

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, April 10, 2026

Present: **Present:** L. Barker, M. Bertola, E. Bloodgood, D. Brancato, W. Cardoso, J. Carty, O. Chapman, N. Cohn, O. Chapman, 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, A. Hunter, J. Jin, K. Johannesson, R. Kline, N. Kouri-Towe, I. Lacelle, J. Lebel, D. Liakin, J. Muir, N. Nixon, A. Noce, P. Papatheodorakos, P. Pawelek, R. Reilly, M. Riosecchi, D. Salee, F. Scala, A. Semergian, A. Sheftel, N. St-Onge, G. Taylor, N. Theus, M. Watson, V. Zazubovits

Regrets: A. Beaudoin, W. Brake, G. Carr, E. Diamantoudi, G. Dover, Z. Erika-Okoye, J. Foisy, J. Hansen, A. Rowley, L. Saadi, M. Sacher, J. Sioufi, P. Sicotte, C. Townsend

Guests: C. Costello

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2026-2M	Minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2026
ASFC-2026-3M-A	Reports
ASFC-2026-3M-B	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-ECON-6026
ASFC-2026-3M-C	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-PHYS-5511
ASFC-2026-3M-D	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-PHYS-6010
ASFC-2026-3M-E	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-RELI-6011
ASFC-2026-3M-F	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-RELI-6012
ASFC-2026-3M-G	Motion – Curriculum Review
ASFC-2026-3M-H	FCC Report

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by C. Dewolf at 10:02AM

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

C. DeWolf gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

An amendment to the agenda was proposed - to add item 17, GSA report

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held Friday, March 13, 2026

ASFC 2026-3M-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

Vice Dean Christine Dewolf spoke about the following topics:

- Introduction of Cavan Riordan, Director Student Academic Services
- Concordia awarded first place in the “Délie ta langue !” competition
- Tri Council reports
 - NSERC:
 - 19 out of 26 applications got funded
 - FAS success rate: 73%
 - Concordia success rate 65%
 - FAS Total funds: \$835K/year
 - SSHRC:
 - 18 applications got funded
 - FAS success rate: 48%
 - Concordia success rate: 44%
 - FAS Total Funds: \$3,380,000 Million
- Reminder of the Provost’s Budget Meetings
- Sector meetings will be focusing on TA Policy
- Request for information on Francisation
 - Asked to provide a summary to the government on how we prepare students to work in a francophone environment
- Student recruitment
 - Focus efforts on converting applications to confirmations and confirmations to registrations
- Convocation – Wednesday, June 17
 - Please encourage faculty to attend

7. Question Period

R. Reilly shared an issue with the system not recognizing the new cegep codes causing admissions issues

A. Sheftel asked for faculty to be able to shake hands with students at convocation and asked for C. Riordan to come to council.

J. Carty brought attention to the trend of students to delay acceptance until they have heard from all schools.

ASFA ask for clarification a approved AI grading system

8. Reports, ASFC-2026-3M-A

It was asked if there would be budget meetings between E. De Martinis, C. DeWolf and departments.

Yes, there will be.

It was asked for G. Conte to work with departments to map out how to raise development funds.

9. Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-ECON-6026, ASFC-2026-3M-B

ASFC 2026-3M-3 It was moved and seconded that the dossier be discussed.
Carried, unanimously

10. Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-PHYS-5511, ASFC-2026-3M-C

ASFC 2026-3M-4 It was moved and seconded that the dossier be discussed.
Carried, unanimously

11. Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-PHYS-6010, ASFC-2026-3M-D

ASFC 2026-3M-5 It was moved and seconded that the dossier be discussed.
Carried, unanimously

12. Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-RELI-6011, ASFC-2026-3M-E

ASFC 2026-3M-6 It was moved and seconded that the dossier be discussed.
Carried, unanimously

13. Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-RELI-6012, ASFC-2026-3M-F

ASFC 2026-3M-7 It was moved and seconded that the dossier be discussed.
Carried, unanimously

14. Motion – Curriculum Review, ASFC-2026-3M-G

ASFC 2026-3M-8 It was moved and seconded that motion be presented

A request for clarification on “minimal resources”

Concerns were raised over governance

The dossiers would still be made available to council for information purposes. Should steering or council feel that a dossier needs to be reviewed it can be presented at council.

The motion was passed, vote: 24 Yes, 9 No

15. FCC Report, ASFC-2026-3M-H

There was no discussion

16. ASFA Representation Report

ASFA representative mentioned the following points:

- Finals have started
- Department associations are hosting events to use the remainder of their budgets
- Budget has been allocated to student associations hosting study groups for their students
- Working with CSU on a joint statement against Bill 9. The Bill prohibits prayer spaces on campus.
- Asks that the Faculty address the use of AI to create course content

17. GSA Representation Report

GSA representative mentioned the following points:

- Concerns regarding Shuttle availability for graduate students who remain on campus late for work/research purposes
- Clarity on the process for a graduate student to raise concerns regarding a faculty member

18. Other Business

There was none.

19. Notices of Motion

20. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held Friday, May 1, 2026

21. Adjournment

ASFC 2026-3M-9 It was moved and seconded that the session be adjourned at
11:30am
Carried, unanimously