOR ACTION (3):

1. Nominations: Council and Standing Committees

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election to Council and its Standing Committees effective immediately. 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.

CUPE Representatives on Council

A. CUPE and CUPE Exempt Course Directors (23 vacancies)

Julie Allen, Department of Philosophy
Marlene Bernholtz-Baxter, Writing Department
Paul Brienza, School of Public Policy and Administration
Nadia Habib, Department of Equity Studies
Anna Podesta, School of Administrative Studies

B. CUPE UNIT 1 TA (27 vacancies)

Cat Ashton
Diego Sotomayor

Standing Committees of Council

A. Tenure and Promotions Committee (4 vacancies)

There are still four outstanding vacancies on this committee.

B. Sub-Committee on Student Experience (2 vacancies)

Danielle Beausoleil, Department of French Studies
Christiane Dumont, Department of French Studies
John-Justin McMurty, Department of Social Science
Cristobal Sanchez-Rodrigues, School of Administrative Studies
Allan Wiess, Department of English/Department of Humanities



C. Committee on Student Appeals and Academic Integrity

Andrei Semenov, Department of Economics

2. Nominations: Contract Faculty Representatives on Senate (2 vacancies)

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidates for election as the contract faculty liberal arts and professional studies representatives on senate effective immediately. 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

Julie Allen, Department of Philosophy

Nadia Habib, Department of Equity Studies

The next meeting of Senate is **Thursday October 27, 2011**. The Senate agenda and related materials may be accessed through their website at: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/meetings.htm>

3. Nominations: Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Representative on the Academic Policy, Planning, and Research Committee of Senate

The Executive Committee recommends the following candidate for election to Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Representative on the Academic Policy, Planning, and Research Committee of Senate effective immediately. 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

Thaddeus Hwong, School of Public Policy and Administration/School of Administrative Studies

Anna Aqathangelou, Department of Political Science



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ITEM FOR ACTION:

1. Proposal to move the home unit for Professional Writing, Modes of Reasoning, and Social Science

The Academic Policy and Planning Committee recommends that Council approve:

- 1) that the program in Professional Writing's home unit be moved from the Department of English to the Department of Writing;*
- 2) that the Modes of Reasoning section of the Faculty's General Education program be moved from the Department of Humanities to the Department of Philosophy;*
- 3) that the degree program in Social Science be moved from the Department of Equity Studies to the Department of Social Science.*

Proposal to move the home unit for the program in Professional Writing, Modes of Reasoning, and degree program in Social Science

This is a proposal to align programs within the Faculty to ensure that they are housed in academic units that share their curricular and hiring priorities as articulated in principle 17.1 of the Faculty's Strategic Plan (http://www.yorku.ca/laps/pdf/LAPS_Strategic_Plan_2010_06_25_Final.pdf).

"Principle 17: The Faculty is dedicated to establishing, fostering, and coordinating intellectual and institutional links between and among disciplines.

We enjoy a legacy of cooperation between disciplines. For the most part, the first year of our new Faculty with its "merged" units and affiliated programs has worked well. Nevertheless, several concerns did emerge in our discussions. It is clear that a few undergraduate programs might fit better elsewhere than in the units in which they are now housed. In some current programs there are long-term ambitions to become autonomous units. We need to consider carefully what conditions need to be met for a program to have a compelling case for departmental, or school, status. In some academic units the integration between undergraduate and graduate programs could be improved... All of these implementation issues will need to be addressed in the year ahead.

17.1 We undertake a review of the alignment of our programs to ensure that they are housed in academic units that share their curricular and hiring priorities."

Each program listed below is, in its own way, currently an outlier in its home department, with differing priorities in curriculum and in hiring.

1) Professional Writing

Professional Writing (PRWR) is more closely linked to the scholarship of rhetoric and composition studies, and to the pedagogy of the writing classroom, than to the philosophy and literary scholarship of the English Department. Further, while PRWR has been generously hosted by the English Department, its status there is necessarily peripheral. In the Writing Department, the program will have high priority in keeping with the department's mandate. Faculty members of the English Department whose primary work is in PRWR will, of course, have the freedom to choose their home unit and/or split their appointments between English and the Writing Department.



2) Modes of Reasoning

Modes of Reasoning forms a party of the 6-credit General Education model that prevailed at the former Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies. The 6-credit program is used by students based in units formerly based in Atkinson (Administrative Studies, Human Resources Management, Information Technology, Social Work) and, to some degree by students from outlying Faculties who are required to take 18 credits in three areas to satisfy their General Education requirements. Since the merger, Modes has offered around 2250 6-credit seats across a full academic year. Because Modes is one of the few areas in which the free-standing lecture-seminar of 50 students is the norm, these seats have been portioned out across 40 FCE sections in SFW 11-12. There have been efforts, in recent years to move more Modes courses into lecture/tutorial format, the absence of any graduate program attached to Modes has made supplying qualified, and interested, CUPE Unit 1 TAs a significant challenge.

Modes of Reasoning and the Department of Philosophy (PHIL) share priorities and methods. While no student can major in Modes, Philosophy students can pursue degrees centred on logic, argumentation, and practical ethics. Moreover while one would hope that all academic units feature instructors skilled in logic and argumentation, few fulltime professors make such matters their centres of inquiry unless they are philosophers. Hence the logic of the realignment. There exist full-time faculty members in Philosophy who could and would teach Modes. There are possibilities for new appointments who could contribute both to Modes and to the undergraduate and graduate programs in Philosophy. A new colleague whose principal appointment was in Modes could easily contribute to the undergraduate and graduate programs in Philosophy, a potential contribution that would increase the appeal of the position to many potential applicants. Even if Modes emerges somewhat changed from the Faculty's reconsideration on General Education, its appropriate home will remain in PHIL.

3) Social Science

In 2009, the Faculty of Arts and Atkinson Faculty merged to create the new Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, and in the discussions that ensued, it was determined that the Faculty would include a Department of Social Science (DSS) and a Department of Equity Studies (DES) and that both units would contribute to the Social Science degree. Representatives of the two units worked closely to develop the curricular foundation of the new social science program. Those efforts produced new program streams, program requirements and agreement on program governance.

There are five specialized streams of study in the 120-credit Social Science Honours program:

- Social theory
- Economy and Society
- Equity and Social Policy
- Equity and Culture
- Health, Work and Society: Canadian and Global Perspectives

Though it is acknowledged by those currently administering the program that its current curricular organization is diffuse and may not fully serve the needs of its students, any redesign of the degree program will not be undertaken until the move to the Department of Social Science is completed. After discussions with representatives of the Department of Equity Studies and the Department of Social Science, it was recommended that the degree program in social science be moved.

The full proposal is available at: http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/faculty/documents/Programs_in_Motion_Sept22.pdf



Consent Agenda

September 2011

1. Changes to Existing Degrees/Certificates

- Italian Culture

2. Changes to Existing Courses

- AP/HREQ 3800 3.00 (cross-listed to: AP/POLS 3045 3.00) Human Rights, Islamic Thought and Politics
- AP/HUMA 1910 9.00 Science and the Humanities: Nature and Human Nature
- AP/PHIL 1000 6.00 Introduction to Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 2010 3.00 Origins of Western Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 2015 3.00 Plato and Aristotle
- AP/PHIL 2020 3.00 Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz
- AP/PHIL 2025 3.00 Locke, Berkeley and Hume
- AP/PHIL 2050 6.00 Philosophy of Law
- AP/PHIL 2060 3.00 Social and Political Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 2075 3.00 Introduction to Applied Ethics
- AP/PHIL 2100 3.00 Introduction to Logic
- AP/PHIL 3020 3.00 Ethics
- AP/PHIL 3030 3.00 Metaphysics
- AP/PHIL 3035 3.00 Epistemology
- AP/PHIL 3050 3.00 Business Ethics
- AP/PHIL 3110 3.00 Political Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 3140 3.00 Russell and Logical Positivism
- AP/PHIL 3200 3.00 Philosophy of Language
- AP/PHIL 3265 3.00 Philosophy of Mind
- AP/PHIL 3600 3.00 Ancient Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 3620 3.00 Empiricism and Rationalism
- AP/PHIL 4070 3.00 Topics in Moral Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 4180 3.00 Topics in Political Philosophy
- AP/PHIL 4230 3.00 Topics in Epistemology
- AP/WMST 3552 6.00 (cross-listed to: GL/WMST 3552 6.00) Critical Feminist Approaches to Development
- AP/WMST 3552 6.00 (cross-listed to: GL/WMST 3552 6.00) Approches féministes du développement
- AP/WMST 3558 6.00 (cross-listed to: GL/WMST 3558 6.00) Afrique noire, genre et mondialisation

A consent agenda item does not involve new programs, significant new principles, or new policies. These proposals are clearly identified on the notice of the meeting as consent agenda items. Full proposal text is not reproduced in the hardcopy agenda package. Proposal text is available at the following URL:

http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/faculty/curr_consent.html.

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.



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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.

Deadlines for the 2011-12 academic year: **November 15 and April 15.**

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. 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.

Deadlines for 2011-12 academic year: **November 1, February 1, and May 1.**

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

Note: 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.