

**FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, October 27, 2023

Present: P. Sicotte, C. DeWolf, I. Lacelle, J. Muir, L. Nadarajah, E. Angelova, A. Antonakopoulos, S. Baptiste-Brown, M. Bertola, W. Brake, A. Brauer P. Caignon, S. Carliner, J. Carty, L. Charette, S. Chlopan, N. Cohn, G. Conte, P O. Cormier, R. Courtemanche, D. Dayanandan, S. De Celles, E. De Martinis, J. Didur, J. Ewais, A. Gagne, J. Grant, E. Hervieux, J. Howe, A. Hunter, A. Johnson, G-A. Jones, P. Joyce, D. Lkhagvasuren, K. MacDonald, K. Manning, D. Meneksedag Erol, E. Miller, F. Naudillon, B. Nelson, G. O hAllmhurain, P. Pawelek, A. Pevnev, R. Reilly, M. Rivosecchi, A. Rowley, D. Salee, F. Scala, A. Sheftel, N. St-Onge, C. Townsend, S. Yeager, V. Zazubovits

Regrets:, D. Berube, G, Carr, T. Chowdhury, E. Despland, A. Whitelaw

Guests: N. Freeman, E. Reiter, S. Din

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2023-6M	Minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 2023
ASFC 2023-6M-A	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-ARTSCI-5351
ASFC 2023-6M-B	Department of History, AS-HIST-5123
ASFC-2023-6M-C	Department of English, AS-ENGL-5363
ASFC-2023-6M-D	Department of Psychology, AS-PSYC-3941
ASFC-2023-6M-E	Ratifications
ASFC-2023-6M-F	Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-ARTSCI-5386
ASFC-2023-6M-G	Department of Economics, AS-ECON-5451
ASFC-2023-6M-H	Department of Psychology, AS-PSYC-5374
ASFC-2023-6M-I	Department of Psychology, AS-PSYC-5400
ASFC-2023-6M-J	Department of Religions and Cultures, AS-RELI-5146

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called by P. Sicotte at 10:02am

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

P. Sicotte stated the territorial acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

ASFC 2023-6M-1 It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.
Carried, unanimously

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held Friday, September 22, 2023

ASFC 2023-6M-2 It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved.
Carried, unanimously

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Remarks of the Chair

P. Sicotte reminded everyone that Concordia had a very successful open house this year and thanked everyone who participated. The numbers suggested that it was a bit lower attendance than last year however the previous year was a record due to being the first open house since after the pandemic.

P. Sicotte mentioned that the budget situation is now dire. The deficit of the operating budget is higher than expected. The newly proposed tuition funding formula that the government will be putting in place is adding a complexity and a larger financial challenge. The new tuition funding formula is still not clear and it is still active in the news and we are finding out more information.

P. Sicotte informed everyone that the students from both English and French Universities are planning a walk out due to the newly proposed tuition funding formula. This will create a new wave of interest in the media about these changes which is important. Please do keep in mind that a lot of work is being done behind closed doors in relation to this new formula.

P. Sicotte asked unit heads to send the names of one or two top students and graduates who are from the rest of Canada or abroad to E. Hervieux. These students should have stayed in Quebec after they graduated, learned French, are successful in their career and contributing to Quebec's ecosystem, diversity, etc.

P. Sicotte said that some Faculty members have asked if they would write an op ed or something in a newspaper. Everyone is welcome to tell their story or their opinion in

regards to this new tuition funding formula.

P. Sicotte stated that the University operating deficit is bigger, larger and deeper than we thought due to many factors, it is now at \$70 million. In order to continue to receive our grant from the Government we need to submit a plan by December informing them how we will tackle this deficit, therefore the reduction will need to begin now. We cannot tackle that whole amount in one year however, the target is to tackle \$40 million this year.

7. Question Period

The student walk out and how faculty can help support students was discussed.

8. Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-ARTSCI-5351, ASFC-2023-6M-A

A discussion period ensued where there were questions and comments from those in attendance.

ASFC-2023-6M-3 It was moved and seconded that the document be approved
Carried, unanimously

9. Department of History, AS-HIST-5123, ASFC-2023-6M-B

A discussion period ensued where there were questions and comments from those in attendance.

ASFC-2023-6M-4 It was moved and seconded that the document be approved
Carried, unanimously

10. Department of Psychology, AS-PSYC-3941, ASFC-2023-6M-C

A discussion period ensued where there were questions and comments from those in attendance.

ASFC-2023-6M-5 It was moved and seconded that the document be approved
Carried, unanimously

11. Department of Religions and Cultures, AS-RELI-5277, ASFC-2023-6M-D

A discussion period ensued where there were questions and comments from those in attendance.

ASFC-2023-6M-6 It was moved and seconded that the document be approved
Carried, unanimously

12. Consent Agenda

- a. Ratifications ASFC-2023-6M-E
- b. Undergraduate Curriculum
 - Faculty of Arts and Science, AS-ARTSCI-5386, ASFC-2023-6M-F
 - Department of Economics, AS-ECON-5451, ASFC-2023-6M-G
 - Department of Psychology, AS-PSYC-5374, ASFC-2023-6M-H
 - Department of Psychology, AS-PSYC-5400, ASFC-2023-6M-I
 - Department of Religions and Cultures, AS-RELI-5146, ASFC-2023-6M-J

ASFC 2023-6M-7 It was moved and seconded that the documents be approved.
Carried, unanimously

13. Other Business

- S. Dayanandan discussed the Centraide campaign and how one can donate.
- F. Scala reminded everyone about the Graduate Photo Contest.
- J. Didur reminded everyone that they must complete the mandatory Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention training as the deadline to do it has past.

14. Notices of Motion

There was none.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held on Friday, November 24, 2023

16. Adjournment

ASFC 2023-6M-8 It was moved and seconded that the open session be adjourned at
11:03am
Carried, unanimously