

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
FACULTY BOARD

A meeting of Faculty Board was held on
Friday, January 22, 2021 at 3:30PM.

Consent Agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Adoption of the Minutes.
Moved: J, Morelli
Seconded: K. Salomaa
Motion Carried
3. Business arising from Minutes.
None
4. Reports:
 - a. Dean's Report: www.queensu.ca/artsci
 - i. The strategic mandate agreements with the province have been approved. It is the first time our performance to funding. They are going to hold for another year because of the challenges of COVID.
 - ii. Moving forward on the Strategic Plan
 - iii. There were 14 applications for the QNS to support Black Studies (most ever)
 - iv. W. Craig has finished the assessment for remote learning:
 1. Communication around clarity and consistency
 2. Mental Health
 3. Collaboration between Units
 4. The Burden/ Volume of increased workloads as a result
 - v. All other updates are in the agenda package attachments.

Q: D. Beauchemin. Where can we find information on the approach to provide institutional support for funding applications.

A: N. Mosey. We have done a lot of work setting up and standardizing information about grants, etc., to make it fair. They will be looking at ways to put the information online for support.

- b. B. Associate Dean's Report: J. Atkinson:
 - i. There has been an investment by E-campus Ontario for virtual learning to open resources for all universities. They are prioritizing resources that are built collaboratively across several institutions. We are writing our expressions of interest as they are due next week. Very little turnaround time. This is a one-time offer of \$50m. There is another \$59.5m over the next three years for micro-credentials.
 - ii. Reminder that there is always help available from the Center for Teaching and Learning if you need any help with your remote teaching.

- c. Associate Dean's Report: J. Stephenson
 - i. Will deal with the report in the items below.
 - d. ASUS report: D. Niddam-Dent
 - i. Thanks everyone for the great work they did with respect to last semester.
 - ii. There will soon be an election for the new council is elected who will carry on.
 - iii. They will be adding a second vice-president and also changing volunteer compensation.
 - iv. Match first-year students to others for assistance in finding roommates.
 - v. ACER application date approaching.
 - vi. Still serving the community about food insecurity.
5. Report of the Nominating Committee:
- Q. D. Beauchemin asked about the duration of the terms of appointment.
 - A. The first item has a three-year term. The others have two-year terms.
 - Moved: J. Morelli
 - Seconded: S. Straker
 - Motion carried.
6. Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report Part II – Appendix B – for approval
- Moved: M. Chen
 - Seconded: S Straker
 - Motion carried.
7. Revision to Admission Requirements for Bachelor of Arts Honours (BAH) – Appendix C – **for discussion. J. Stephenson**
- a. The document outlines the proposals for the change and the rationale. This is meant to bring Queen's Admissions policy into line with those of other universities in Ontario. It has been widely circulated and has undergone a consultation process.
- Q: J. Burge. Is the Bachelor of Music Program included?
- A: This does not apply to the Bachelor of Music, but it can be discussed.
- J. Burge: I would like for it to be discussed.
8. Revision to Nomenclature for Major and Medial Plans – Appendix D – **for discussion. J. Stephenson**
- a. This is a draft of a proposal to change the nomenclature of some of the University Plans, specifically the Medial.
 - b. They have looked closely at what nomenclature was used in other universities to bring it into line with most other programmes.
 - c. The proposed nomenclature is "Joint Honours", but it might also be beneficial to change the name of the Major Plan to Honours (in the field)
 - d. The Medial is not a true double Major because it is not double the work of a Major
 - e. There is a reluctance to have Major and Medial be hierarchical to one another. The new nomenclature would avoid that.

Q: D. Beauchemin. There is nothing that prevents us from keeping the “Major” if we are just changing the “Joint Honours”. Why is there a need to change it?

A: No, one change does not need to accompany the other.

Q: L. Murray. Is a BA not already an Honours degree?

A: The three-year BA is not an Honours

Q: A. Chippendale. What about the term “Minor”

A: Most schools already have Minors so it’s pretty common. No need to change it.

9. Review of the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) Regulations – Appendix E – **for discussion. J. Stephenson**

- a. This has been going on for some time and is pretty extensive.
- b. These are not only a list of proposed changes but a list of deliberations.
- c. In terms of outcomes, in some cases there is no change
- d. The next step is to bring this to Faculty Board for feedback.

Q: M. Norris. With respect to the credit standing charge, will this apply to the “P” grades in the transcript?

A: This is not intended to replace the “P” grade on the transcript. The “P” grade is a remedy for extenuating circumstances and replaces the letter grade as “CR” and is no longer calculated as part of the GPA. The transcript must be accurate: true and transparent. They can add a notation to explain.

10. Question Period.

No questions.

11. Other Business:

No other business.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15PM.

D. J. Mennell, Secretary
Faculty Board

J. Rose, Chair
Faculty Board