A meeting of Faculty Board was held on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in School of Kinesiology and Health Studies Building, Room 101. Mr. Ascough was in the Chair.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**  
   Moved by Mr. Fort, seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried “that the Agenda be adopted.”

2. **Approval of the Minutes**  
   Moved by Ms. Ravenscroft, seconded by Mr. Fort and carried “that the minutes of November 29, 2013 be adopted.”

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**  
   At the last meeting Ms. Beauchemin asked why the library representatives were not voting members of Faculty Board. The Chair determined that the Faculty of Arts & Science By-Law #1a on membership lists the library representatives as voting members of Faculty Board and this was confirmed by Mr. Knox, the University Secretary.

   The question was asked if the library representatives have voting rights in other faculties. The Chair suggested that this depends upon the by-laws for those faculties.

4. **Dean’s Report**  
   a. **General Report**  
      The full text of the Dean’s report can be found on the Arts and Science website (http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/about/faculty-board).  
      There were no questions on the Dean’s report.

5. **Arts and Science Undergraduate Society Report**  
   Due to other business, ASUS representatives were not present but their report is attached.

6. **Question Period**  
   There were no questions.

7. **Communications**  
   There were no communications.

8. **Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report – Appendix A - for approval**  
   Moved by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Skillcorn and carried “that the Omnibus Report Part IV be approved.”

9. **Revised 2013-2014 BISC Calendar Dates – Appendix B - for approval**  
   Moved by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried “that the 2013-2014 BISC Calendar Dates be revised.”

10. **2014-2015 BISC Calendar Dates – Appendix C - for approval**  
    Moved by Mr. Horton, seconded by an ASUS Senator, and carried “that the 2014-2015 BISC Calendar Dates be approved.”
11. **M.A. Philosophy, concentration in Political Thought - M.A. Political Studies, concentration in Political Thought**" - Appendix D – for approval
   Moved by Ms. Sypnowich and Ms. Z. Csergo, seconded by Ms. den Otter and carried “that the M.A. Philosophy, concentration in Political Thought - M.A. Political Studies, concentration in Political Thought be approved.

12. **Committee of the Whole – for approval**
   For the benefit of those unfamiliar with the procedures Mr. Ascough clarified the rules of procedure for Committee of the Whole. Mr. Morelli moved that “that Faculty Board move into Committee of the Whole with Richard Ascough in the Chair to discuss the implications for students and faculty within the Faculty of Arts & Science of the School of Graduate Studies’ new Time to Completion policy.” The motion, not needing to be seconded, was carried.

   Mr. Morelli began the discussion stating that the intent was to discuss the policy and its implications and any problems that have arisen from the policy. There are a number of potential issues including funding, program and degree requirements, supervisory issues and equity issues.

   Mr. Carson felt it was reasonable to find ways to speed up completion as the funding window for PhD students is four years.

   Mr. Morelli pointed out that, while this will work for some departments, in others the norm is more than 4 years.

   Ms. Regan, Chair, Science Graduate Council stated that after much discussion the Council was pleased that the policy was passed.

   Mr. Taylor noted that Graduate Council was interested in two issues: the financial issue and that it might be time to rethink the aims and objectives of the PhD program, due, in part, to changes in the academy and the world in general.

   It was also asked if the time might affect the quality of the PhD.

   Mr. Pugh responded that there is no correlation between time to completion and the quality of the degree but 4 years looks better on a CV than 10.

   Ms. Little suggested that members keep an eye on how graduate students are doing with this new policy. It is possible that even with the new policy there might not be a change in expectation from supervisors or a change in departmental practice.

   Ms. den Otter reported that the time to completion between genders was minimal across all faculties.

   A Department of Political Studies representative noted that in Political Studies the policy would likely generate more work since most students need an additional term, but the hope was that it would compel students and supervisors to sit down and discuss plans for finishing, even if more time was required.

   The Chair in summarizing the discussion suggested that there was neither overwhelming support for criticism for the policy, that the policy could affect program structure and that it would be prudent to monitor how students are doing under the new policy.

13. **Other Business**
   There was no other business.

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Secretary       Chair