**SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL**

Friday, January 27, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 250, Room 308

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Attendance:**

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| Voting Members | Present | Regrets |
| John Black Dean and Chair | ✓ |  |
| Pam Shaw Vice-Chair/Director, Community Planning | ✓ |  |
| Colleen McVeigh Chair, Anthropology |  | ✓ |
| Beth McLin Chair, Criminology | ✓ |  |
| Hannah Wilson Chair, Geography | ✓ |  |
| Laura Suski Chair, Global Studies |  | ✓ |
| Maureen Okun Chair, Liberal Studies | ✓ |  |
| Carolyn Swanson Chair, Philosophy | ✓ |  |
| Alex Netherton Chair, Political Studies | ✓ |  |
| Deborah Matheson Chair, Psychology | ✓ |  |
| Sylvie Lafrenière Chair, Sociology |  | ✓ |
| Robert Riggan (one vote between the three advisors) B.A. Advisor | ✓ |  |
| Lynda Patterson B.A. Advisor | ✓ |  |
| Darren Hannesson Member at Large |  | ✓ |
| Dave Hopwood Member at Large | ✓ |  |
| Deanna McNaught Member at Large | ✓ |  |
| Tasha Scott Member at Large | ✓ |  |
| Jeff Nicol Member at Large | ✓ |  |
| Amanda Inglis (CRIM) Student Representative | ✓ |  |
| Imtiaz Taj (PSYC) Student Representative |  | ✓ |
|  | **14** |
| **Quorum = 10**  |
| Recorder |  |  |
| Deanna McNaught Assistant to the Dean | ✓ |  |
| Visitor: Linda Bracken |

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:**  Shaw/Hopwood

That the agenda for this meeting be approved.

 **CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** McLin/Wilson

That the minutes from the January 13, 2017 Faculty Council be approved.

 **CARRIED**

**PHIL 490 New Course Proposal and Honours Proposal – Carolyn Swanson**

**MOTION:** Swanson/McLin

Discussion:

Does it matter if each department is doing something different in terms of Honours programs (i.e. entrance or exit requirements, extra 12 credits or not)? Standardization may not work across departments as courses are specific to the disciplines.

PHIL 490 – a pass/fail doesn’t reward students who do very well on the thesis. It is requested to assign grades to all coursework.

To approve PHIL 490 New Course Proposal and PHIL Honours Proposal, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Early Admission Consideration for the CRIM Major – Beth McLin**

This change has been requested and approved already for the BA requirement.

**MOTION**: Hopwood/Wilson

To approve the CRIM program change.

**CARRIED**

**Honorary Research Associate for LBST (John Black) – Maureen Okun**

John Black recused himself during this item, and Pam Shaw chaired this portion.

**MOTION**: To approve John Black for Honorary Research Associate in Liberal Studies.

**CARRIED**

**Chair’s Report**

The Ministry of Advanced Education has refused to support the MA-IDAM proposal for two reasons: 1. they stated that there are other equivalencies in BC, even though it’s been proven to be unique in Canada, and 2. there isn’t enough employment demand for such a degree.

Graham Pike and Ralph Nilson will be meeting to decide if they will move forward on this proposal.

All Faculty Meeting Ctte requires agenda items. Please forward to John. Some ideas that have already been mentioned:

1. Invite two new Associate VPs
2. Campaign for public art outside of bldg 355
3. Social events for Faculty
4. Downtown library is looking to host events, like the Philosopher’s Café
5. Plagiarism

John will be away for the next SSFC, so John has asked Pam to Chair the next SSFC on Feb 10.

February 24th SSFC is cancelled because the All Faculty will be happening that week. (Update since this meeting – All Faculty is going to be postponed to a later date because of a lack of agenda items).

Dual Credit: Ministry of Education will only fund students if they will get jobs. Potentially, English will not be paid for by the Ministry for dual credit. Career relevance will be looked at before considering to pay for any dual credit courses.

Student Reps:

Bowling Feb 10 Splitsville 4 pm with Scholar at Risk

Welcome Reception Feb 6 Upper caf 12 ro 1 pm – everyone invited

Dinner at Beth’s with SAR – Feb 11 – let her know if you want to attend.

**Motion to adjourn:** Hopwood/McNaught

 **CARRIED**

Next meeting February 10, 2017