Facility of Information
Executive Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Present: Andrew Drummond (Chair), Areti Vourinaris (Secretary), Seamus Ross (Dean), N. Caidi, F. Foscarini, J. Jacobson, K. Lyons, O. E. Menchaca

Guests: C. Becker, H. MacNeil

1. Change in Concentration Requirements: Archives and Records Management Concentration, Master of Information Program

The Chair thanked the members present for attending the meeting, which had been called to discuss on behalf of Council a proposed change to the Archives and Records Management Concentration requirements in the Master of Information program.

Members had before them the proposal, as well as a submission from Mr. Menchaca detailing students’ opinions on the proposal.

The Chair invited Professor MacNeil and Professor Becker to discuss the proposal. Professor MacNeil noted that the proposal had been developed over the course of some months, and that it was felt that the program would be better balanced by requiring an introductory course in information systems, which was increasingly core to the professional experience of Archives and Records Management graduates. She noted that INF 1003H had evolved significantly from its state when offered to many of those who had commented on it.

Mr. Menchaca noted that the bulk of student concerns were centred upon INF 1003H and that he was not opposed to the other two aspects of the proposal.

MOTION It was MOVED by Mr. Menchaca and seconded by Professor Ross that the proposal be referred back to the Programs Committee to reconsider the inclusion of INF 1003H as one of the five required courses for the ARM Concentration.

Professor MacNeil noted that the proposal had been developed over a significant period of time, and that the Programs Committee had approved the proposal unanimously.

The question was PUT and DEFEATED.
MOTION  It was MOVED by Professor Caidi and seconded by Professor Lyons that the proposal to alter the requirements for the Archives and Records Management Concentration, as laid out in the material before members, be approved.

Mr. Menchaca noted his disappointment with the result of the vote, and reiterated his support for two-thirds of the proposal.

MOTION  It was MOVED by Mr. Menchaca and seconded by Professor Foscarini TO AMEND that the motion be AMENDED to remove the inclusion of INF 1003H and replace it with INF 1340H.

Dean Ross and Professor MacNeil stated their belief that INF 1003H and INF 1340H were not compatible to achieve the results aimed for in the proposal.

VOTE ON  The motion to amend the main motion was DEFEATED.
MOTION TO AMEND

VOTE ON  The motion was CARRIED.
MOTION

Mr. Menchaca requested that his opposition to the motion be recorded and reported.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.