PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross


Professional Librarians: Tasha Caswell, Joe Cox, Elisa Sze

Senior Administrative Officers: Susan Brown, Judy Dunn

Associated Instructor or Sessional Lecturer:

Administrative Staff: Kathy Shyjak

Students:
Doctoral: Lysanne Lessard
Masters (MIST): Julia Brewster, Katherine Clubine, Max Dionisio, Terri Rodak, Rebecka Sheffield, Kim Stymest, Leslie Thomson

Masters (MMSt): Emily Beliveau

Alumni/Alumnae: Bob Henderson, Kelly McKinley

External Members: Mary Ann Mavrinac

Assessors: Christine Marton, Eva Piorkowski

Recorder: Areti Vourinaris

REGRETS:
The President of the University of Toronto, Vice-President and Provost, Chief Librarian of the University, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Clare Beghtol, Matthew Brower, Nadia Caidi, Andrew Clement, Barbara Craig, Juris Dilevko, Twyla Gibson, Caroline Higgins, Stephen Hockema, Amy Hoffmann, Klara Maidenburg, Rachel Isaac-Menard, Jonathan Lofft, Cheryl Meszaros, Marte Misiek, Meaghan Morgan, David Phillips, Kathleen Scheaffer, Nalini Singh, Brian Cantwell Smith (on leave 2008-2009), Erica Sum, Lynne Teather, Cassandra Tilson, Jutta Treviranus, Eric Yu
MINUTES:

1. Call to order and acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m., with quorum established. The Chair, Joe Cox, welcomed all present members to the fourth regular meeting of the Faculty of Information Council.

It was moved that the Agenda be accepted. CARRIED.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2009

There was a correction under the section heading of 3 b. i where ‘The Association was also seeking graduate with PhDs from Archives and Information Services to serve on its Board of Directors’ and should read ‘The Association was also seeking PhD students from Archives and Information Systems to serve on its Board of Directors.’

Motion to accept minutes was made and CARRIED.

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

None

4. Dean’s report:

- Success of alumni events.
- Faculty and its relationship to stakeholder communities.
- Recent faculty recruitment visits.
- Approval of MI curriculum courses was significant.
- Recognition of the success of the Housing Memory Conference.

5. Council Committees’ reports:

a) Executive Committee

Discussion items:
- Amendment of Council By-Laws at the next regular meeting of Council.
- Revision of Faculty Mission Statement over Summer 2009, with new Academic Plan for Fall 2009.
- Support for disability disclaimer on all course syllabi as per Accessibility Services as follows:

Sample syllabus statement on disability:

“Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability or health consideration that may require accommodations, please
• feel free to approach me and/or the Accessibility Services Office as soon as possible. The Accessibility Services staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations. The sooner you let them and me know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.”

- It was moved by Dean Ross to continue with the current Committee Assignments until the next regular meeting of Council, as it is an inopportune time to change them. Seconded by Judy Dunn. CARRIED.

b) Standing Committees

i) Admissions Committees

(1) MISt Admissions Committee

   Discussion items:
   o 301 applications – 147 offers made.
   o 38 offers accepted.
   o 230 was the target number of admissions.

(2) MMSt Admissions Committee

   Discussion items:
   o 100+ applications
   o 50-55 offers made

(3) PhD Admissions Committee

   Discussion items:
   o Work had been completed.
   o 8 offers made; 5 Canadian, 3 International.

ii) Awards Committee

   Discussion items:
   o MI incoming offers – 10 fellowships; 10 assistantships

iii) Committee on Standing – No report.

iv) Information Services Committee – No report.
v) Programs Committee

Courses for approval:

**FIS 2130**

It was moved by Vice-Dean Mai that Council approve FIS 2130 – History of Libraries and Librarianship. Seconded by Prof. Lynne Howarth.

Discussion items:
- Course was reviewed by Executive Committee and Programs Committee re: appropriate level of Canadian context of the course.
- Idea proposed of requiring instructors who are proposing courses to attend the relevant meetings where their proposals are discussed.

Joe Cox called the question. 19 in favour, 2 opposed, 7 abstentions. Motion to approve FIS 2130 – History of Libraries and Librarianship was CARRIED.

After continued discussion, Council decided to vote again on the motion. The motion was NOT CARRIED.

**INF 2157**

Moved by Vice-Dean Mai that Council approve FIS 2157 – Theory and Practice of Intellectual Freedom in Libraries. Seconded by Prof. Lynne Howarth.

Discussion items:
- Approval of the course as it appeared before Council.
- Recommendations were given to Programs Committee about how to streamline the approval process.
- Future goals are the removal of old courses and the integration of relevant new courses from the timetable slate.
- Discussion of future integration of a class on information ethics as part of the Master’s level courses.

Joe Cox called the question. 2 abstentions. Motion to approve FIS 2157 – Theory and Practice of Intellectual Freedom in Libraries was CARRIED.

c) Special Committee

i) Life and Times Committee

Report submitted by Judy Dunn.

Items presented:
- Recognition of the success of the Housing Memory Conference.
6) Additional reports

i) School Students

   a) MISt - No report.
   b) MMSt – No report.
   c) Ph.D. – No report.

ii) Alumni

   a) MISt and Ph.D

   Report presented by Bob Henderson.

   Items presented:
   o Announcement of 10 alumni conference grants being offered to students at a value of $500 each.
   o Pending Jubilee Award and Alumni Award nominations.

   b) MMSt

   Report presented by Prof. Lynne Howarth.

   Items presented:
   o Brainstorming session was held about potential establishment of an active Museum Studies Alumni Association.

iii) Adaptive Technology Resource Centre – No report.

iv) Communications and Development – No report.

v) Information Services Unit – No report.

vi) Professional Learning Centre

   Report submitted by Eva Piorkowksi.

   Items presented:
   o Higher level of registration numbers.
   o Strong interest in Records Management course being offered in Ottawa.

vii) Academic Board – No report.
7) **Question period:**

Dean Seamus Ross asked if various committee groups were required to present a report at some point during the [Council year.

Answer: Not currently but would be initiated with new Council year.

8) **Announcements:**

- Prof. Wendy Newman announced her participation in the ‘Around the Bay Road Race’ to benefit the iSchool Emergency Student Bursary Fund on May 29, 2009.

- Prof. Lynne Howarth reminded Council of the Masters of Museum Studies Project Exhibition Gala Event at the Bata Shoe Museum on April 1, 2009.

9) **Other business:** None

10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.