**SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL**

Friday, March 11, 2016

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 356, Room 209

**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 | ✓ |  |
| Catherine Schittecatte Chair, Global Studies |  | ✓ |
| Maureen Okun Chair, Liberal Studies | ✓ |  |
| Carolyn Swanson Chair, Philosophy | ✓ |  |
| David Livingstone Chair, Political Studies | ✓ |  |
| Deborah Matheson (one vote between the two) co-Chair, Psychology | ✓ |  |
| Darren Hannesson co-Chair, Psychology  |  | ✓ |
| Sylvie Lafrenière Chair, Sociology |  | ✓ |
| Robert Riggan (one vote between the two 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 | ✓ |  |
| Teunesha Evertse (MCP) Student Representative | ✓ |  |
| Elizabeth Prevost (PHIL) Student Representative |  | ✓ |
|  | **14** |
| **Quorum = 10**  |
| Recorder |  |  |
| Deanna McNaught Assistant to the Dean | ✓ |  |
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**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:**  Wilson/Hopwood

That the agenda for this meeting be approved.

 **CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Matheson/Wilson

That the minutes from the February 12, 2016 Faculty Council be approved.

 **CARRIED**

**Master of Community Planning New Course Proposals (PLAN 600, PLAN 606, PLAN 650), Course Change Proposal (PLAN 602), and Program Change Proposal – Pam Shaw**

**MOTION:** Hopwood/Swanson

To approve PLAN 600, PLAN 606, and PLAN 650 new course proposals, PLAN 602 course change proposal, and Master of Community Planning program change proposal.

**CARRIED**

**Philosophy Course Change Proposal (PHIL 111) and Program Change Proposal – Carolyn Swanson**

**MOTION:** Shaw/Swanson

To approve PHIL 111 course change proposal.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Swanson/Matheson

To approve PHIL program change proposal.

**CARRIED**

**Honorary Research Associate applications**

Janice Porteous is retiring July 31, 2016.

**MOTION:** Okun/Swanson

To approve Janice Porteous application to become LBST Honorary Research Associate, as vetted by the LBST department.

**CARRIED**

**Chair’s Report – John Black**

Retirements this summer:

Kim Iles – PSYC

Janice Porteous – LBST and PHIL

Rich Dunstan – PHIL

Michael Tripp – GEOG

Grade Appeal Proposal – didn’t appear at Senate for its second reading. VIUFA and faculty have been writing letters in opposition.

Budget – There is a 2% increase to our 2016/17 budget; 1% goes to contractual salary increases, and 1% is locked (not available to us).

**Committee Reports**

The online course calendar is moving to DRUPAL platform next week. Chairs, please check your courses to ensure they are as they should be.

Keep your eyes out for a report from Trevor Davis re: research and scholarship plan. Read it and provide feedback.

Funding for New Scholars – this is a great initiative, but what about the rest of us?

Academic Plan – Dave Witty has asked for a 2 hour meeting with the entire Faculty but doesn’t want to wait until our next All Faculty in August. He will instead come to Faculty Council in April or May. All Faculty members are welcomed to attend to share feedback with him. i.e. let him know the workloads are too great to do any research or anything else – provide solutions.

Dave has not yet provided us with our comments to him at our last All Faculty meeting in February. John will ask him to comment back on this material at the Faculty Council he will attend.

Action: Deanna to book a larger room for this meeting.

Routes of Change presentation – March 15, b 355 r 211, 630 pm.

Doctor-assisted dying debate with Oscar Clemotte. Posters all around campus. Some people aren’t able to make it to this debate, but would like to. Is it possible to have Communications have one of their people stream this live?

**Motion to adjourn:** Hopwood/Matheson

Next meeting, Friday, room 209, bldg 356.