
Excused: R. Barwell, N. Bélanger, E Duplàa, B. Graves, J. Lalonde, R. Leblanc, M. Mediell

Minutes

7.01 Adoption of the agenda
The motion to adopt the agenda was duly moved and seconded, with the addition of item 7.07 a) Academic Secretariat.

7.02 Adoption of the minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of May 29, 2015
The motion to adopt the minutes was duly moved and seconded.

Proposed by: Phyllis Dalley
Seconded by: Peter Milley

2 abstentions
7 in favour

7.03 Business arising from the Minutes of the May 29, 2015, meeting

7.04 New Business
a) Nomination of the Coordinator of the Educational Equity Committee
As per By Law No. 1 (section 3.4.2 - a.), the Coordinator of the Educational Equity Committee is appointed by the Dean on recommendation of the Faculty Council. The appointment is for two years and is renewable.

Motion: The Faculty Council recommends Professor Ruth Kane as Coordinator of the Educational Equity Committee for a two-year mandate, beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Proposed by: Nick Gazzola
Seconded by: Carole Fleuret
Unanimous

b) Establishment of the Election Process for the Vice-Dean, Research
Dean Laurier explained the process to appoint a Vice-Dean, Research. Professors will receive an invitation to submit names, then the committee will review the curriculum vitae, conduct interviews, and make recommendations. B. Graves, A.-M. Dionne, and R. Heap, Associate Vice-President, Research, will sit on the committee, which will be co-chaired by R. Leblanc and M. Laurier.
c) **Follow-up on the General Assembly**

The General Assembly was successful and the topic was timely, following the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Report. There is a direct impact on the Program Directors as the Ministry of Education, Colleges and Universities has mandated an Aboriginal Education component in all Teacher Education Programs. Dean Laurier met with representatives from the Aboriginal Education Council, which will become more active over the next few years. The AEC will now report to the Office of the Provost and the Provost will attend the AEC meetings. The AEC Senior Advisor’s position is currently a Ministry position renewable every three years. The AEC has recommended that it become a permanent University position. The issue of Aboriginal Education will be integrated in the University’s next strategic plan.

d) **Conferences**

Dean Laurier expressed his appreciation to G. Reis for a very successful CSSE conference. The two local coordinators did an excellent job with all the arrangements. G. Reis reported that there were 1,050 participants at last count. The keynote sessions were at capacity and the sessions and post conference were well attended.

Dean Laurier also thanked N. Ng-A-Fook for organizing the International Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies conference and congratulated him on being elected as President of the Association. N. Ng-A-Fook added that he received a lot of positive comments regarding the simultaneous translation which was an indication of the Faculty’s commitment.

e) **Learning Centre**

The work will be moving fairly quickly in the next few days. There were three issues that were not foreseen in the initial plan: 1) the wall will have to be built within the building rather than outside, which will require relocating some people during the construction; 2) an emergency exit needs to be set up because a staircase will be removed; 3) the pillars that support the building need to be reinforced and this will affect the Academic Secretariat and several classrooms.

We have identified some classrooms where it may be risky to hold courses. Several professors, staff and academic services will have to be relocated temporarily during the construction. Currently, the only spaces that could accommodate all our needs are located at Lees. The Dean, C. Morin and the Vice-Deans will make a site visit at Lees on Monday in order to assess the available spaces. We are hoping that someone will be assigned full-time to develop a plan to determine who could be relocated to Lees; for instance, an option could be professors working in the same ERU’s and their students. The counselling group is also a logical choice to move since the clinic that Psychology occupied when they were temporarily located at Lees remains largely intact and could suit the purposes of the counselling clinic. Some students may have to attend courses in both locations. We will request more frequent shuttles between the main campus and Lees.

People will not be required to move their boxes to their new location; this will be done as part of the project. We will keep people informed as soon as new information becomes available.

f) **Educational Equity Committee Report**
The Faculty Council received the report submitted by M. Taylor, Coordinator of the Educational Equity Committee. There were several questions with respect to the contents of the report. In particular, it was not clear to the members of the Faculty Council how the recommendations were derived and there appeared to be no continuity with the work of the Equity Committee over the last two years. The Faculty Council would like a more detailed report.

Motion: The Faculty Council moves to return the report to the Coordinator of the Educational Equity Committee and to request more details, such as justifications and considerations behind the principles put forward in the report.

Proposed by: Nick Gazzola
Seconded by: Nicholas Ng-A-Fook
Unanimous

7.05 Reports

a) Michel Laurie, Dean, Faculty of Education

Dean Laurier received most annual reports which were due on June 1st. There was an agreement with the APUO concerning the report. A question was raised as to whether it is mandatory for professors to provide the appendix with their curriculum vitae.

Convocation was also very successful and well organized.

b) Nick Gazzola, Vice-Dean and Faculty Secretary

The Scholarships and Donors Reception, which took place on June 15, 2015, was well attended and feedback was positive; there were more students and donors in attendance than in the past.

We reported on the annual appeals and academic fraud cases at the General Assembly on June 17, 2015. We have since received a new appeal regarding a Teacher Education practicum. Our total number of appeals and academic fraud cases over the last academic year is 17, which is 6 higher than the previous year.

c) Raymond Leblanc, Vice-Dean, Research

No report.

d) Barbara Graves, Vice-Dean, Programs

No report.

e) Students

No report.

7.06 Minutes of the May 25, 2015, Executive Committee meeting

The members received the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

7.07 Other Business

C. Fleuret raised the issue of the high volume of work in the Graduate Studies Academic Secretariat. With the departure of S. Jirari in August and a staff member’s six weeks
planned absence, it becomes imperative to have a solution in place very soon. Possible options were discussed.

N. Gazzola reminded everyone that this was the Dean’s last official meeting and expressed his appreciation for his great leadership. M. Laurier thanked the Faculty Council members for their support and added that the nomination of R. Leblanc as interim Dean will provide some continuity.

7.08 Next Meeting

September 2015