FACULTY COUNCIL  
2nd Regular Meeting, 2013-2014 Session  
Friday, November 22, 2013  
9:37 a.m. – 11:26 a.m.

PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross


Professional Librarians: Nalini K. Singh, Elisa Sze

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

Associated Instructor or Sessional Lecturer:

Administrative Staff: Kathy Shyjak

Students:

Doctoral: Chris Young

Masters (MI): Octavio Escalante Menchaca, Amanda Chernawski, George Raine, Hannah Loshak, Kyra Folk-Farber, Laura Chuang, Matthew Gertler, Ned Struthers

Masters (MMS): Robyn Bosnyak, Lauren Williams

Alumni/Alumnae:

External Members:

Assessors: Eva Piorkowski

Observers: Greta Golick, Tony Lemmens, Percy Lo, Kathleen O’Brien, Isidora Petrovic

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, Periklis Andritsos, Jaime Banks, Brett Caraway, Mark Chignell, Nicole Cohen, Keren Dali, Juris Dilevko, Sara Grimes, Karolina Grzeszczuk, Patrick Keilty, Cara Krmpotich, Kelly Lyons, Heather MacNeil, Susan Maltby, Rhonda McEwen, Samantha Pirner, Kathleen Scheaffer, Aviv Shachak, Kimberly Silk, Brian Cantwell Smith, Siobhan Stevenson, Lucy Szczesnaik, Anthony Wensley
MINUTES

1) Call to order and acceptance of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m., with quorum established. The Chair, Andrew Drummond, welcomed all members to the second regular meeting of the Faculty of Information Council for 2013-14.

2) Approval of the Minutes from October 18, 2013

A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting was made and CARRIED. A motion to accept additions to the agenda was made and CARRIED.

3) iSchool’s first MOOC

Ms. Wendy Newman gave a brief video presentation of the iSchools’s first MOOC (Massively Open Online Course) entitled “Library Advocacy Unshushed: Values, Evidence, Action”. After which, there was a brief discussion, and all members congratulated her on her hard work and initiative on setting up the course.

4) Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5) Dean’s report:

The Dean reported on the following issues:

- Wendy Newman, a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at the Faculty of Information, would be offering a six-week adaptation of her popular online elective on advocacy for libraries and librarianship, giving anyone, anywhere in the world, the opportunity to learn more about advocacy for libraries and strengthening of the communities they serve.
- Overview of copyright guidelines for the University, 2013-14; Responsibilities of all members of the University community respecting copyright.
- Update on changes to research policies at the University.
- Faculty working group on doctoral supervision.
- Future of iSchool Institute; draft agreement between School of Continuing Studies and Faculty of Information for the delivery of continuing education courses for Information professionals.
- Collaboration with UTL re: job shadowing initiative.
- Proposed outsourcing of faculty and staff email and eCommunications to the Microsoft Office 365 product.

MOTION: It was moved by Prof. Andrew Clement that the Faculty of Information has serious concerns about the proposed outsourcing of our email and eCommunications to the Microsoft Office 365 product, and recommends that the decision be postponed in order to explore alternatives BE APPROVED. Seconded by Prof. Wendy Duff.

There was some discussion.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.
6) Council Committees’ reports

a) Executive Committee

No written report. The Chair gave a brief oral report that the Executive Committee had met on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at which the Committee discussed the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) review that the Faculty was undergoing.

The Chair then turned the floor over to Joan Cherry, Professor Emeritus, who gave an overview of the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) review of the Faculty of Information by, and next steps for the External Reviewer Visit January 15-17, 2014.

There was some discussion.

b) Standing Committees

i) Admissions and Recruitment

No written report. Prof. Alan Galey gave a brief oral report.

Dean Seamus Ross commended the work and efforts of Recruitment Officer Jerome Poon-Ting, Prof. Alan Galey, and Prof. Leslie Shade, Chairs of the Master’s and Doctoral Admissions and Recruitment Committees. The Dean also made a note of thanks to the faculty, staff, and students on recruitment activities and events such as “Information Nights”.

ii) Awards

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

Kathleen O’Brien reminded students of the $500 FIAA conference grant award applications due Nov. 29, 2013. Dean Ross encouraged students to apply prospectively based on potential conference papers being accepted.

iii) Committee on Standing

Prof. Lynne Howarth submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

div) Programs

No report.

ev) Information Services

Prof. Kelly Lyons submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

c) Special

i) Life and Times

Prof. Jenna Hartel submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes). She also announced that award-winning novelist, Miriam Toews would be the guest at the End-of-Year iTea Celebration on April 2 at the iSchool.
7) **Reports from Institutes**

a) **Coach House Institute**

No report.

b) **Digital Curation Institute**

No written report. Prof. Wendy gave a brief oral report on upcoming DCI Speaker Series.

c) **Identity, Privacy and Security Institute**

No report.

d) **iSchool Institute**

No written report. Eva Piorkowski gave a brief oral report. She announced that the first cohort of the “Public Library Leadership Fellows (PLL) program” will graduate at the OLA SuperConference Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2014. The Dean made a note of thanks to faculty, staff, and students for increasing the excellence of Canadian libraries.

e) **Knowledge Media Design Institute**

No report.

8) **Other reports**

a) **Careers**

Isidora Petrovic submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

There was some discussion.

b) **Communications and Alumni Relations**

Kathleen O’Brien submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes). She also congratulated the Dean for securing funds to send students on the Nelson Mandela summer internship.

c) **Development and Advancement Initiatives**

No written report. Audrey Johnson gave a brief oral report.

d) **iSchool Students**

i) **MI**

Octavio Escalante Menchaca submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

ii) **MMSt**

Robyn Bosnyak submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

iii) **Ph.D.**

Chris Young submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).
e) iSchool Alumni
   i) MI and Ph.D.
   ii) MMSt

   No report.

9) Other business

   None

10) Academic Board report

   • No written report. Prof. Wendy Duff gave a brief oral report on the meeting she had attended the day before where some of the items discussed were: the Academic Plan which was successfully presented, copyright issues, and an overview of projects and capital planning.

11) Question period

   None

12) Announcements

   • The Dean thanked Assistant Dean, Administration, Susan Brown, who was attending her last Council meeting, for her extensive service to the Faculty, and to the University of Toronto as a whole. This announcement of her retirement was met with a round of applause and a standing ovation.
   • Dean Seamus Ross announced the opening of the exhibit “Mapping Harbord Village: Stories of a Neighbourhood” between Thursday, November 21 and Sunday, December 15, 2013 at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Avenue.
   • Prof. Nadia Caidi announced the call for papers for the iSchool Graduate Conference “Information in Formation: Building a Profession” (March 21-23, 2014).

13) Other Business

   None

14) Adjournment

   The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.