

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**  
**FACULTY BOARD**  
**A meeting of Faculty Board was held on**  
**Friday, September 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**

United Way speakers (Patna Varma and Sean Sergeant) thanked Queen's for their generosity and updated Faculty Board on the actions taken and spoke to new ways forward. They discussed the need for each department to appoint a champion to streamline this year's appeal.

**Land Acknowledgement**

J. Rose welcomed everyone back to campus and spoke to the horror of the unmarked indigenous graves and the silence of the politicians. He reminded everyone of the September 30<sup>th</sup> day for Truth and Reconciliation and encouraged people to become involved.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes

Moved: Member Beauchemin, Seconded: Member Knobel, Motion carried

**3. Arts and Science Undergraduate Society Report: A. Roos**

- a) Summer Camp success
- b) Return to campus in person with high energy
- c) Student council is working to build a sense of community
- d) Mentorship program to orient students back to in person learning
- e) Positive results of diner service
- f) Hiring opportunities in ASUS
- g) Working with City Council to build better relationships: Second-year engagement with the city and the Community. There will be projects around food security, city policies on wellness, etc.
- h) Events in planning:
  - i. Equity Event: Who do you serve?;
  - ii. Health and Safety Panel;
  - iii. Housing Panel;
  - iv. expand resources around Sexual Assaults;
  - v. Reconciliation; space for reflection on indigenization

Q: Member Burfoot: Appreciates the changes we have all gone through over the past years, and suggests we find a more positive way of talking about this rather than saying: "this group missed out" or "we missed out". We have all accomplished remarkable things. She would like to invite everyone to think about this in a different manner.

**4. Reports:**

**Dean's Report: Member Crow**

- a) Thanks to United Way, Shout out to ASUS and Member Burfoot's comments
- b) gratitude to everyone for their work in difficult and uncertain times
- c) will be releasing an Annual Report highlight the achievements during COVID
- d) Removal of distancing has helped the transition back
- e) Received exemptions because of low transmission rates on campus
- f) Compliance with all the health regulations
- g) Enrolment: there was an increase in applications and student population. Student average was 88.9% for entrance. Many international students are still unable to come but are studying from a distance, but overall, the numbers are stable.
- h) Dr. Chapelle has become the new EDII director. He most recently worked at the Faculty of
- i) Medicine in the University of Ottawa.
- j) Convocation will be virtual again this year, as will Homecoming
- k) On Monday, September 27, at noon, there will be a walkout RE: Sexual Assault on Campus
- l) We have update and made available all of Wendy Craig's reports, many of which have already been implemented. Hope to have Wendy back to speak to those reports.

Q: What time is the walkout?

A: At noon in front of Summerhill.

Q: Member McLean: Asked about the walkout and why there is an exemption regarding COVID mandates?

A: Excellent question. The AMS and the Principal's Office have been looking into it and ways of distancing. This is what has been done in athletic activities, following the two-metre guidelines.

Member Rose indicated that there is a lot of information in the Agenda Package.

#### **Associate Dean's Report on Teaching and Learning: Member Nelson**

Spoke to five things: (Information can be found on the following website: [www.Quartsci.com/Fall 2021](http://www.Quartsci.com/Fall2021))

- a) Classroom procedures
- b) What to do when someone in the classroom tests positive
- c) Exam protocols for Fall 2021
- d) There will be a series of town halls
- e) Some announcements on Education Leaders in Residence and Truth and Reconciliation

Q: Member Beauchemin: Can the professor manage exams for remote students privately?

A: Yes, it is, the exam can be both in-person and remote. The office has resources to help with that.

Q: Member Mercado: In terms of the policy that if you are not feeling well you don't go to class, is there a way of getting instructors to have a process? Many students in class are coughing, and it is clear it's not COVID, but they are there because they don't want to miss

a week or two of classes. Will professors send a recording so students know they will be able to access the content?

- A: On the public health side: if you are feeling sick, do the COVID screen, the assessment and err on the side of caution. If you are tested and it is negative following the directions for public health. You could send an email to the instructor so that they are aware. On the academic consideration side, there are a full suite of academic considerations open, and students are encouraged to use those. If the illness lasts a long time, they will work with students in the faculty office.
- A: Member Atkinson: I just wanted to reinforce that you should not contact the instructor but rather the central service of the consideration portal. Chronic conditions do not mean you should avoid class.
- Q: Member McLean: Wanted to talk about the accessibility of the testing site. Member McLean notes that many professors are not recording material, so there is no access to the lectures outside the classroom. Also, the testing centre is hard to reach as a student as it is some 40 minutes away and one should not take a taxi/Uber if there is the possibility of COVID. Also, rapid antigen testing is \$40.
- A: Instructors are not required to record the course, and it is extra work for them to record an in-person class. Instructors will find other ways to assist students progress, such as note taking, The instructor can also make other arrangements if needed.

### **3. Associate Dean Academic Report: Member Atkinson.**

#### **Start of Term Information:**

- a) Orientation went well. Thanks to everyone for their help.
- b) Nail biting start to term waiting for exceptions to the Ontario Opening Act which came through just before term began
- c) working with DSC reps and councils to help keep lines of communication open for students
- d) vaccine compliance process is still ongoing, working with students to answer concerns, facilitate acquisition of vaccines. We have a very high compliance rate on campus, which is to be applauded.

#### **Upcoming Information:**

- a) Changes to regulations, an update because of new Senate policies. Need to make language more accessible.
- b) Digital calendar project update. We are in the second of three years of implementation. This year, curriculum submission information will be added in the background. This will show how departments are weaving in their EDII in programs, and support learning outcomes.
- c) Academic Orientation Committee will be discussed with respect to new directions. Changes over the last years have required a review of the role and the effectiveness of the committee.

No questions.

### **5. Nominating Committee: Member Hosek (Appendix A)**

Encourages individuals to join committees and get involved.

Member Hosek moved that “the Faculty of Arts and Science Committee Membership attached be approved, Seconded: Member Beauchemin, Motion carried.

**6. Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report Part V (Appendix B) Member Chen**

Member Chen indicates that this is the last report and is mostly clean-up.

Member Chen moved that “the Omnibus Report Part V be approved”, Seconded: Member MacKenzie, Motion carried

**7. Notice of Motion for the new Bachelor of Arts (General/Minor) in Urban Studies (Appendix C) For information only.**

**8. Question Period:**

None

**9. Other business:**

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

J. Mennell, Secretary  
Faculty Board

Jonathan Rose, Chair  
Faculty Board