FACULTY COUNCIL
First Regular Meeting, 2012-2013 Session
Friday, September 14, 2012
9:40 a.m. – 11:36 a.m.

PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross

Teaching Staff: Periklis Andritsos, Chun Wei Choo, Andrew Clement, Wendy Duff, Fiorella Foscarini, Lynne Howarth, Patrick Keilty, Kelly Lyons, Wendy Newman, Matt Ratto, Leslie Shade, Brian Cantwell Smith, Siobhan Stevenson

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): Jessica Gallinger, Sarah Anne de Groot, Mari Vihuri

Masters (MMSt): Caitlin Tracey-Miller

Alumni/Alumnae: Kimberly Silk

External Members:

Assessors:

Observers: Robin Kester, Allison Moore, 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, Nadia Caidi, Keren Dali, Costis Dallas, Juris Dilevko, Alan Galey, Sara Grimes, Jenna Hartel, Cara Krmopotich, Heather MacNeil, Mike McCaffrey, Rhonda McEwen, Susan Malthby, David Phillips, Kathleen Scheaffer, Aviv Shachak, Anthony Wensley, Eric Yu
MINUTES

1) Call to order and acceptance of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m., with quorum established. The Chair, Andrew Drummond, welcomed all members to the first regular meeting of the Faculty of Information Council for 2012-13.

2) Minutes of the Meeting of June 15, 2012

A motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2012 meeting was made and CARRIED.

3) Business arising from the Minutes

It was moved that the Agenda be accepted with a slight amendment to Item 5 as follows:
The Chair noted that the proposed list of Council Committees, 2012-2013 would be discussed and approved before the Election of the Executive Committee, 2012-2013. CARRIED.

4) Dean’s report:

The Dean reported on the following issues:

- The completion of the successful and exciting General Assembly event to welcome everyone back to the iSchool.
- Introduction of five new faculty members: Prof. Periklis Andritsos, Prof. Costis Dallas, Prof. Patrick Keilty, Prof. Leslie Shade, and Prof. Irina Mihalache (Winter 2013).
- Still trying to close on the faculty search in Digital Preservation/Records Management.
- The complement of faculty is better than ever.
- The repatriation of all faculty, staff, and students to the Bissell Building and looking forward to expanding our current facilities.
- Acknowledgement that funds for the renovation of The Coach House were made possible by the efforts of Assistant Dean Susan Brown.
- Donor funds were in the process of being identified to give support to the academic cultivation of the Faculty via the McLuhan legacy.
- The development of the Culture and Technology and Knowledge Media Design concentrations for the Master of Information degree program.
- A special vote of thanks to Susan Brown and Glen Menzies for the successful move of the Faculty back to the Bissell Building.
- Announcement that a new classroom was being renovated which would be symmetrical to Room 538.
- The 5th Floor Space Committee would work on space allocation this year to continue to develop the Inforum as a lab for students.
- New upcoming program initiatives e.g. experiential learning.
- U of T was concerned about the rise of distance education as it continues to accelerate i.e. defining the distinct character of our degrees at the University of Toronto as well as making the benefits transparent.
- The announcement that Prof. Andrew Clement had agreed to serve as the Interim Director of KMDI for Fall 2012 with the following major goal areas:
  i) Finding a new Director for KMDI
  ii) Undergraduate concentration initiative.
  iii) The Bell University Labs Chair in Human Computer Interaction was being posted as a high-status appointment.
- An update on the Open UToronto Working Group which is discussing different options re: distance learning and impact on post-secondary learning i.e. concern over the way that education will be delivered in the future: issues of brand and reputation re: teaching and research as well as delivery modes, access, and
evaluation (e.g. U of T was partnering with Coursera to pilot new web-based courses online for free and creating new opportunities for hands-on learning in the classroom)
- Suggestion that the Faculty should strike a committee re: distance education as an evidence-based discussion and foundation to our deliberations.

There was some discussion.

5) Notice of Motion

That Article 2, Section 2 (Admissions Committee) of the By Laws be amended to allow the Admissions Committee to be re-named the Admissions and Recruitment Committee and to have a recruitment mandate.

There was some discussion.

6) Council Committees’ reports

No report.

a) Executive Committee

i) Council Committees, 2012-2013

MOTION It was MOVED by Prof. Lynne Howarth that Faculty Council accept the list of Council Committees for 2012-2013 with the possibility of changes to the names of any newly elected student members. Seconded by Prof. Wendy Duff. CARRIED.

ii) Election of Executive Committee, 2012-2013

Prof. Wendy Duff, Prof. Leslie Shade, Prof. Chun Wei Choo, and Nalini K. Singh were acclaimed as members of the Executive Committee for 2012-13.

b) Standing Committees

i) Admissions

No report.

ii) Awards

No report.

iii) Committee on Standing

No report.

iv) Programs

No report.

v) Information Services

No report.
c) Special
   
   i) Life and Times
   
   Kathleen Scheaffer submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes) and it was presented by Elisa Sze.

7) Reports from Institutes

   a) Digital Curation Institute
   
   No written report. Prof. Wendy Duff reported on current initiatives regarding the DCI and made a reminder announcement about the iPres Conference Oct. 2-5th, 2012.

   b) Coach House Institute
   
   No written report. Prof. Brian C. Smith reported on the Culture and Technology (C+T) proposal which had been reviewed by SGS and would come forward to Council on November 30, 2012. Prof. Smith also noted appreciation for the renovations in progress at the Coach House.

   c) Identity, Privacy and Security Institute
   
   No written report. Prof. Andrew Clement reported on the seminar course being offered and the planning ahead for Research Day.

   d) iSchool Institute
   
   No written report. Eva Piorkowski reported on current planning and development. The Dean made a note of thanks to Eva for turning things around.

   e) Knowledge Media Design Institute
   
   No written report. Prof. Andrew Clement reported on the following items:
   - The Search for a Director, Knowledge Media Design Institute (KMDI) and Bell University Labs (BUL) Chair in Human Computer Interaction (HCI)
   - KMDI’s move to the first floor of Robarts
   - The upcoming colloquium by Prof. Steve Fuller on October 25, 2012
   - Collaborative Program course being offered in Fall 2012
   - Reading course with a special project - KMD 3000 course, Wayfinding: Medical Sciences Building
   - The Dean noted that the Faculty is making significant investment in KMDI and it is important that we communicate this to students so that they can take advantage of these resources

8) Other reports

   a) Communications and Development
   
   Kathleen O’Brien submitted the report (attached to the original of these minutes).

   b) iSchool Students

   i) MI
   
   No written report. Jessica Galllinger reported on the following items:
   - Orientation Barbecue
   - Open Mic Nights
Upcoming MISC Elections, September 24-27, 2012
Tech Fund providing some funds for an html and cs workshop
Setting up a Teaching Award (under development for Spring 2013)

ii) MMSt

No written report. Caitlin Tracey-Miller reported on the following items:
- MGSA Elections at the end of September 2012
- OMA Memberships
- Partnering with MISC on student initiatives
- October 4, 2012 “Meet and Greet” event with Faculty Advisors
- The revival of “Musings” – the Museum Studies newspaper

iii) Ph.D.

No written report. Jenna Jacobson reported on the following items:
- DSA Potluck Invitation for September 19, 2012 from 12 to 2 pm
- Tech Fund allocation of resources for Room 705 (Student Lounge)

c) iSchool Alumni

i) MI and Ph.D.

No written report. Kimberly Silk reported on the following items:
- Participation at Orientation – September 6, 2012
- FIAA Meeting on September 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm
- Joint FIAA-iTea on September 26, 2012 at 5:00 pm
- FIAA website content is still under development
- Student Conference Grants are again being offered this year
- FIAA would like Semaphore to present to the FIAA

ii) MMSt

No report.

9) Academic Board report

No report.

Teaching Staff Member nominations currently open for 2012-2013.

10) Question period

The following were points of discussion:

Enrolment numbers for the MI program were down. Isidora Petrovic, Careers Officer, presented some statistics from the Alumni Survey. There was some discussion about focussing on the positive and on our strengths. The Dean and other members noted that the Faculty had exceptional students and faculty who shone as exemplars of excellence.

11) Announcements

Dr. Daphne Kyriaki-Manessi was a Visiting Scholar at the iSchool during the Fall 2012 term.
12) Other Business

None

13) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.