A meeting of Faculty Board was held on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in Kingston Hall Room 101. Mr. Ascough was in the Chair.

Before beginning the business of the meeting, Mr. Akl read a tribute to Dr. Roger Browse, a friend and colleague in the School of Computing. Dr. Browse passed away on July 18, 2015. A copy of the tribute will be sent to his family.

1. Adoption of the Agenda
   Moved by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Ableson and carried that “the agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of the Minutes
   Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Giordano, and carried “that the Minutes of May 1, 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, ASUS President, thanked Mr. Sage and all those involved for a fantastic orientation week, adding that a full report will follow from the orientation committee. He noted that over the summer ASUS changed its sustainability practices and has reduced its emissions by 4.1 metric tons per year. He issued a friendly challenge to other academic units and departments to improve their sustainability. He said that this year a new priority for ASUS is undergraduate research. In consultation with Dr. Remenda, the Acting Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning, one initiative will investigate the development of an undergraduate certificate in research. ASUS is also looking to expand the number of undergraduate research journals and in consultation with Dr. Akl is considering an undergraduate research journal in computing studies.

5. Dean’s Report
   To her written report Dean Mumm added that of the 15 tenure-track new positions approved last year 13 have been filled with a few searches ongoing. Dean Mumm also welcomed the 11 Bader post-doctoral fellows in the humanities who are just starting their 2 year tenure at Queen’s, which has been made but the possible by a generous gift from the Bader family. The full text of the Dean’s report is available at: 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 that concerns Item 13. This will be addressed later in the meeting.

8. Proposed Revisions to the Admission Regulations - of the Faculty of Arts and Science – Appendix A – for approval
Moved by Ms. Bénard, seconded by Ms. Regan, and carried “that the Proposed Revisions to the Admission Regulations - of the Faculty of Arts and Science be approved.” Ms. Bénard clarified that the main changes were due to the prior addition of certificate programs and their impact on the regulations. The motion carried.

9. **Theology Program Closure Proposal – Appendix B - for approval**
Moved by Dean Mumm, seconded by Ms. Atkinson, “that the Theology Program Closure Proposal be approved.” Dean Mumm stated that the formal proposal for the closure of three Theology programs at Queen’s followed the Senate policy and procedures for the closure of academic programs. Dean Mumm then highlighted the key events that lead to the motion before Faculty Board. The motion carried with one abstention.

10. **Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report – Appendix C - for approval**
Moved by Mr. Ableson, seconded by Ms. Lord, and carried “that the Omnibus Report Part II Part A be approved."

Moved by Mr. Ableson, seconded by Ms. Lord, and carried “that the Omnibus Report Part II Part B be approved."

11. **Science Graduate Council Curriculum Submission Report – Appendix D – for Approval**
Moved by Ms. Regan, seconded by Ms. Remenda, and carried “that the Science Graduate Council Curriculum Submission Report –September, 2015 be approved.”

12. **Report of the Nominating Committee – Appendix E – for approval**
Moved by Ms. Fachinger, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, “that the Faculty of Arts and Science Committee Membership 2015-2016 be approved.” The motion carried with one abstention.

13. **Proposal for the Department of Art to change the name of the Department to the Department of Art History and Art Conservation - Notice of Motion – Appendix F – for Information**
Ms. Schwartz pointed out that the rational for the name change is fully explained in the attached appendix, and summarized that there was a two-fold rational for the name change. One is that the new name acknowledges and makes clear the two programs offered by the department. The new name also clarifies that the Bachelor of Fine Art program is no longer a component of the Department of Art.

A communication was received from Mr. Morelli, who was unable to attend, which asked what will happen to the BFA program in terms of organization and reporting if it is not part of the new Department of Art History and Art Conservation?
Mr. Smith addressed the question saying that the BFA program has been a stand-alone program independent of the Department of Art for 4 years and currently has an interim director and continues to offer a 4-year BFA in studio art.

14. **School of Kinesiology and Health Studies – Physical and Health Education Program – Appendix G - for information**
Mr. Ascough pointed out that this is the beginning of the process that Faculty Board has just seen completed by the School of Theology. The initiation of the process begins with this
information begin delivered to Faculty Board and continues with wide consultation. Faculty Board will see this issue as it moves through the Senate approved process.

Mr. Côté stated that the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies, after a unanimous vote by the faculty and full-time continuing adjuncts, has proposed the suspension of admission to its Physical and Health Education program to be followed by further consultation with focus groups and interviews with alumni, students, staff and faculty. Mr. Côté emphasized that the authority to make the decision to suspend entry to the program resides with the Dean of Arts and Science. Mr. Côté mentioned a few reasons why suspension of entry is being considered. One is that the number of opportunities for physical education teachers in the school system has been vastly reduced in recent years, indeed Queen’s, along with many other universities, has closed its Physical Education component of its BEd program. In addition, there has been a decline in interest in Physical Education programs throughout Canada while there has been an increasing demand for Kinesiology programs. Universities, such as University of Toronto and University of Alberta, are changing their Physical Education programs to Kinesiology programs with very little change in curricular content. Likewise the two programs at Queen’s have very similar curricular content and with limited resources the School should focus on its strengths within their Kinesiology and Health Studies programs. Mr. Côté continued that the proposal to the Dean begins the procedure of the Senate policies and temporary suspension and that regardless of the decision of suspend admission, the current students would be able to complete their degree according to their plan of study. In addition, Mr. Côté stated that no full time staff or faculty member would lose their position and would continue to work in the growing programs in Kinesiology and Health Studies.

Mr. Jamieson suggested that for decisions such as this students should be one of the top priorities in terms of consultation adding that he was not notified of this notice of suspension until the faculty Board agenda was released and neither were the students in the Kinesiology DSC. Mr. Jamieson said he welcomed discussion of change but he said he was disappointed that students seem to be those who are continually left out of the process. He asked why students were not notified about this when the discussion began.

Mr. Côté responded that this announcement constitutes the first notification of the consideration of suspension to admission and constitutes the beginning of the public consultation process. Mr. Côté added that in fact all Kinesiology and Physical and Health Education students were sent a letter just as the Faculty Board agenda was released, following the Senate approved procedures.

Ms. Todd felt that the letter sent by Mr. Côté did not welcome consultation and the majority of the students feel like there is nothing they can do to halt suspension of entrance to the BPHE program. She disagreed with Mr. Côté’s suggestion that there were limited opportunities for graduate from BPHE programs and added that the application rate of 400 applications for 50 entrance seats suggests a strong program.

Mr. Côté apologised if the tone of the letter did not welcome consultation as the initial letter was trying to convey the facts of what was happening in the School. Mr. Côté clarified that the intention is to merge the Kinesiology and Physical Education programs by keeping the best of the two degrees. He cited the recent addition of an internship coordinator who will strengthen the internship programs, which are accessed mainly by Physical Education students. Mr. Côté pointed out that while number of applications seems high, there has been a decline in the number of students applying to the Physical Education degree and an
increase in the number applying to Kinesiology, with 400 applications to Physical Education and over 1000 to Kinesiology last year.

Mr. Sparrow pointed out that as an adjunct professor in the School, other adjuncts were not involved in the discussion of this decision. Mr. Sparrow hopes that going forward the process would be more transparent and inclusive. Mr. Côté agreed that all full-time faculty and continuing adjuncts were involved in the School’s internal discussions but term adjuncts were not, but they will be part of the consultation process going forward.

Ms. Todd expressed her concern about the content of the Physical Education program going forward and did not see a plan for integrating the two programs.

Mr. Côté reiterated that the School is committed to offering the degree and that all students will be able to complete their degree as planned and agreed that there is a need for clarity going forward but the program will run for at least 5 more years, so there is time to determine the best way to keep the best of both programs.

Ms. Komlodi asked how many programs that have had their admission suspended continue on to full closure.

Faculty board members pointed out that at least two programs, Clinical Psychology and the BFA program, both had their admissions suspended but are both strong programs now.

Ms. Power explained that in her tenure as a faculty member in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies, the Physical Education program has been discussed in each of her eleven years here. The decision was not taken lightly and not without a lot of thought. She added that the School has one of the highest student-faculty ratios in the Faculty of Arts & Science and that all members have been working creatively over those years to keep the Physical Education program going, but that the School has finally run out of options, as it is an issue of resources.

15. **New Academic Appointments for 2015/2016** - Appendix H - for information

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

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