

**Arts and Science Faculty Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held on May 6, 2016**

- Present:** A. Roy; A. Aghdam; C. Belkhodja; P. Bianucci; E. Buzzetti; J. Capobianco; E. Champagne; A. Chan; L. Clarke; J. Cocullo; R. Courtemanche; M. D'Amico; D. DeGuerre; C. DeWolf; L. Faure; A. Furlani; S. Gabriele; P. Gulick; N. Hardy; N. Jaffary; P. Joyce; C. Kalman; M. Kenneally; M. Kissock; G. LeBlanc; D. Liakin; K. Manning; D. Morris; M. Mulrennan; V. Penhune; S. Salari; R. Schmid; D. Secko; M. Sokolon; F. Tremblay; S. Trepanier-Chicoine; L. Turcescu; R. Waldie; M. Watson
- Regrets:** D. Brind'Amour; J. Camlot; E. Chevrier; D. Dysart-Gale; L. Galbraith; L. Lacroix; N. Melbrew; B. Nelson; K. Nelson; M-C. Newman; D. Parillo; V. Peters; S. Poulin; K. Sawchuk; M. Sharma; F. Siblini; P. Stoett
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**Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting:**

ASFC 2016-4M-D	Elections and Ratifications
ASFC 2016-4M-E	Reports from the Associate Deans
ASFC 2016-4M-F	Reports from Other University Bodies
ASFC 2016-4M-G	Steering Committee Ballot (distributed at meeting)

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called at 10:15 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

ASFC 2016-4M-10 It was moved and seconded (Joyce/Gulick) that the agenda be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held April 1, 2016**

ASFC 2016-4M-11 It was moved and seconded (Kalman/Turcescu) that the minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2016 be approved.  
**Carried, unanimous, 1 abstention**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

**5. Remarks of the Dean**

Christian Durand has joined the FAS as Senior Communications Advisor. Previously, Mr. Durand was with the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies.

Trevor Holmes, specialist in curriculum, will be visiting Concordia University next week. Everyone is invited to attend the workshop on curriculum to be held next Wednesday.

The Dean called for a strong Faculty presence at convocation this June and encouraged Council members to join the platform.

The Dean informed Council members that Faculty Deans were asked to present their Faculty plan for Future Directions at the upcoming Senate meeting. Dean Roy will present a shortened version of the presentation he has already shared with Council.

Admissions and Registrations are doing very well as compared to last year. Efforts need to be maintained in order to capture the most students for the upcoming academic year.

As per the Research and Graduate Studies report, the Faculty has had great success in garnering research funding. Results from NSERC, SSHRC, and Chercheurs boursiers fonds de recherche Santé Québec are very positive. Areas to improve include team grants for FQRNT and FQRSC in particular, as well as RTI.

Thirteen tenure-track positions were posted. At present, ten positions have been filled for the current hiring cycle. Other offers are pending and two spousal positions have also been granted. In total, fifteen new colleagues will be joining the Faculty this summer.

A question was asked as to whether the spousal positions are coming out of this year's pool. Dean Roy informed Council that the number of spousal positions available per year is calculated as a proportion of tenure-track positions allocated. This year, as per this rule, the Provost allocated three spousal positions across Faculties.

## 6. Consent Agenda

ASFC 2016-4M-12            It was moved and seconded (Gabriele/Jaffary) that the Consent Agenda be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

## 7. Steering Committee Ballot ASFC 2016-4M-G (distributed at meeting)

Council voted on the Steering Committee's composition. The ballots were distributed, filled out, and counted. The elected Steering Committee members for 2016-2017 are:

- Monica Mulrennan
- Marlene Sokolon
- Christine DeWolf
- David Secko

## 8. Visit from Mr. William Cheaib, Associate Vice-President, International & Chief of Staff, Office of the President

Mr. Cheaib presented a draft of his office's international strategy. Feedback will be collected and a concrete plan will be finalized.

Internationalization has three objectives:

- Expand academic opportunities;
- Expand available resources;
- Increase the University's reputation.

Concordia's aspirations for internationalization include:

- Demonstrating research leadership in addressing global challenges;
- Establishing an academic environment that fosters the mobility of individuals;
- Implementing global next generation initiatives;
- Globalizing our outreach for greater impact and visibility.

The Global Studies program was also briefly discussed, specifically with regards to the ability to provide students with recognition for cumulative experiences.

A Council member inquired about projects Concordia University might have with Cuba. Currently, the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Faculty of Fine Arts carry out initiatives in Cuba. However, the government of Québec is interested in having a greater presence in the country, which Concordia might be able to leverage.

A Council member inquired as to the structure of dual university degrees. As it stands, Concordia University can offer dual degrees at the undergraduate level, but not joint degrees given the current funding structure. At the graduate level, co-tutelles do exist for joint degrees and programs, facilitated by the province of Québec. For example, this is currently taking place in Mathematics with the Erasmus program. Concordia University wishes to advocate for locations other than France as well.

It was shared that specific geographical targets had not been established in order to keep an openness to potential opportunities.

**9. Announcements**

Announcements were made by:

ASFA  
Department of Applied Human Sciences  
Department of Exercise Science  
School of Community and Public Affairs

**10. Question Period**

There was none.

**11. Other Business**

There was none.

**12. Notices of Motion**

There were none.

**13. Special Meeting of Council will be on May 27, 2016 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., room TBD.**

**14. Adjournment**

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It was moved and seconded (Joyce/Jaffary) that the meeting be adjourned at 11:09 a.m.  
**Carried, unanimously**