

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

Faculty Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

4 pm

Tweedie Hall

Present: R. Adlam, L. Beck (Secretary), P. Brown, R. Campbell (Chair), A. Cockshutt, J. Devine, N. Farooqi, P. Kelly Spurles, H. Lane, J. Lilburn, S. MacIver, J. Martínez, K. Meade, E. Millar, J. Ollerhead, C. Parker, R. Polegato, B. Robertson, J. Rogers, R. Schellenberg, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, E. Stregger, M. Truitt, J. Tomes, and E. Wells.

Observers: N. Fry, R. Howlett, and L. Landon.

Regrets: G. Cruttwell.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion (M. Truitt/A. Cockshutt): that Faculty Council approve the agenda as amended. It was proposed that the order of items 4 and 5 be reversed; the minutes reflect this change.
Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 30, 2018.

Motion (M. Truitt/A. Cockshutt): that Faculty Council approve the minutes.
Carried.

3. Approval of the Meeting Report from Feb. 28, 2018.

Faculty Council received the report.

4. Calendar Regulations around Grade Submission.

E. Wells inquired with members if the recent revision to the late withdrawal policy requires us to review the need to return 20% of the grade by a certain time in the semester. P. Brown noted the benefit of doing away with the latter calendar regulation as a means of reducing the coursework bottleneck that occurs six weeks into the semester. K. Meade shared her belief that the existing requirement to provide feedback to students supports the Early Alert initiatives on campus. P. Brown proposed that courses without prerequisites could retain the policy. J. Devine stated that it may be premature to make changes to the early feedback policy while the late withdrawal policy revision is only in its first year. R. Haslett expressed her belief that the feedback is essential for first and second year students.

5. Deans+ Plan 2.0 - Explanation and Discussion.

J. Ollerhead summarized feedback from consultation with the community and proposes maintaining the Dean of Science and Graduate Studies, and noted that a search for Dean of Social Sciences and Business has been launched, with the Dean of Arts (5-year term) search launching in the fall. R. Polegato has agreed to continue in her role in the PCTC for another year and the University Librarian search will launch this fall. The RJCBC directorship will not be renewed and a hiatus will be imposed while we consider the direction of the programme and of the position. E. Millar inquired about the addition of pan-university responsibilities to the deans' workload. J. Ollerhead provided members with the example that, in the area of research and creative activities, one rather than all deans will participate in coordinating the adjudication processes for faculty research awards.

6. Report from the Chair.

R. Campbell reviewed the events from the last month on campus, visiting speakers, and conferences, including the recent raising of the Mi'kmaw flag and powwow on campus. Seven tenure-track searches have been launched, and K. Meade updated members on conservatively optimistic recruitment outcomes and invited faculty to alert the recruitment intern about social media-related posts that could help with recruitment. N. Farooqi informed members that the Political Science department recently hosted a symposium on the Middle East. E. Millar inquired who will be leading academic orientation, and K. Meade responded that a committee has already been tasked with orientation and orientation chairs have been appointed.

7. Other Business.

J. Ollerhead advised members about May's week of professional development and reminded members to complete the library revisioning survey. P. Kelly Spurles inquired after the status of Mango. The librarians, several of whom were in attendance, reported that no news of Mango has been received and J. Ollerhead expressed optimism that the library's renovation may provide some insight into his whereabouts.

8. Adjournment at 4.50 pm.