

**Arts and Science Faculty Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on January 22, 2016**

- Present:** A. Roy, Dean; D. Brind'Amour, Secretary; S. Salari, Recording Secretary; C. Belkhodja; J. Camlot; J. Capobianco; A. Champagne; E. Champagne; A. Chan; E. Chevrier; L. Clarke; J. Cocullo; R. Courtemanche; M. D'Amico; D. De Guerre; C. DeWolf; L. Faure; A. Furlani; S. Gabriele; L. Galbraith; N. Hardy; N. Jaffary; P. Joyce; C. Kalman; M. Kenneally; L. Lacroix; G. LeBlanc; D. Liakin; D. Morris; M. Mulrennan; B. Nelson; M-C. Newman; D. Parillo; V. Peters; S. Poulin; K. Sawchuk; R. Schmid; D. Secko; M. Sharma; S. Trepanier-Chicoine; R. Waldie; M. Watson
- Regrets:** E. Buzzetti; D. Dysart-Gale; P. Gulick; M. Kissock; K. Manning; N. Melbrew; K. Nelson; V. Penhune; F. Siblini; M. Sokolon; P. Stoett; F. Tremblay; L. Turcescu
- Guests:** V. Roseman

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting:

ASFC 2016-1M-A	Elections and Ratifications
ASFC 2016-1M-B	Department of Physics (PHYS-20)
ASFC 2016-1M-C	Department of Physics (PHYS-21)
ASFC 2016-1M-D	Science College (SCOL-3)
ASFC 2016-1M-E	Simone de Beauvoir Institute (WSDB-9)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

ASFC 2016-1M-1 It was moved and seconded (Kalman/Jaffary) that the agenda be approved.
Carried, unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held December 11, 2015

ASFC 2016-1M-2 It was moved and seconded (Belkhodja/Morris) that the minutes of the meeting held December 11, 2015 be approved.
Carried, unanimously, 1 abstention

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

5. Visit from Ms. Valerie Roseman, Development Officer: Community Campaign

Nine thousand members of the Concordia Community contributed to the 2014-2015 campaign.

This Community Campaign allows for flexibility to respond to opportunities and financial challenges. The gifts made by the community are for immediate use.

The 2015-2016 campaign will run until April 30.

Contributors can specify the area for which they wish to donate for and donations can be done through payroll, cash, credit, or check. Any gift amount is now eligible for a donation receipt.

It was mentioned that Concordia University has its own crowdfunding platform, FundOne. To start a new fund within a Department, units should contact Valerie Roseman.

6. Remarks of the Dean

Dean Roy spoke of Provost Bacon's departure announcement, which was made at the start of January.

Dean Roy thanked Department Chairs and Principals for their efforts in closing the registrations gap for undergraduate programs. Graduate registrations have slightly increased this year with respect to last year. Final data regarding registrations will be available in the next two weeks.

Dean Roy announced the arrival of Ms. Patti Sonntag as our first journalist-in-residence. Ms. Sonntag is editor at the New York Times and will share her experience in investigative journalism with students.

7. Consent Agenda

ASFC 2016-1M-3 It was moved and seconded (Mulrennan/LeBlanc) that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Carried, unanimously

8. Announcements

Announcements were made by:

Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies Kim Sawchuk
Beyond Disciplines Event: February 10, 2016. Open to all staff, faculty and students.

The School of Public and Community Affairs

Department of Geography, Planning and Environment

9. Question Period

Richard Courtemanche inquired about balanced representation regarding the evaluation committee for the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, specifically with regards to areas of research.

Dean Roy responded that there was no particular mechanism to ensure balanced representation specifically pertaining to areas of research.

Alexandre Champagne inquired as to when Departmental statistics would be sent?

Dean Roy responded that a final verification was being done and that it would be sent to All Chairs shortly.

Sandra Gabriele inquired about graduate student funding cuts in the next year and requested more details.

Kim Sawchuk explained that in December 2015, the Faculty was informed that it was receiving less in allocations for graduate studies. In recent years, the School of Graduate Studies had seen a budgetary surplus which was converted in graduate student awards. This year, we see a relative decrease in allocations vis-à-vis a growing number of graduate programs being offered in the Faculty. Very recently, more funding was announced. Dr. Sawchuk will be sending more information to All Chairs. Currently, the Faculty is working with the School of Graduate Studies to find out potential flexibilities to work with.

10. Other Business

There was none.

11. Notices of Motion

There was none.

12. Next Meeting of Council is on February 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in room GE 110.00

13. Adjournment

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It was moved and seconded (LeBlanc/Schmid) that the meeting be adjourned at 10:29 a.m.
Approved unanimously