FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
FACULTY BOARD

A meeting of Faculty Board was held on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in Kingston Hall Room 101. Mr. Ascough was in the Chair.

Before beginning the business of the meeting Ms. King read a tribute to Dr. Duncan Robertson a retired Associate Professor in the Department of English here at Queen’s who passed away September 7, 2015 at Kingston General Hospital in his 90th year. A copy of the tribute will be sent to his family.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**
   Moved by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried that “the agenda be adopted.”

2. **Approval of the Minutes**
   Moved by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Ms. Atkinson, and carried that “the minutes of September 25, 2015 be adopted.”

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. **Arts and Science Undergraduate Society Report**
   Mr. Jamieson announced that this year marks the 125th anniversary of ASUS, for which there was a round of applause. Mr. Jamieson said that he was hoping for an increase in applications to the ASUS research grants program. The grants are valued at $1000 and are available to undergraduate students looking for research opportunities. Ms. Walker asked if the grants can be used as matching funds for USURP grant program. Mr. Jamieson said that it can be used for matching.

5. **Dean’s Report**
   In reporting to Faculty Board, Dean Mumm congratulated ASUS on its 125th birthday, which gave rise to second round of applause. The Dean reported that the Faculty of Arts & Science has signed a memorandum of understanding to support the transfer of Langara College of British Columbia students, who have completed either the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, to transfer into year three in Queen’s Faculty of Arts and Science. This will help stabilize the class size without putting pressure on 1st year housing and courses. Finally, the Dean congratulated the Department of Physics for having Professor Emeritus Arthur McDonald win the Nobel Prize for Physics. The announcement received a very well-deserved round of applause. The Dean recounted that Dr. McDonald noted that the prize honors the hard work and dedication of the numerous colleagues he has worked with over the years and the dedication of the Queen’s Department of Physics. The full text of the Dean’s report is available at: [http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/staff-and-faculty/faculty-board/2015-2016](http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/staff-and-faculty/faculty-board/2015-2016)

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

A communication was received from Mr. Walker (Interim Director, School of Drama and Music) and Ms. Stephenson (Undergraduate Chair, School of Drama and Music) which read:

The department of Film and Media and the school of Drama and Music as the major Isabel ‘stakeholders’ have agreed to the following policy:

Students in main campus can be released from classes early so as to be on time for the start of classes at the Isabel.

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The rationale is that the start of classes is an important time and that it is respectful to all students to ensure that classes start on time. Students departing early are responsible for catching up on any missed information or assignments.

We would like to ask that any affected classes in other departments permit students to leave early as needed according to this policy. Likewise, all instructors can expect students travelling from the Isabel to arrive on time for the start of their classes.

8. **The Department of Art to change the name of the Department to the Department of Art History and Art Conservation** – for approval

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Ms. Knight, and, with one opposed, carried “that the Department of Art change the Department name to the Department Art History and Art Conservation be approved.”

9. **2016-2017 ASC Academic and BISC Academic Calendar Dates** – Appendix A and Appendix B - for approval

(a) Ms. Bénard moved, seconded by Ms. Remenda, and carried “that the 2016-2017 ASC Academic Calendar Dates be approved.”

(b) Ms. Bénard moved, seconded by Ms. Priami, and, with one abstention, carried “that the 2016-2017 BISC Academic Calendar Dates be approved.”

10. **Science Graduate Council Curriculum Submission Report** – Appendix C – for approval

Ms. Regan moved, seconded by Ms. Remenda, and carried “that the Science Graduate Council Curriculum Submission Report – October, 2015 be approved.”

11. **Arts Graduate Council Curriculum Submission Report** – Appendix D – for approval

This item had no representation and will appear on the agenda for the next Faculty Board meeting.

12. **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Appendix E – for approval

Ms. Fachinger moved, seconded by Ms. King, and, with one abstention, carried, “that the nominees being brought forwarded by the Nominating Committee be appointed.”

13. **Introduction of Certificates and Degree Plans** – Notice of Motion – Appendix F

Certificates and Degree Plans that will be submitted to the relevant review committee this year for approval.
14. **Open Discussion – 20 minutes**
   An open forum was held to discuss the Students’ idea that a few elective courses in a program could be taken on a Pass/Fail basis. The purpose of this would be to encourage the consideration of interest courses that would result in a broader education without penalizing students for taking a course at which they might not excel. This is being done at several universities across Canada. A lively discussion considered how this might be implemented and its consequences.

16. **Other Business**
   There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Richard Ascough        Patrick Costigan
Chair, Faculty Board   Secretary, Faculty Board