FACULTY COUNCIL
Fourth Regular Meeting, 2011-2012 Session
Friday, June 15, 2012
9:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross

Teaching Staff: Jenna Hartel, Lynne Howarth, Heather MacNeil, Wendy Newman, Aviv Shachak, Brian Cantwell Smith, Siobhan Stevenson, Eric Yu

Professional Librarians: Nalini Singh, Elisa Sze

Senior Administrative Officers: Susan Brown, Andrew Drummond (in the Chair), Adriana Rossini

Associated Instructor or Sessional Lecturer:

Administrative Staff: Kathy Shyjak

Students:

Doctoral: Jenna Jacobson

Masters (MI): Victoria Baranow, Jessica Gallinger, Adam Fox

Masters (MMSt):

Alumni/Alumnae: Kimberly Silk

External Members:

Assessors:

Observers: Robin Kester, Alexandra Kwan, Isidora Petrovic, 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, Matthew Brower, Joan Cherry, Chun Wei Choo, Andrew Clement, Joe Cox, Katherine Cuyler, Keren Early, Sarah-Anne de Groot, Shawna Delgaty, Jaclyn Derlatka, Juris Dilevko, Wendy Duff, Fatima Elzaibak, Fiorella Foscarini, Adam Fox, Alan Galey, Gillian Gallimore, Sara Grimes, David Jorjani, Cara Kumpotich, Sanjin Kudzuovic, Kelly Lyons, Jens-Erik Mai, Mike McCaffrey, Rhonda McEwen, Susan Maltby, Ross Newton, David Phillips, Konstantinos Platanitis, Matt Ratto, Kathleen Scheaffer, Barbara Soren, Yuri Takhteyev, Lynne Teather, Lindsay Timmins, Amy Weir, Anthony Wensley, Andrew Zanier
1) Call to order and acceptance of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m., with quorum established. The Chair, Andrew Drummond, welcomed all members to the fourth regular meeting of the Faculty of Information Council for 2011-12.

2) Minutes of the Meeting of May 14, 2012

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting was made and CARRIED.

3) Business arising from the Minutes

The Chair noted that the notice of motion from the previous meeting would be discussed under agenda item #5.

4) Dean’s report:

The Dean reported on the following issues:

- Presidential approval of the tenure of Prof. Leslie Regan Shade (Communication) who began at the iSchool on July 1, 2012.
- Faculty searches underway. He was in negotiation with the recommended candidate from the LIS search, and the Museum Studies search had made a recommendation for appointment.
- The Museum Studies program admission target had been met.
- The MI program admissions were well below target, a state that would result in significant repercussions for the Faculty. As a result, recruitment was crucial. A key to recruitment success was contact with faculty.
- Possible reasons for lower MI enrolment, in particular: i) the current job market, especially related to LIS program identity; ii) U of T tuition fees; and iii) reputational problems relating to the MI core and large class sizes.

There was some discussion.

5) Bylaw Amendment: Awards Committee

MOTION It was MOVED by Adriana Rossini that Article 2, Section 3 (Awards Committee) be amended to allow the Awards Committee to delegate the offering of entry awards to the Admissions Committee. Seconded by Victoria Baranow.

There was some discussion.

CARRIED unanimously

6) Council Committees’ reports

a) Executive Committee

No report.

b) Standing Committees

i) Admissions

No report.
ii) Awards

Adriana Rossini submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

iii) Committee on Standing

No report.

iv) Programs

Prof. Heather MacNeil submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).
Professor Heather MacNeil outlined the current proposal on the floor for Council’s consideration – the MI Core Major Modification Proposal.

**MOTION**

It was **MOVED** by Prof. Heather MacNeil that the Faculty of Information Council approve the MI Core Major Modification Proposal to reduce the number of core courses in the Master of Information (MI) Program to 1 half-course (0.5 FCE) for students pursuing a concentration option. INF1005/1006H Information Workshops will be retained as a core course for students pursuing a concentration option and INF1001H Knowledge and Information in Society, INF1002H Representation, Organization, Classification, and Meaning Making, and INF1003H Information Systems, Services and Design will become recommended electives. In addition, this proposal sets out the basic requirements for each concentration, namely 2.5 FCE of required courses for each concentration. This major modification will be effective Sept. 2013. This proposal does not affect the MI program requirements for students pursuing either a general program option (previously referred to within the Faculty of Information as an “individual path”) or a thesis option. Seconded by Prof. Lynne Howarth.

There was some discussion.

**CARRIED unanimously**

Professor Smith noted that the framework allowed not only the conversion of existing paths into concentrations, but also created the possibility of adding new concentrations. He further noted that the development of two new concentrations was already underway. He proposed a motion to help solidify the development of one of those two, for which he was responsible.

**MOTION**

It was **MOVED** by Prof. Brian Cantwell Smith that the Faculty of Information Council approve, in principle, the development of a new concentration within the Master’s of Information (MI) degree program in Culture and Technology.

There was some discussion.

**CARRIED unanimously**

v) Information Services

Dean Seamus Ross submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

c) Special

i) Life and Times

No report.
7) Reports from Institutes
   a) Digital Curation Institute
      No report.
   b) Coach House Institute
      No report.
   c) Identity, Privacy and Security Institute
      No report.
   d) iSchool Institute
      No report.
   e) Knowledge Media Design Institute
      No report.

8) Other reports
   a) Communications and Development
      Kathleen O’Brien submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes) and it was presented by Robin Kester.
   b) iSchool Students
      i) MI
         No report.
      ii) MMSt
         Caitlin Tracey-Miller submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).
      iii) Ph.D.
         No written report. Jenna Jacobson reported on current initiatives regarding the DSA website and the upcoming move from iSouth to Bissell. She also reminded members of the Fall Potluck for doctoral students.
   c) iSchool Alumni
      i) MI and Ph.D.
         Kimberly Silk presented an oral report about the following items:
         o Success of Spring Reunion – May 30, 2012
         o Convocation Reception – June 15, 2012
         o AGM – June 19, 2012
         o Orientation – September 6, 2012
ii) MMSt

No report.

9) Academic Board report

No report.

10) Question period

11) Announcements

Victoria Baranow reminded everyone of the Convocation Reception later in the afternoon. Dean Seamus Ross formally thanked Prof. Heather MacNeil who had served as Associate Dean, Academic. The Dean marked the departure to Denmark of Prof. Jens-Erik Mai and thanked him for his long contributions. Dean Ross also marked the retirement of Profs. Lynne Teather and Joan Cherry on June 30, 2012. Prof. Lynne Teather was awarded a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Governor General of Canada through the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) in recognition of her exceptional contributions to Canadian culture and heritage. Prof. Joan Cherry would continue to teach courses in the future at the Faculty.

Prof. Brian Cantwell Smith expressed his appreciation of Prof. Teather’s humanities point-of-view and contribution to the Faculty.

12) Other Business

None

13) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.