

**FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE****Arts and Science Faculty Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, January 23, 2026

Present: L. Barker, M. Bertola, E. Bloodgood, D. Brancato, W. Cardoso, G. Carr, J. Carty, O. Chapman, N. Cohn, G. Conte, R. Courtemanche, S. Dayanandan, S. De Celles, E. De Martinis, C. DeWolf, S. Dutta, L. El-Bakaye, F. Fayyaz, G. Foster, A. Gagne, P. Gilabert, J. Grant, E. Hervieux, J. Hansen, A. Heydari, A. Hunter, J. Jin, K. Johannesson, R. Kline, N. Kouri-Towe, I. Lacelle, D. Liakin, N. Nixon, N. Papatheodorakos, P. Pawelek, C. Poullis, M. Rivosecchi, R. Reilly, A. Rowley, M. Sacher, D. Salee, F. Scala, A. Semergian, A. Sheftel, P. Sicotte, N. St-Onge, C. Townsend, M. Watson, V. Zazubovits

Regrets: A. Beaudoin, W. Brake, P. Caignon, E. Diamantoudi, Z. Erika-Okoye, J. Foisy, J. Muir, K. Oliver, L. Saadi, J. Sioufi, N. Theus

Guests: R. Berger, A. Buckland, N. Freeman, A. Jakob

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2025-8M	Minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2025
ASFC-2026-1M-A	Election Ratifications
ASFC-2026-1M-B	Reports
ASFC-2026-1M-C	ASFA Representation Report

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called by P. Sicotte at 10:02am

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

P. Sicotte gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

ASFC 2026-1M-1 It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.
Carried, unanimously

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held Friday, December 19, 2025

ASFC 2026-1M-2 It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved.
Carried, unanimously

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Remarks of the Dean

P. Sicotte addressed the following points:

- Introduction of new Director of Student Academic Services
- Introduction of Rachel Berger to speak on new program approval process
- Impact +
 - 84 FAS applicants
 - Accelerated timeline
- Provost departmental visits

7. Visit from Graham Carr, President and Vice-Chancellor, Office of the President

G. Carr addressed Council

8. Remarks from Amy Buckland, University Librarian

A. Buckland addressed the following points:

- Tri Agency
 - Expectation that there will be an announcement for requirements for grants funded starting January 2027
 - Reach out to subject librarians for help with compliance
- AI Literacy modules
 - Partnered with CTL and McGill University Libraries for modules for GenAI
 - For students and faculty
 - Available through library homepage
- Collection cuts
 - 4%-6% increase annually
 - Negotiations are done at the national level
 - There will be an update this summer
 - Work can be made available through Spectrum

A question period followed

9. Discussion: Proposed changes to curriculum approvals

R. Courtemanche and R. Berger addressed the following points:

- Curriculum updates
 - Recognition of prior learning
 - Reimagining online programs
- New program approval process
 - Review of the new program proposal form

Discussion period followed

10. Question Period

There were no questions

11. Elections Ratification, ASFC-2026-1M-A

ASFC-2026-1M-3 It was moved and seconded that the names be approved.
Carried, unanimously

12. Report, ASFC-2026-1M-B

There was no discussion.

13. ASFA Representational Report

- Plan on making reports public to students
- Support of the Black and African Diaspora Studies in the Canadian Context minor
- Grey Nuns
- Closing of the Concordia Academic Austerity survey

14. Other Business

There was none.

15. Notices of Motion

There was none.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held Friday, March 13, 2026

17. Adjournment

ASFC 2026-1M-4

It was moved and seconded that the session be adjourned at 11:55pm

Carried, unanimously