

**Arts and Science Faculty Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held on April 1, 2016**

**Present:** A. Roy; D. Brind'Amour; E. Buzzetti; J. Capobianco; A. Champagne; E. Champagne; A. Chan; E. Chevrier; L. Clarke; J. Cocullo; R. Courtemanche; M. D'Amico; D. DeGuerre; C. DeWolf; L. Faure; J. Ferrato; A. Furlani; S. Gabriele; P. Gulick; N. Hardy; A. Hunter; A. Johnson; P. Joyce; C. Kalman; M. Kenneally; L. Lacroix; G. LeBlanc; G. Mahrouse; H. Mehri; M. Mendell; B. Nelson; M-C. Newman; S. Poulin; S. Salari; K. Sawchuk; R. Schmid; M. Sharma; F. Siblino; M. Sokolon; P. Stoett; G. Taylor; F. Tremblay; S. Trepanier-Chicoine; R. Waldie; C. Whitehill

**Regrets:** J. Camlot; D. Dysart-Gale; L. Galbraith; M. Kissock; D. Liakin; N. Melbrew; D. Morris; M. Mulrennan; K. Nelson; D. Parillo; V. Peters; L. Turscescu;

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**Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting:**

ASFC 2016-3M-A	CISSC New Directions and Initiatives
ASFC 2016-3M-B	Department of Political Science, POLI-34
ASFC 2016-3M-C	Department of Mathematics & Statistics, MATH-26

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called at 10:04 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

ASFC 2016-3M-1            It was moved and seconded (Furlani/Joyce) that the agenda be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held February 19, 2016**

ASFC 2016-3M-2            It was moved and seconded (Kalman/de Guerre) that the minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2016 be approved.  
**Carried, unanimous, 2 abstentions**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

**5. Visit from Dr. David Howes, Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture**

CISSC is currently involved in twenty-five areas of research around which students and faculty members are clustering at Concordia University. The Centre conducted a review of such currents in 2015-2016 and identified fifteen additional ones to be added to its list.

One of CISSC's objectives is to create interdisciplinary synergies and use a collaborative approach with academic units and others to sponsor events taking place at Concordia.

CISSC funds four working groups each year for up to \$1,500 to support readings, symposia, public lectures, and exhibitions, among others, with two to three signatory departments.

The Centre has a pool of funds available that it would like to use creatively, such as for entrance scholarships and research travel stipends. The next deadline for the submission of proposals is January 15, 2017. Conferences are not eligible.

In the future, CISSC will seek to sponsor one conference per year with themes that can bring both contributory Faculties (the FAS and the FOFA) together. This year, the conference being hosted is for the international visual literary association.

## 6. Remarks of the Dean

Dean Roy addressed the passing of Professor Marty Allor.

The Beyond Disciplines series is successful and will see its third event held on April 27. Dean Roy welcomes ideas for next year's Beyond Disciplines.

Dean Roy presented on the Faculty's plan for the Strategic Directions. The plan was borne out of an iterative process which focused on chair engagement. The values and priorities that were identified in the departmental questionnaires were extracted, commonalities were established and included in the document. The Faculty plan is in progress and ideas are welcome. The Pluri Studies Institute is a driving idea under which the Faculty's current strengths and identities could thrive and through which the FAS principles could be applied via a project-driven approach.

The FAS 2025 plan aims for the Faculty to be a powerhouse of interdisciplinarity, teaching, learning and scholarship in Canada and beyond.

The presentation made at Council will be distributed to members.

One Council member congratulated the decanal team for the manner in which the strategic planning process was conducted.

Infrastructure concerns were voiced with regards to the need for state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities similar to what the other Faculties at Concordia have.

Concerns were voiced regarding how to include the FAS vision in a central document that might already be set. Dean Roy explained that both horizontal and vertical processes are taking place in parallel and that there are many components of the FAS plan that will integrate well with the central document. As well, FAS initiatives may also go ahead if central funding is not required, which allows for some flexibility.

A suggestion was made that the Faculty needs to convey to students the value, use, and potential applications of an interdisciplinary degree. The compatibility between such a degree and the real world needs to be explained. Dean Roy also suggested that alumni connections might also facilitate the communication of such value.

## 7. Graduate Curriculum Department of Political Science, POLI-34, ASFC 2016-3M-B

The Master's of Public Policy and Public Administration (MPPPA) will now become a Master's of Political Science.

ASFC 2016-3M-3            It was moved and seconded (Joyce/Sokolon) that the motion be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

## 8. Consent Agenda

ASFC 2016-3M-4            It was moved and seconded (Hardy/Joyce) that the Consent Agenda be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

**9. Announcements**

Announcements were made by:

- The Department of Physics
- The Department of Communication Studies
- The School of Community and Public Affairs

**10. Question Period**

It was asked whether the Presto team would be available this year. It was answered that the Presto team's contract had been renewed.

**11. Other Business**

There was none.

**12. Notices of Motion**

There was none.

**13. Adjournment**

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It was moved and seconded (Sawchuk/Gabriele) that the meeting be adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

**Carried, unanimously**