

**FACULTY OF  
ARTS AND SCIENCE**

**Arts and Science Faculty Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, November 22, 2024

**Present:** A. Antonakopoulos, A. Bale, A. Balsoy, L. Barker, R. Berger, M. Bertola, E. Bloodgood, A. Brauer, P. Caignon, J. Carty, N. Cohn, G. Conte, P-O. Cormier, D. Dayanandan, S. De Celles, E. De Martinis, J. Grant, E. Hervieux, A. Hunter, K. Johannesson, I. Lacelle, D. Liakin, L. Litko, B. Lorenzkowski, K. MacDonald, K. Manning, E. Miller, D. Morris, J. Muir, B. Nelson, N. Nixon, G. O hAllmhurain, K. Oliver, P. Pawelek, R. Reilly, M. Rivosecchi, M. Sacher, F. Scala, A P. Semergian, A. Sheftel, P. Sicotte, C. Sigouin, N. St-Onge, C. Townsend, L. Turcescu, M. Zaare, V. Zazubovits

**Regrets:** A. Bouguila, S. Carliner, G. Carr, E. Despland, E. Diamantoudi, J. Didur, F. Fayyaz, L. Nadarajah, A. Ryder, D. Salee, A. Whitelaw

**Guests:** M. Di Grappa, N. Freeman, A. Jakob, E. Pettorelli, I-E. Rosales Vasquez

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**Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting**

ASFC 2024-7M	Minutes of the meeting held on October 25, 2024
ASFC 2024-7M-A	Ratifications
ASFC 2024-7M-B	Reports
ASFC 2024-7M-C	FCC Report

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**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 2024-7M-1 It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held Friday, October 25, 2024**

ASFC 2024-7M-2      It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

#### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

#### **6. Visit from Michael Di Grappa, Vice-President, Office of the Vice-President Services and Sustainability**

VP Di Grappa presented and received questions on several topics, including budget cuts, the reduction in the service of the shuttle bus, student strikes and protests, freeze in capital funding for renos and new buildings, space and buildings as well as communications were discussed.

#### **7. Remarks of the Chair**

P. Sicotte mentioned the following points:

- The launch of the book "Concordia at 50; a collective history" which had many members of FAS involved;
- Universities are underfunded in general in Canada and in Quebec. The growth model which was used in the past is insufficient to address the gap between revenues and costs. As universities, we are dealing with a set of different constraints, such as international recruitment being made difficult due to caps on immigration, the change in the tuition formula at the provincial level, the new language requirement and because of the perception of an unwelcoming environment for students (ROC and international);
- An increase of students coming to Universities from CEGEPS is expected in the next few years so Concordia needs to position itself to capitalize on this. It will also be important to recruit in the Francophonie (Intl), in francophone ROC and in francophone CEGEPs.
- Budget cuts are expected to continue for the foreseeable future;
- The winter term is fast approaching so it is important to reach out to our students to make sure they register for courses.

#### **8. Question Period**

There were none.

#### **9. Ratifications, ASFC-2024-7M-A**

ASFC 2024-7M-3      It was moved and seconded that the ratifications be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

## **10. Reports, ASFC-2024-7M-B**

G. Conte, E. Petorelli and I-E. Psales Vasquez did an additional presentation to go along with the report. A brief discussion ensued.

ASFC 2024-7M-4      It was moved and seconded that the curriculum changes be approved.  
**Carried, unanimously**

## **11. FCC Report, ASFC-2024-7M-C**

AS-EDUC-5747 was added to the report.

There was no discussion.

## **12. Other Business**

The undergraduate student representatives mentioned that students do not know where to reach out to for certain topics. The dean will organize a further meeting with M. Di Grappa for students to be able to continue the discussion on certain topics.

## **13. Notices of Motion**

There was none.

## **14. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 on the downtown campus.

## **15. Adjournment**

ASFC 2024-7M-5      It was moved and seconded that the session be adjourned at 12:02pm  
**Carried, unanimously**