FACULTY COUNCIL  
Third Regular Meeting, 2009-10 Session  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010  
4:10 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.

PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross

Teaching Staff: Jennifer Carter, Tasha Caswell, Joan Cherry, Chun Wei Choo, Joe Cox, Wendy Duff, Fiorella Foscarini, Alan Galey, Jenna Hartel, Stephen Hockema, Mike McCaffrey, Wendy Newman, Konstantinos Platanitis, Matt Ratto, Aviv Shachak, Brian Cantwell Smith, Yuri Takhteyev, Anthony Wensley, Eric Yu

Professional Librarians: Nalini Singh, Elisa Sze

Senior Administrative Officers: Susan Brown, Andrew Drummond, Judy Dunn

Associated Instructor or Sessional Lecturer:

Administrative Staff: Kathy Shyjak

Students:

Doctoral: Michael Jones

Masters (MI): Kim Stymest, Michael Desjardins, Laura Mustard, Alex Whiteman

Masters (MMSt): Alicia Cherayil

Alumni/Alumnae: Bob Henderson

External Members:

Assessors: Eva Piorkowski, Bruce Stewart

Observers:

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, Matthew Brower, Nadia Caidi, Andrew Clement, Juris Dilevko, Twyla Gibson, Lynne Howarth, Kelly Lyons, Heather MacNeil, Rhonda McEwen, Kelly McKinley, Jens-Erik Mai, Susan Maltby, Mary Ann Mavrinac, David Phillips, Kathleen Scheaffer, Siobhan Stevenson, Lynne Teather, Jutta Treviranus
1) Call to order and acceptance of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m., with quorum established. The Chair, Andrew Drummond, welcomed all present members to the third regular meeting of the Faculty of Information Council. The Chair also welcomed new members of Faculty Council, Bruce Stewart, new Director of the iSchool Institute, Prof. Fiorella Foscarini, Prof. Konstantinos Plataniotis, new Director of the Knowledge Media Design Institute, and Alex Dvornyak, Senior Web Developer. He also congratulated Mary Ann Mavrinac on her upcoming appointment as the President of the Ontario Library Association.

It was moved that the Agenda be accepted. CARRIED

2) Minutes of the Meeting of November 20, 2009

Motion to accept minutes was made and CARRIED.

3) Business arising from the Minutes

None

4) Dean’s report

Items presented by Dean Seamus Ross:
  o Anticipation of U of T budget announcement.
  o Upcoming ALA Accreditation visit March 8-9, 2010.
  o ALA Program Presentation Report.
  o Establishment of Digital Curation Institute (DCI).

MOTION It was MOVED by Prof. Mike McCaffrey that Faculty Council endorse the ALA Program Presentation for the ALA Accreditation Committee. Seconded by Matt Ratto.

CARRIED unanimously

MOTION It was MOVED by Brian Cantwell Smith that the Coach House Institute (CHI) be established as an EDU:C in the Faculty of Information (“iSchool”) at the University of Toronto. Seconded by Bruce Stewart.

Professor Smith noted that the CHI grew out of and built upon the University’s long-standing McLuhan Program in Technology and Culture. The CHI would preserve the McLuhan’s Program’s historical focus on technology and culture, but—given the transformative nature and implications of digital and information technologies for education, scholarship, the university, and society—concentrate on broad-ranging issues involving digital technology and culture.

There was some discussion, during which the following issues were raised:
  o The background and general overview of the proposal;
  o Prof. Brian Cantwell Smith mentioned that he had removed his research project from the CHI for cleanliness of proposed restructuring as an EDU:C;
  o Upcoming CONTACT Photography Festival, hosted by colleagues in the McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology (Coach House) and University of Toronto Art Centre;
  o The proposed and recommended governance structure of the CHI.

CARRIED unanimously

MOTION It was MOVED by Dean Seamus Ross that the Faculty of Information’s Professional Learning Centre (PLC) be established as an EDU:C in the Faculty of Information (iSchool) at the University of Toronto, and that it be renamed the iSchool Institute (iSI). Seconded by Bruce Stewart.

Dean Ross noted that the iSI built upon the success of the PLC in bringing continuing education for those who work in the information disciplines to students in multiple cities.

There was some discussion, during which the following issues were raised:
The background and general overview of the proposal;
- The naming rationale of the proposed iSchool Institute;
- The implication for faculty member interaction and consultation;
- The possible implications for students with respect to the development of professional skills and teaching credentials for future academic life;
- The scope for engagement with faculty and public visible space for practitioners and consultants.

CARRIED unanimously

5) Council Committees’ reports

a) Executive Committee

Report presented by Andrew Drummond:
- Proposal to Establish a Thesis Option for the Master of Museum Studies Program.

No discussion.

CARRIED unanimously

b) Standing Committees

i) Admissions

(1) MI Admissions

Report presented by Prof. Eric Yu:
- Increase in overall number of applications.

(2) MMSt Admissions

Report presented by Prof. Jennifer Carter:
- Approximately 116 applicants.

(3) PhD Admissions

Report presented by Prof. Wendy Duff:
- Approximately 55 applicants.
- Academic advising and funding arrangements.

There was some discussion.

ii) Awards

Report submitted by Adriana Rossini.

No discussion.

iii) Committee on Standing

Report presented by Prof. Joan Cherry:
- Review of 15 non-grade course reports.

No discussion.

iv) Programs

None.

v) Information Services

Report presented by Dean Seamus Ross:
- Proposal to reduce duplication in the journal collection at the Faculty of Information.
- Overview of journal collection recommendations and criteria presented by Elisa Sze.
MOTION       It was MOVED by Joe Cox and seconded by Bruce Stewart that:

o The Faculty of Information Council adopt the journal collection policy of reducing resource
duplication by decreasing the number of print subscriptions in favour of the e-journal, where the
e-format satisfies specific criteria, but maintain and preserve those print periodical holdings
which have already been acquired.

o And that the Information Services Committee appoint a task group to evaluate Information
Services' journal subscriptions on a title-by-title basis, according to a set of agreed-upon criteria.
The task group charged with evaluating the journal collection will prepare and submit a report
containing recommendations on how to allocate funds previously spent on duplicated content to
evolving research and teaching areas.

o And that the Information Services Committee report back to Council on the above by the second
meeting of Council in Fall 2010.

No discussion.

CARRIED unanimously

c) Special

i) Life and Times

None.

6) Other reports

a) Inclusive Design Institute/Adaptive Technology Research Centre

Report submitted by Jutta Treviranus.

No discussion.

b) Knowledge Media Design Institute

Report submitted by Prof. Konstantinos Plataniotis:

o Announcement of Ontario Media Development Corporation’s funding of the Designing Digital Media
for the Internet of Things project (DDiMIT).

There was some discussion.

c) Communications and Development


No discussion.

d) Professional Learning Centre

Report presented by Bruce Stewart:

o Overview of upcoming initiatives and program priorities.
 o Co-sponsorship of Managing Information in the Public Sector 2010 conference.

There was some discussion.

e) iSchool Students

i) MI

Items presented by Kim Stymest:

o Recent Job Fair in the Inforum.
 o Student fee referendum.
 o Encouragement of more faculty involvement at social events.
No discussion.

ii) MMSt

Items presented by Alicia Cherayil:
- Promotion of current professional student exhibition projects.
- Student fee referendum.
- Encouragement of more faculty involvement at social events.

No discussion.

iii) Ph.D.

Items presented by Michael Jones:
- Update on working group on qualitative methods.
- PhD Research Days April 12-13, 2010.

There was some discussion.

f) iSchool Alumni

i) MI and Ph.D.

Items presented by Bob Henderson:
- Co-hosting iTea with ExLibris Association on March 10, 2010.

There was some discussion.

ii) MMSt

None.

7) Academic Board report

None.

8) Question period

None.

9) Announcements

- Site visit of ALA External Review Panel is March 8-9, 2010.
- PhD Research Days is April 12-13.

10) Other business

11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.