FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
FACULTY BOARD
A meeting of Faculty Board was held on
Friday, February 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement delivered by Jonathan Rose.

Consent Agenda:
1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes
   Moved: A. Burfoot
   Seconded: Member Knobel     Carried

3. Arts and Science Undergraduate Society Report (Yara Hussein)
   - Very quick and successful election of new team
   - Academics Commissioner put on a successful Major’s Night
   - Equity Town Hall
   - ArtSci Basketball Charity Game raised $20,000 for the Canadian Cancer Trials Group
   - Exchange Buddy Banquet (International Student Community)
   - Opened up applications for professional development and student initiative funds grants which will be open until the end of Reading Week
   - ArtSci Undergraduate Research fund has just been opened. We have given out $38,000 funding last semester.
   - Wilson Award; Exceptional commitment to student leadership on campus

4. Reports
   1. Dean’s Report
      - Written report is on the FAS website
      - Acknowledged the great work of ASUS
      - Indicated her decision on the temporary suspension of the BFA program for 2 years
      - Thanked everyone for their input
      - Current students and ConEd students will be able to complete their program
      - Initiation of new curricula
      - Teaching and Learning supports have been put in place
      - There will be discussion towards redepartmentalization
      - This will pause the External Review Process
      - Provides capacity to revitalize programs.

   2. Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) Report
      - Principal’s Impact courses applications are open
      - There will be a panel discussion on ChatGPT later in the meeting
        - University will provide guidance but it is already covered in existing policies
        - Help instructors have discussions in class

   3. Associate Dean (Academic) Report
      - January Reception for the Dean’s Honour List and Honour with Distinction List
4. Associate Dean (Research) Report

- Call for Black Scholars excellence in Mentorship (received 39 applications) We will be meeting with the Adjudication Committee next Tuesday. There will be a celebratory reception at the end of March.
- Art of Research Photo contest launched on February 8, deadline March 10.
- More funding this year for research opportunities: 100 fellowships (approximately 60 for ArtSci). Any discipline is eligible. March 15 deadline.
- New funding for Postdoctoral. Deadline February 28 and a second one in May. These are two-year postdoctoral opportunities.
  https://www.queensu.ca/vpr/funding/internal/opportunities-funds/postdoctoral

5. Associate Dean (Graduate) Report (See on FAS website)

- Registration open for the 3-minute thesis
- This is recruitment season with the offers and funding packages.
- Tri-Council Scholarships have not changed in a long time. In May the federal budget will come in and there is hope for an increase.
- Arts and Science is providing $900,000 to International Students
- New president-elect of the SPGS is Devin Fowlie who spoke briefly about his mandate.
- Principal’s Awards: International Engagement Innovation

5. Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report Patr III – Appendix A

J. Stephenson moved that the “Omnibus Report Part III” be approved.
Seconded: S. MacKenzie
Carried

6. MUSC-P-BMS – Major Modification Proposal – Appendix B

These are expanded degree options involving 19 course changes. There will be a common core

J. Brook moved that the MUSC-P-BMS -Major Modification Proposal be approved
Seconded: S. Lind
Carried

7. Report of the Nominating Committee – Appendix C – for approval

After discussion it was decided that this motion for Faculty Board Chair be brought back in the March meeting. Motion tabled

8. ChatGPT:

Panel members C. Stinson (Computing/Phiosophy), C. Muise (Computing) and S. Larin (Political Studies) each presented a PowerPoint presentation followed by discussion. The PowerPoint Presentations are appended to this document.

Discussion after presentations:

B. Nelson: Two thoughts on the future
a) it will be embedded everywhere. Need to think about ethics.
b) likely to be marginal.

So, from your perspectives, what does the future look like in the next few years? And how much should we be focusing on the need to teach students to use it properly?

Discussion ensued around the following topics:

- It will be everywhere in short order and the students are picking it up faster than we are.
- It is important to teach student what the technologies really are and how they think about their own work.
- The media is changing out perception of what it is and how it works.
- There is a need to reimagine pedagogy.
- It is not as effective as previously believed because it does not distinguish between reputable sources and non-reputable sites.
- Students will not be able to fake their way through four years of university with it.
- Is this a technical problem or is it about workload?
- There is a fear this will lead to a regression to formal exams and pen-to-paper quizzes.
- Skills have changed. Ultimately we need to wait and see how this will play out.

9. Other Business:

Q. T. Adams: I wrote to J. Pierce regarding accommodations. Dean Crow, can you provide us with information?
A. Dean Crow: As soon as I hear details I will let you know.

Q. A. McLean: Regarding the Temporary Suspension of the BFA program, there will be a meeting with J. Stephenson.
A. J. Stephenson: There is a move in the office of the VP of Teaching and Learning to send this to Senate for input going forward. Please send comments to either A. McLean or J. Stephenson.

Meeting Ended at 5:00 p.m.

J. Mennell, Secretary
Faculty Board

J. Rose, Chair
Faculty Board