

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
**Faculty Council Minutes**  
Tuesday, November 27, 2018  
4 pm  
Cons 004 (The Band Room)

**Present:** L. Beck (Secretary), A. Beverley, J-P. Boudreau (Chair), A. Cockshutt, J. Devine, J. Holton, C. Ionescu, H. Lane, K. Meade, S. MacIver, E. Millar, R. Mosher, J. Ollerhead, C. Parker, T. Reiffenstein, B. Robertson, J. Rogers, R. Schellenberg, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, E. Stregger, J. Tomes, M. Truitt, and E. Wells.

**Regrets:** N. Farooqi.

**Observers:** N. Fry (MASU).

**1. Approval of the agenda.**

**Motion:** that the agenda as circulated be approved (B. Robertson/E. Stregger).

**Carried.**

**2. Approval of the minutes of Sept. 18, 2018.**

**Motion:** that the minutes be adopted (V. St Pierre/M. Truitt)

**Carried.**

**3. Report from the Chair.**

The chair thanked A. Cockshutt for chairing the last meeting and the community for its engagement.

**4. Discussion about the purpose of Faculty Council.**

The chair began his remarks noting that achieving quorum may indicate that Faculty Council's purpose and organization need to be revisited, particularly given the dated language regarding Faculty Council in the university's bylaws. E. Wells as former Faculty Council secretary noted that 15 of the 25 in attendance were faculty and 10 administrators and J-P. Boudreau observed that faculty participation across the arts, social sciences, and sciences is uneven. Several members spoke to the utility of this body as a forum for discussion, identified scheduling-related issues that prevent colleagues from attending, and some proposed meeting less often or as the need arises. Members requested that the Faculty Council Executive undertake a survey in order to understand how this body could better serve members.

**5. Certificate programmes.**

E. Wells invited colleagues to consider submitting proposals for certificate programmes as outlined in a recent proposal from the Academic Matters Committee. A. Cockshutt thought the initiative was fantastic and could help with recruitment and would be attractive to broader communities, for instance adult learners. Several members offered their thoughts on the number of courses required for a certificate, on the potential to reach community and professional

constituencies who might desire to complete a certificate, and their impact on recruitment in general.

## **6. Discussion about the creation of new programmes.**

J. Ollerhead asked members how we can support new programme ideas, whether from external constituencies such as governments and companies, or internal ones, such as faculty and students. He also queried members about how new programmes come into fruition when we may not yet have a department to support its development. Several members encouraged moving forward with new programme development, especially in areas identified by the institution as growth areas and through new hires; without faculty renewal, many members thought that programme innovation would be difficult to achieve, especially in some departments where core courses to support a new programme would have to come from existing resources. K. Meade added that MPHC data shows potential growth areas in health administration and computing sciences for which there is higher labour market demand. J. Tomes suggested that the university studies this data and responds accordingly with programme development.

## **7. Other business.**

None raised.

## **8. Adjournment at 5:38 pm.**