

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES
FACULTY COUNCIL**

These minutes have been approved.

A regular meeting of Faculty Council was held at 11:30 am, Tuesday, September 26, 2006 in the Lord Dalhousie Room, Henry Hicks Academic Administration Building.

Present: M. Bliemel, W. Currie, A. Curwin, P. Gardiner-Barber, P. Girard, K. Johnson, A. Joseph, R. Klein, R. Martin-Misener, S. Marche, D. Pelzer, R. Rostom, S. Tillotson, S. Tirone, P. Tyedmers, C. Watters, H. Whitehead

Regrets: R. Abidi, S. Cohen, I. Colford, H. Moukdad

Absent: M. Cada, L. MacLaren, F. Palermo, M. Satish, J. Thompson

FC06/07.09 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Dean called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved as circulated.

FC06/07.10 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approval of the minutes of June 20th and July 25th (attached). Moved R. Klein, seconded by D. Pelzer that the June 20th, 2006 and July 25th, 2006 minutes be accepted. **Carried.**

Matters arising from the minutes – There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FC06/07.11 Meinhard Doelle – Dalhousie Doctoral Thesis Award + presentation

The Dean welcomed Dr. Meinhard Doelle to Faculty Council. Dr. Doelle was the 2005/06 winner of the Dalhousie Doctoral Thesis award in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Doelle gave a brief overview of his thesis titled “From Hot Air to Action: Climate Change, Compliance, and the Future of International Environmental Law”. Following this, the Dean presented Dr. Doelle with the framed certificate and a copy of the citation and thanked him for taking the time to attend the meeting.

FC06/07.12 Dean's Report

- i) Graduate Student Experience** – Dr. Watters reported that she gave her report on the graduate student experience at the Senior Administrators' Retreat in September. She also indicated that this topic is also on the agenda for the Atlantic Vice-Presidents' meeting in October.
- ii) Student Funding Task Force** – The Vice-President Academic has announced the creation of a task force to review student funding. Institutions in Ontario and Alberta are looking at increasing their enrolment and student awards and Dalhousie will need to consider options.
- iii) FGS Associate Dean Search** – The committee was approved by Faculty Council by email over the summer. The committee consists of D. Schroeder, A. Curwin, P. Tyedmers and D. Pelzer. The deadline for applications is October 16th. The appointment is from January 1, 2007.
- iv) Promotional Materials** – The Dean reported that the new promotional materials, i.e. the banners and bookmarks are taking form and should be ready fairly soon.

FC06/07.13 Curriculum Matters (Associate Dean)

The Associate Dean summarized the minutes of the September 19th APCC meeting which had been distributed.

FC06/07.14 History Review Response (Recommended by members at July 15th, 2006 meeting)

The Dean reported the Dr. Krista Kesselring, Graduate Coordinator for the Department of History had attended the July 25th Faculty Council meeting. At that meeting Dr. Kesselring updated council members on the action the Department of History has taken to meet the requirements of the review. Due to the lack of a quorum at the July meeting it was decided to defer the motion until the September meeting.

It was moved by P. Tyedmers, seconded by B. Currie: that the provisional rating of the Master's program in History has been removed and the program is now rated as satisfactory. The motion carried.

FC06/07.15 Senate Review of FGS - response

There was much discussion on the draft document circulated to Faculty Council. Items of concern noted related to responses C15 and the prospect of raising expectations that FGS can not meet. Other sections that generated much discussion were C19 and C20. In the wake of the report submitted by the ad hoc Committee to Review the Scholarship Allocation System recently discussed by Faculty Council, members felt that the draft response did not adequately stress the concern and views of Council over funding issues. There was also much discussion over the 'Priority' and 'FGS Role' columns in the table. Other issues that Council would like to see strengthened and/or included are community outreach and post doctoral issues. It was decided that revision was necessary prior to there being a motion put forward to accept the document.

FC06/07.16 Other Business

- i) Review committee membership**

The Dean submitted the following names to sit as Graduate Studies representatives on the following reviews:

PhD Social Anthropology proposal

P. Girard – Law
C. Bell – History
I. Colford – Killam Library

NSAC – PhD Proposal

G. Gagnon – Civil Engineering
2 more FGS representatives required

Chemistry Academic Review (Faculty of Science)

M. Bliemal – Business School
P. Yuet – Chemical Engineering

Physics & Atmospheric Science Academic Review (Faculty of Science)

B. Grindley -Chemistry
T. Trappenberg - Computer Science

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (Faculty of Medicine – Survey & Search)

D Jakeman - Pharmacy

Physiology & Biophysics (1st term Survey)

David Hamilton - Mathematics & Statistics

German Academic Review (Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences)

H. Moukdad – Information and Library Studies

It was moved by D. Pelzer, seconded by R. Rostom that the names submitted for review committees be approved. The motion carried.

ii) Killam Lectures

The Killam Lecture series starts on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:00 in the Potter Auditorium. The lecture series theme is Human Interaction with computers. The Dean circulated copies of the brochure.

iii) 2nd Round Allocation

The question was asked about the value of a point in this system. The Dean responded that the value of a point will be very similar to last year as student numbers are almost the same.

iv) Killam Scholarships

The question of students having to be accepted prior to submission to the Killam competition was raised. The Dean indicated that the Killam Scholarship Committee will be meeting in the fall to discuss this competition. She recognised that with this requirement the scholarship can no longer be used as a recruitment tool.

v) Off Campus Housing Forum

It was announced that a panel discussion on off campus student housing was happening on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 in room 303 of the Student Union Building.

FC06/07.17 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Faculty Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, at 11:30 in the Lord Dalhousie Room.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

C. Watters, Chair

M. Scott, Recording Secretary