Minutes

The Dean welcomes the members. A round table introduction of attendees is done.

4.01 Adoption of the Agenda
By a resolution duly proposed and seconded, the agenda was unanimously adopted with the withdrawal of item 4.05a), which will be postponed to a future meeting.

4.02 Adoption of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of October 16, 2015
By a resolution duly proposed and seconded, the minutes were unanimously adopted.

4.03 Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Faculty Council Meeting of November 6, 2015
By a resolution duly proposed and seconded, the minutes were unanimously adopted.

4.04 Business Arising
October 16, 2015: ILOB’s Master Programs: A request is made that the discussion about the courses offered in the ILOB’s Master Programs in the item 2.07 be followed up. The Vice Dean (Academic Programs) will report her findings at the next meeting.

November 6, 2015: Selection Committee of the new Dean: The faculty must nominate a community partner to be part of the selection committee for the new dean. The Faculty Council discussed the possibility of having a representative from the aboriginal community on the selection committee. This item will be followed-up at the next meeting.

4.05 New Business
a) Presentation by Charles Filion, Director of the Alumni Relations Office, and Marc Villeneuve, Executive Director, Development Office
Due to unforeseen circumstances, this presentation must be postponed to a future meeting.
b) **Hiring Plan of New Faculty Personnel**

The Dean presents the draft of the hiring plan in order to get feedback from the committee and explains that several of the postings are to replace professors who will be retiring in the next few years. Some listed positions are also in response to the requirement to integrate aboriginal perspectives into the curriculum. The Dean reports that many professors have expressed their recommendations for new faculty positions.

c) **Measures to Be Put in Place in Order to Encourage Student Retention and Graduation Rate**

The Dean asks for suggestions regarding student retention and graduation rate, issues that were raised by the University. The university as a whole would like to improve their retention and graduation rates.

d) **Faculty’s Priorities at the International Level**

There has been improvements with the actions taken internationally by the Faculty. A review of these actions is underway.

Discussion ensues with regards to the importance of publishing internationally, creating partnerships/opportunities with faculties in other countries, sending delegations to regions from which international students mostly come and relying on graduates to act as ambassadors.

The idea of putting forward the initiatives of the Faculty members internationally is also suggested.

e) **Election of a Member on the Research Committee**

Following a call for nominations by the Vice Dean and Faculty Secretary regarding a seat on the Research Committee, we received Professor Andre Samson’s nomination. Professor Samson is elected by acclamation. His mandate begins immediately and will end on June 30, 2017.

f) **Faculty Excellence Awards Ceremony**

This year’s ceremony will not be held during the Faculty’s General Assembly. This decision was made in order to highlight the importance of recognizing members of the Faculty at a special celebration of their achievements. Consequently, the ceremony will be held on February 24, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. at the Alex Trebek Alumni Hall. Invitation will be sent to the members to encourage them to participate.

4.06 **Reports**

a) **Raymond Leblanc, Dean**

Faculty General Assembly: The Dean explains the objectives of the December 11, 2015 General Assembly. It will allow discussions stemming from themes generated at previous assemblies and will represent a good opportunity to share ideas and exchange on priorities and objectives for the next strategic plan.
International projects:

Tunisia: A Lycée international canadien privé has approached the Faculty regarding a teacher education training. Fifteen Tunisian students will participate in a pilot project where three (3) of the Faculty’s courses will be taught. It will consist of one week of classroom-training session and one week of virtual teaching. Three professors of the Faculty are interested in teaching the courses.

China: Professor Fleming will be leading the next two cohorts (app. 80 students) coming from rural China. The curriculum is being prepared keeping in mind the limited access to technology in rural China. The idea of involving the assistant professor from China who is here for a year is also suggested.

Association of Canadian Deans of Education: The association writes position papers on different topics and one that will come up shortly is related to practica across faculties of education. The paper will be forwarded when available.

Duty to report: The Ministry of Education has approached the Ontario College of Teachers regarding the duty to report child abuse and neglect and asked them to reflect on different aspects surrounding the question. It might eventually be required by the Teacher Education / Formation à l’enseignement programs to add a module on the duty to report child abuse and neglect to the curriculum.

b) Nick Gazzola, Vice-Dean and Faculty Secretary

Report is deferred to the December 18, 2015 meeting.

c) Barbara Graves, Vice-Dean, Programs

It is noted that the number of applications is slightly lower than last year but the acceptance rate is higher. It is suggested to break down the statistics between international and domestic students to have a more precise picture of the data.

The proposal regarding the counselling psychology was unanimously adopted at the Executive of the Senate. It will be presented to the Senate on November 30, 2015.

d) Stéphane Lévesque, Vice-Dean, Research

The Vice-Dean Research reported that a retreat was held on November 17, 2015 mostly aimed at reflecting on the next research strategic plan. Professors, students, the CAO, program directors and members of the Research Committee participated. The results of the discussions are being compiled and might be added to the General Assembly meeting material, if available.

A new initiative this year is the “Last Lecture”, which is an opportunity for a retiring professor to give a last public conference. The first one was held in October with Professor Laveault. The next conference will be held in the spring. It is suggested to analyze different broadcasting possibilities to disseminate widely (e.g. Youtube Live, Adobe Connect, Twitter, etc.). The same concept, as “Inaugural Lecture” activity, is also suggested for the new full professors; the idea will be submitted to the research committee.
e) **Students**

_Formation à l’enseignement:_ Some changes will be made in the regulations in the light of changes to the program structure (2 years). The association is also looking for better coherence and uniformity between the different campuses (e.g. membership fees). There is a great feeling of community within the association.

_Teacher Education:_ Working on different things of which uniting the different cohorts and changes in the constitution.

_Graduates Studies:_ The association released its spring journal and a call for paper was launched recently for the next issue. It has also launched a “Health and Wellness” program and initiated board games nights, which are very popular. The call for proposals for the Jean-Paul Dionne Symposium has been launched; the closing date for submissions is December 18, 2015.

4.07 **Minutes of the October 5, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting**

4.08 **Other Business**

4.09 **Nest Meeting**

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