

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
FACULTY BOARD

A meeting of Faculty Board was held on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies – KHS100. Mr. Ascough was in the Chair.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Ascough welcomed everyone to the first Faculty Board meeting of the new academic year.

As well, Mr. McKegney read a tribute written by Professor Emeritus George Logan of the late Dr. A. C. Hamilton, a professor in the Department of English at Queen's from 1968 until his retirement in 1989. The motion to accept the tribute was moved by Mr. McKegney, seconded by Mr. Wallace and carried.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Ms. Rose seconded by Ms. Knight, that “the agenda be adopted.” Mr. Ascough made one minor change to the agenda - Item 9, “Report of the Nominating Committee – Appendix B” would be presented by Mr. Epprecht. With this change the agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Mr. Mingo, and carried that “the minutes of April 22nd, 2016 be adopted.”

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Arts and Science Undergraduate Society Report

Mr. Baga, ASUS President, and Mr. MacKay, ASUS Vice-President, were both present for the report.

Mr. Baga reported that the focus for ASUS this academic year will be on undergraduate research and creating a culture of undergraduate scholarship. The goal is to coordinate undergraduate research activities on campus and simplify the mechanisms through which students engage with research and make it easier for students to apply for grants and research positions. One project is the development of an online hub that highlights the research of undergraduate students, to disseminate information about upcoming research projects and to allow students to become research volunteers.

Currently, the Arts Undergraduate Society at McGill collects an optional student fee for academic based employment which may be a model to help support undergraduate research here at Queen's. The framework for this model is under development. We expect that the fee of \$3-4 would generate \$30-40000 per year in funds to help grow undergraduate research.

Mr. Mingo asked what the expected funding level would be per project. Mr. MacKay said that the funding would be based on the individual proposals submitted and that any unused funds would be allocated to focused research projects with consultation with the Dean's office.

5. Dean's Report

The Dean welcomed everyone to Faculty Board for 2016-17 and said that he looked forward

to working with them in the coming academic year.

There were 6 announcements:

- 1) Dean Smith announced the launch of the new collaborative 2+2 Music Theater Program with St Lawrence College.
- 2) An agreement was finalized between Queen's School of Computing and the Canadian University of Dubai for a 2+2 program.
- 3) Masters in Art Leadership and Graduate Diploma in Arts Management were recently approved by Senate and are in the final stages of approval.
- 4) Last weekend Queen's was represented at the Ontario Universities Fair in Toronto, which was attended by 70,000 prospective undergraduate students. The Dean thanked the over 65 Faculty of Arts and Science volunteers, as well as the ASUS president and Vice-President who attended, that made the event a success.
- 5) The creation of the Canadian Astrophysics Research Center is underway as the result of a 63.7 million dollar grant from the Government of Canada's Canada First Research Excellence Fund.
- 6) There were six new program submissions for the new Ontario Online Initiative were recently submitted by the faculty of Arts and Science.

In addition, a priority for the coming year will be a focus on heightening equity, diversity, human rights, sexual violence awareness with respect to updates to legislation and institutional protocols. To that end, the leadership team had a workshop led in early September led by Ms. Bujara (Equity Office) and Ms. Simpson (Human Rights Office). That workshop will repeated to all the staff in the Faculty of Arts and Science Office this Fall.

The final segment of six in the Head's training series to be held next week, will focus on equity, human, and diversity topics and issues.

The Dean announced the return of Dr. Ravenscroft, Associate Dean Teaching and Learning and Dr. Regan appointment for one year as Acting Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research).

There were a number of new Department Heads:

- Dr. Cumming in Biology
- Dr. Griffith in Classics
- Dr. Hovorka in Environmental Studies
- Dr. Kibbins in Film and Media
- Dr. Manley in History
- Dr. Mabee in Geography and Planning
- Dr. Mingo in Mathematics and Statistics
- Dr. Csergo in Political Studies

And three Acting Headships:

- Dr. Loock in Chemistry
- Dr. McKegney in English
- Dr. Inkel in French Studies

Dean Smith reminded Faculty Board that the Students on the Dean's Honor List with Distinction reception will be held November 8th starting at 6:45. The Dean also urged faculty members to attend the Arts and Science Fall convocation, which will be held November 15-17th, as it is appreciated by students and their families.

Academic leaves and sabbatical are due by to Heads Oct 1st and recommendations are due to the Dean by mid-October.

There are 5 departments going through cyclical program review, Economics, Philosophy, Chemistry, Psychology, and Music.

The Faculty received 10 very high quality submissions to the Queen's National Scholar (QNS) program.

The first Senate meeting of the academic year was held Tuesday September 27th. Further information is available on the Senate Website (<http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate>).

6. Question Period

Mr. Mingo noted that at that Senate meeting the Principal will focus on faculty renewal and that there was some concern about teaching appointments and Queen's drop in international ranking, which are used increasingly by graduate students, especially international students, when deciding where to go. Mr. Mingo asked how the Faculty of Arts and Science was to be involved and suggested that universities will have to decide where they will be in the next 30 years. Mr. Mingo suggested that Queen's push itself to be one of the top research universities in Canada otherwise funding will be drained away by other research-intensive universities.

The Dean responded that the Faculty of Arts and Science is playing a role on these discussions and that a focus on faculty renewal is very good news, especially for Arts and Science where faculty erosion has been greatest. The Dean noted that the direction Queen's will take will depend on the discussions that take place at all levels, including at the department. Each department has to determine what it needs and where it wants to go and then discuss these issues at, perhaps, a themed Committee of Departments meeting.

In a related question, Mr. Morelli asked what role faculty Board might play in the faculty renewal planning and of the 10 QNS how many will be put forward.

The Dean responded that since all were of excellent quality, the Faculty will put all 10 QNS applications forward. The Dean suggested that there was a role of Faculty Board in the discussion of faculty renewal, but only where the other discussion have happened.

7. Communications

There were no communications.

8. Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report – Appendix A - for approval

Moved by Ms. Bénard, seconded by Ms. Atkinson and carried "that the Omnibus Report Part VI be approved."

9. Report of the Nominating Committee – Appendix B – for approval

Mr. Eprecht moved, seconded by Ms. Knight, "that the Faculty of Arts and Science Committee Membership 2016-2017 be approved." There was one change. Mr. Scott, the Social Science representative on the on the Board of Studies and Chair, will be replaced by Ms. Atkinson. With that changed the motion carried.

10. Report of the Academic Orientation Committee – Appendix C – for information

Ms. Bénard tabled the planning report of the Academic Orientation Committee, noting that

this report should have been submitted earlier but it was late and there was no Faculty Board meeting in May. Another report will follow on the orientation events.

11. Information Resources Strategy Consultation –

Ms. Whitehead and Ms. McMullen from the library gave a presentation on the strategies that the library is examining to ensure faculty have access to the information needed for their research in the rapidly changing landscape of information technologies. Details of their presentation can be found at the Faculty website.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

Richard Ascough
Chair, Faculty Board

Patrick Costigan
Secretary, Faculty Board