FACULTY COUNCIL
4th Regular Meeting, 2014-2015 Session
Friday, March 20, 2015
9:35am – 11:20am

PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross (Dean), Liz Smyth (SGS Dean’s Designate)

Teaching Staff: Wendy Duff (Council Chair), Christoph Becker, Nicole Cohen Lynne Howarth, Patrick Keilty, Cara Krmpotich, Mike McCaffrey, Rhonda McEwen, Irina D. Mihalache, Wendy Newman, David Phillips, Leslie Shade, Brian Cantwell Smith, Eric Yu.

Professional Librarians: Lari Langford, Kathleen Scheaffer, Nalini K. Singh, Elisa Sze

Senior Administrative Officers: Glenn Cumming, Audrey M. Johnson, Anna Pralat, Adriana Rossini

Associated Instructor or Sessional Lecturer:

Administrative Staff: Kathy Shyjak

Students:

Doctoral:

Masters (MI): Stephanie Abba, Hilary Barlow, Carolyn Dineen, Peymon Montazeri, Amanda Chernawski, Christopher Hogendoorn

Masters (MMSt):

Alumni/Alumnae: Angela Henshilwood

External Members:

Assessors:

Observers: Isidora Petrovic

Recorder: Mary-Marta Briones-Bird

REGRETS: The President of the University of Toronto, Vice-President and Provost, Chief Librarian of the University, Nicole Ritchie, Janel Cheng, Maya Cruz, Diana Kulpa, Sarah Lubelski, Calvin Tennakoon, Katrina Cohen-Palacios, Lily Jackson, Sanja Ljaskevic, Anthony Wensley.

MINUTES

1) Call to order and acceptance of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am, with quorum established. The Chair, Wendy Duff, welcomed all members to the fourth meeting of the Faculty of Information Council for 2014-15.

2) Approval of the Minutes from February 6, 2015

Chair Wendy Duff asked if there were any changes to the Minutes. Mr. Christopher Hogendoorn noted that he and Ms. Katrina Cohen-Palacios had been present at the last meeting. Prof. Lynne Howarth also noted that there was a correction to the report from the Committee on Standing which was now resubmitted.

MOTION: A motion to accept the minutes with amendments was made by Prof. Lynne Howarth and seconded by Mr. Christopher Hogendoorn and the motion was CARRIED.

3) Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

4) Dean’s report:

The Dean reported on the following issues:

i) Student conference (March 6th and 7th, 2015) Dean Seamus Ross – complimented students on their conference on the 6th & 7th of March, thanks for your hard work and also to the faculty advisors.

ii) Introduced visiting scholars, Prof. Vittore Cassarosa specializing in digital libraries and Prof. Hassan Kiani who specialized in digital literacy.

iii) The ACA Student Chapter invited the Librarian Archivist of Canada, Dr. Guy Berthiaume to speak. His talk on the future of Library and Archives Canada was extremely well attended.

iv) Stephen Abrams spoke on the foundations of digital curation; The Dean noted he was hoping to spend some time with him today.

v) The Bertha Bassam lecture was a success. The Dean thanked Audrey Johnson and Robin Kester for all their hard work and Kathleen O’Brien. There were a number of students protesting at the event, everyone who registered for the event was given information about the CUPE strike and to find more information on the issues of concern.

vi) Commended Prof. Andrew Clement on the Ask Snowden event which was extremely successful. The Dean is in the process of nominating Snowden for an honorary degree which he will share around once we have the draft of it. I am looking forward to putting it forward in the summertime, hopefully be able to talk to the President. Prof. Wendy Duff, pointed out that George Raine one of our graduates, and Gillian Harkness a first year student created the archives. She noted that Andrew Clement has said has done a brilliant job.
vii) Changes to the pre-tenure process for our pre-tenure colleagues, copy of presentation, please have a look, especially pre-tenure faculty and their mentors.

viii) A reminder to doctoral students that there is a doctoral travel funding program. The Faculty set aside some money each year, handled by the Director of the PhD program. Please encourage students to apply.

ix) Please review the Universities Cyber Risk policy and if you have any comments or thoughts, please send them to the Dean as he will be writing to Vice-President, University Operations, Prof. Scott Mabury. We hope to influence the shape of it.

x) The Faculty is adopting the e-marks system, already in place at UTM, in fact the faculty members who are using it at UTM will be already familiar with it. It will make us more efficient in mark submission.


Undergraduate Programming Work Group
The members of this Group include the Dean, David Philips, Anthony Wensley, Rhonda McEwen, Leslie Shade, and Brett Caraway. They are continuing to meet and work to develop proposals.

Concentrations and Required Courses Work Group
The members of this Group, the Dean, Prof Liz Smyth (Vice-Dean of SGS), Nadia Caidi, Costis Dallas, David Phillips, and Eric Yu, are currently meeting to evaluate the current concentrations and determine if some should be merged.

Governance & Organization Structure Work Group
The members of this Group include Dean Don McLean (Dean, U of T’s Faculty of Music) who is the Chair of the Work Group, Costis Dallas, Leslie Shade, Lynne Howarth, Chun Wei Choo, Brian Cantwell Smith, Nadia Caidi. The Working Group is meeting and reviewing the Associate Dean Academic and Associate Dean Research positions.

5) Council Committees’ reports
   a) Executive Committee
      No report.

   b) Standing Committees
      i) Programs
         Prof. Eric Yu presented a motion for a course approval.

         **Motion #1:** To approve the course ‘Digital Discourse’ as a regular course. Prof. Leslie Shade moved and Prof. Brian Cantwell Smith seconded, all were in favour and the motion was Carried.

         Prof. Eric Yu – turning to the approval of the major modification around co-op program, Prof. Yu thanked Prof. Wendy Duff for her initiative on this project. Prof. Wendy Duff also thanked Isidora Petrovic for her hard work as well

         **Motion #2:** To approve the Co-op Option as part of the MI Program.

         Discussion: Vice-Dean, SGS Liz Smyth noted that there were changes in the legislation with respect to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and that given that the program was
open to international students, it was important that students have the correct status.
'Starting June 1, 2014, students will be able to work as part of a co-op or internship program only if the work is an essential part of an academic, vocational or professional training program offered by a designated learning institution.'
http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-changes.asp

Prof. Cara Krmpotich moved the motion, Prof. Patrick Keilty seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion was Carried.

**Motion #3:** – To approve the Thesis option in the MI program.

Prof. Eric Yu – moving on to approval of the Thesis option in the MI program. Prof. Yu thanked Prof. David Phillips for his hard work in developing the major modification.

Prof. Lynne Howarth moved the motion, Prof. Nadia Caidi seconded in the motion. All were in favour and the motion Carried.

**Awards**

Adriana Rossini – presented the report from the Awards committee, two more awards had been presented. Prof. Shade thanks Adriana Rossini for her tremendous work on the committee.

ii) Committee on Standing

Prof. Lynne Howarth – provide a brief report to Council.

iii) Information Services

**Motion #1:** That Council receive the Report of the New Partnerships with Central Library Working Group. Moved by Prof. Lynne Howarth, seconded by Lari Langford.

Discussion of the motion. Concerns were raised over some of the Report's recommendations.

All were in favour and the motion Carried.

**Motion #2:** That the Faculty Council charge the Information Services Committee with oversight of the Faculty moving forward on the issues raised in the report of the New Partnerships with the Central Library Working Group. Moved by Prof. Lynne Howarth, seconded by Stephanie Abba.

Discussion of the motion. All were in favour and the motion Carried.

iv) Recruitment and Admissions

(a) Master’s

Dean Ross thanked all the faculty and students who participated in the Open House Days and that their involvement had a great impact on increasing the number of applications to the Masters programs. Adriana Rossini reported that the Meet & Greet event would be coming up on Sat. April 25th and that also they were working on a recruitment video.

(b) Doctoral

Prof. Leslie Shade – noted that there would be more to report in the June meeting.
6) Reports from Institutes
   a) Coach House Institute
      Prof. Brian Cantwell Smith – Reported that there would be a self-study external review being undertaken in mid-April 2015.
   b) Digital Curation Institute
      Prof. Christoph Becker reported that the lecture by Prof. Stephen Abrams was available on Youtube. The lecture was a success and there was great interest both online and in person.
   c) Identity, Privacy and Security Institute
      No report.
   d) Knowledge Media Design Institute
      No report.

7) Other reports
   a) Careers
      No report.
   b) iSchool Students
      i) MISC
         Hilary Barlow reported that they had held the nominations meeting for student Council representatives and for the Outstanding Instructor Award. Hilary Barlow also shared a solidarity statement from MISC regarding the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 striking TA’s. Ms. Barlow also provided information about endorsing the petition to implement a comprehensive sexual assault policy. MISC swag sale and MISC end of year party on April 3rd at the Gladstone hotel. All are welcome.
      ii) MUSSA
          No report.
      iii) PhD
          No report.
   c) iSchool Alumni & Advancement
      Ms. Audrey Johnson reported that Robin Kester had a healthy baby girl and would be by for a visit as soon as she was able. Ms. Johnson also reported on the Bertha Bassam lecture, the staff giving campaign and campaign ambassadors.

11) Other Business
    No other business.

12) Question period
    None.

13) Announcements
    None.

14) Adjournment
    The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.