



MINUTES COLLEGE OF ARTS COUNCIL

October 1, 2021

1:00 pm | Abbotsford campus, Room D225

1. WELCOME and LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

S. Murray welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of the academic year, and asked everyone to center themselves in this new environment we find ourselves in. She acknowledged her appreciation for the ability to live and work on the unceded ancestral territory of the Sto:lo peoples. This week especially is a week for us to acknowledge the importance of working and living on this land, and to think about how we can move forward in a good way with the spirit of reconciliation and the relationships that come with that.

1.1. Introduce Co-Chair(s)

Per the new terms of reference approved in June, two new co-chairs have been selected to represent their faculties at council. Melissa Walter will be the representative for the Faculty of Humanities and Keziah Wallis will be the representative for the Faculty of Social Science.

TOR can be found here: <https://www.ufv.ca/senate/college--faculty-councils/arts/#d.en.939809>

1.2. Introduce New Members

Kerry Johnson from Arts Studies was welcomed as a new member at council along with Nicola Campbell is cross-appointed in English in Indigenous Studies at UFV. Nicolais Nle?kepmx, Syilx and Métis from the Nicola Valley, British Columbia. Her children's books have addressed crucial topics such as intergenerational land-based knowledge and Indigenous language resilience (*A Day with Ya-Ya*, and the recently published *Stand Like a Cedar* with illustrations by Carrielynn Victor), and the experience and impact of residential schools (*Shin-Chi's Canoe*) in age-appropriate, community-informed ways. Nicola has an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia and is currently a PhD candidate in Indigenous Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies at the University of British Columbia. Her most recent book, just out, is a memoir, *Spílexm: A Weaving of Recovery, Resilience, and Resurgence*. Nicola served as a docent for The Witness Blanket art installation, and hosted an Indigenous Film series on UFV's Abbotsford campus. Nicola was the featured speaker at the UFV's annual Young Author's Conference, and presented at the Fraser Valley Literary Festival. It's wonderful to welcome Nicola as a tenure-track faculty member in the College of Arts.

2. GUESTS

2.1. Jerri-Lynne Cameron, Director, Research Services & Industry Engagement Update on Research Strategic Plan and Faculty Research

Jerri-Lynne Cameron provided updates from the Research office and the Strategic Research Plan. With research growing rapidly, her office wants to maintain a high level of service to faculty and are streamlining their processes. Jerri-Lynne updated Council on a new research data management for UFV called SYNC (<https://www.sync.com/>), and her office is working with IT to secure an institutional account. Jerri-Lynne is also working with ITS and the Library to find a platform for researchers to store and share data on that will also be consistent with privacy and ethics policies. The Research office is exploring a platform currently used at other institutions in BC called Dataverse (<https://dataverse.scholarsportal.info/dataverse/ubc>).

Jerri-Lynne reviewed the protocols for submitting grants and entering into agreements, found here: <https://www.ufv.ca/research/faculty/funding/ufv-protocols-research-grants-and-partnerships/>. Please alert her if you intend on applying for a grant and she will help track deadlines for you and can help with your proposal. She can assist with peer review and can reach out to the funding agency if needed. 2 weeks before the submission date if the deadline to make an official request through ROMEO, and your submission needs to be sent to the Research Office 2 days before the submission deadline for final review.

External and internal funding opportunities:

<https://www.ufv.ca/research/faculty/funding/opportunities/>
<https://www.ufv.ca/research/faculty/funding/internal-funding/>

ROSA Deadline - October 31st

Sabbatical Application Deadline - November 15th

3. FOR APPROVAL

3.1. Adopt the College of Arts Council Agenda for 1 October 2021

THAT the College of Arts Council adopt the agenda for 1st October 2021 as presented.

M. LaFever/M. Batu

CARRIED

3.2. Approve the College of Arts Council minutes of 18 June 2021

MOTION:

THAT the College of Arts Council approve the minutes of 18th June 2021 as presented.

R. Mammadov/M. Batu

CARRIED

4. CHAIR & CO-CHAIRS' REPORTS

4.1. Sylvie Murray's Report

S. Murray alerted faculty to the institution wide strategy discussions taking place through the governance systems as well as at the administrative tables created by the Provost and President. Last year the strategic imperatives were adopted through Senate along with KPI's and a fund that many of you submitted grant applications for as part of the strategic imperative fund. This year there will be changes to how the Institution implements the strategic imperatives. Sylvie will provide an overview at a later meeting on these changes and how the institution will identify, act on, and fund strategic initiatives.

S. Murray brought councils attention to a strategic enrollment plan that's being drafted. This plan will align with the strategic imperatives and will guide allocation of FTE's. Institutionally, UFV is looking to be more intentional on identifying priorities and allocating resources accordingly.

There is a current vacancy for a Social Science representative on Senate.

L. Pardy was congratulated for COA receiving two individual Work Integrated Learning funding grants. One is with the Business in Higher Education Roundtable (BHER) of Canada, which supports students and activities towards work integrated learning (WIL). They really liked that the proposal included both Social Science and Humanities departments. We are required to have 1000 WIL experiences this year; a grant writer and community support worker will be hired to coordinate WIL projects. Not all experiences need to be a full practicum, micro-placements (7-14 hr each) will be considered. Linda will be touching base with departments to see what activities are planned or could be planned to help develop opportunities.

4.2. Melissa Walter's Report

M. Walter thanked the group for the opportunity to work for Council in this capacity and looks forward to bringing forward voices from the humanities.

5. SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Representatives are asked to provide a short written report to be included in the agenda packages for faculty to review ahead of time.

6. FOR DECISION

6.1. New Advising designate: Kirsten Trustham for E. Newman.

MOTION:

THAT College of Arts Council approve Kirsten Trustham as designate representative for E. Newman

C. Marlor / S. Van De Wetering

MOVED

6.2. Terms of Reference for the College of Arts Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee

MOTION:

THAT College of Arts Council adopt the terms of reference as proposed.

N. Mooney / R. Atake

MOVED

7. FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Arts Anti-Racism Commitment Team (AACT)

AACT was voted in existence at the June Meeting. No expressions of interest have been received so far. The first meeting took place this month and notes have been included in the agenda package. We are extending the call for interest and ask for a brief outline of your skills/knowledge/perspectives, including indigenous approach; curriculum design and auditing skills.

The committee will discuss how to circulate the list of actions and accountability framework for departments to review. The committee's goal is for each department to commit to a couple of actions that can be accomplished and reported back to council.

Expressions of interest will be accepted until filled; these can be sent to Lisa Matty.

7.2. Topics for Council for 2021-22

The group discussed the purpose of Council meetings and the topics to be brought forward throughout the year. This forum is a place we can share items from committees of Senate and to have relationships with those committees. It would be useful to reflect on what is useful and important as faculty members in the College of Arts.

The group broke into small groups to discuss topics/issues that matter to faculty, that can be addressed throughout the year.

Topics included:

- The division between senior administration and faculty
- Faculty wellness and addressing systems that support wellness
- International students and structural changes for supporting them in a higher capacity
- Climate crisis - time for transformative changes on how we teach our courses
- Communication involving stakeholders; requesting written reports from committee and sub-committees
- Faculty audit to gauge who we are and how we are constituted

The group was asked to send their notes to Lisa, who will compile the topics.

8. FOR INFORMATION

8.1. The following items were approved at the College of Arts Curriculum Committee on 17 September 2021:

GDS 204 (new course)

GDS 332 (new course)

GDD Minor (revisions)

CMNS 300 (revisions)