

FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE**Arts and Science Faculty Council**
Minutes of the meeting held on, May 15, 2020**OPEN SESSION**

Present: A. Roy; C. Parkinson; J. Muir; E. Champagne; C. Acland; M. Baker; C. Belkhodja; P. Biron; E. Bloodgood; W. Brake; W. Bukowski; P. Caignon; C. Calogeropoulos; J. Capobianco; B. Caron; A. Champagne; E. Chevrier; R. Courtemanche; C. Daniel-Hughes; S. de Celles; E. De Martinis; C. DeWolf; J. Didur; M.-F. Dion; N. Gertler; P. Gulick; J. Hansen; C. Hyndman; A. Johnson; M. Kenneally; S. Kennedy; M. Kissock; P. Leroux; D. Liakin; D. Linetsky; K. Manning; C. Martel; P. Morden; B. Nelson; M. Penney; V. Pepin; M. Russell; F. Scala; D. Secko; M. Sharma; M. Sharma; A. Swiffen

Regrets;: G. Carr; E. Faure; R. Ghabrial; D. Lukic; V. Nica; A. Whitelaw; P. Wood-Adams

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2020-2M	Minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2020
ASFC 2020-4M-A	Elections and Ratifications
ASFC 2020-4M-B	Department of Applied Human Sciences, AHSC-36
ASFC 2020-4M-C	Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH-31
ASFC 2020-4M-D	Department of Physics, PHYSC-26
ASFC 2020-4M-E	Department of Psychology, PSYC-18
ASFC 2020-4M-F	Department of Economics, ECON-33
ASFC 2020-4M-G	Department of Economics, ECON-35

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called by A. Roy at 10:20 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

ASFC 2020-4M-1 It was moved and seconded (E. Bloodgood/P. Biron) that the agenda be approved.
Carried, unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held March 6, 2020

ASFC 2020-4M-2 It was moved and seconded (D. Secko/C. Hyndman) that the minutes be approved.

Carried, unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

5. Remarks of the Chair

Dean Roy stated that Concordia University just announced that the Fall 2020 courses will be offered online with some in person activities if possible. This is in line with what other universities are doing and we are prioritizing the health and safety of all faculty, staff and students. There is currently a working group who are meeting to discuss all aspects of the Fall semester. Dr. P. Caignon is the representative for the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Dean Roy was pleased to announce that our enrolment looks pretty solid considering the circumstances. We currently have 400 more students registered than we did at this time last year however, the announcement of the Fall semester courses being offered online might impact this. Any international student that currently has a student permit will be able to attend online courses anywhere in the world however universities are lobbying with the government to have this option for all international students, not just the ones that hold student permits currently.

Dean Roy opened the room to questions regarding anything related to what he has spoken about so far.

K. Manning brought up the issue of faculty and staff who are working from home and have young children. Teaching and working will be very difficult for them and she would like to know how to support these colleagues and would appreciate this issue being brought up with the Provost, etc. Dean Roy responded by saying that he is well aware of this issue and that different family situations need to be addressed.

N. Gertler asked if there was a student representative on the working group that Dean Roy mentioned. Dean Roy responded he is unsure, however, he knows student input has been solicited. P. Caignon stated that some of the members requested student participation and they were denied, however, there is an option to have guests attend the meeting so maybe students can get involved that way.

Mahesh Sharma stated that certain courses are difficult to deliver in an online format as the students need a lot of support, one on one time and to be shown how to do calculations, etc. C. Hyndman suggested the use of a special tablet and is willing to speak to

those who have questions.

There are several working groups meeting and planning the gradual return to campus on the research side of the University. Six laboratories are getting prepared to start up again shortly, with other labs to follow each week if all goes well.

Concordia University has had a really good year in research funding. Results were very good in FRQ, SSHRC and NSERC awards. Dean Roy extended a big congratulations to all the successful researchers. Associate Dean Patrick Leroux added that the NSERC success rate increased from 56 to 73% and the Nouveau-Chercheur funding success rate tripled.

6. ASFC Steering Committee Election

The four new members of the ASFC Steering Committee for 2020-2021 will be:

Jorgen Hansen
Christine De Wolf
David Secko
Alexandre Champagne

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Elections and Ratifications, ASFC -2020-4M-A
- b. Undergraduate Curriculum

Department of Applied Human Sciences, AHSC-36, ASFC-2020-4M-B
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH-31, ASFC-2020-4M-C
Department of Physics, PHYS-26, ASFC-2020-4M-D
Department of Psychology, PSYC-18, ASFC-2020-4M-E

- c. Graduate Curriculum

Department of Economics, ECON-33, ASFC-2020-4M-F
Department of Economics, ECON-35, ASFC-2020-4M-G

ASFC 2020-4M-3 It was moved and seconded (R. Courtemanche/J. Hansen) that
the documents be approved.
Carried, unanimously

8. Announcements

E. Champagne thanked Dean Roy as this was his last Faculty Council.

J. Capobianco expressed his gratitude for everything Dean Roy has done over the past six

years as Dean for the Faculty of Arts and Science. He also stated that Dean Roy returned the faculty to its prior greatness and wished him all the best in his next endeavour.

W. Bukowski thanked Dean Roy for being so innovative, open minded and supportive over the past six years and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Dean Roy stated that when he began his role as Dean he made a promise to the chairs that he would do his best every day and he hopes that everyone is happy with what he's been able to accomplish. He said it's been a privilege and a pleasure to have worked with all the faculty and staff in the Faculty of Arts and Science over the past six years. He thanked everyone for all of their hard work over the past years and wished everyone the best of luck in the future. He is sad to leave, especially given the circumstances of the pandemic.

9. Question Period

There was none.

10. Other Business

There was none.

11. Notices of Motion

There were none.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held in September 2020.

13. Adjournment

ASFC 2020-4M-4 It was moved and seconded (P. Morden/C. Daniel-Hughes) that the session be adjourned to the closed session at 10:59 am.
Carried, unanimously