

MINUTES of the Public and Global Affairs Faculty Board

Monday, October 7, 2024
Senate Room (PK 608) & Zoom

The following were present in-person:

Faculty: Hassan Bashir (BGInS), Vandna Bhatia (ODFPGA and PSCI), Sean Burges (BGInS), Josh Greenberg (ODFPGA and SJC), Sheryl Hamilton (LAWS and SJC), Emily Hiltz (SJC), Minjoon Lee (ECON), Jonathan Malloy (PSCI), David Mendeloff (ODFPGA and NPSIA), Jeff Monaghan (ICCJ), Brenda Morris (SSW), Brenda O’Neill (ODFPGA), Jessica Parish (SPPA), Jeff Sahadeo (EURUS), Teddy (Y.) Samy (NPSIA), Brian Schmidt (PSCI), Karen Sewell (SSW), Allan Thompson (SJC), Yanling Wang (ODFPGA and NPSIA), Paul Wilson (ODFPGA and Kroeger College), Benjamin Woo (SJC), Chris Worswick (ECON)
Students: Nathan Blacklock (PECO), Elize Manzo (CASG), James Maxwell-Barillas (AKC-MPM)
Other: Stephanie Bourk (ODFPGA), Apoorva Sanagavarupu (GSA)

The following were present online:

Faculty: Onita Basu (FED), Beth MacLeod (FASS), Siobhan Angus (SJC), Zeina Bou-Zeid (LAWS), Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (LAWS), Ilyan Ferrer (SSW), Megan Gaucher (LAWS), Gulay Kilicaslan (LAWS), Merlyna Lim (SJC), Sandra Robinson (SJC), Eric Stephens (ECON), Crina Viju (EURUS)
Students: Kate Ellis (SJC), Graeme Halfyard (SSW)
Other: Laurie Jaeger (ODFPGA – recording the minutes)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

David Mendeloff, Interim Chair, welcomed faculty members to Faculty Board and acknowledged that we were meeting on the traditional, unceded, unsundered territory of the Algonquin, Anishinaabeg people, and expressed gratitude to them as the traditional stewards of the land.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent as circulated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the April 15, 2024 Meeting

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent as circulated.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted.

6. Report from Dean Brenda O'Neill

- Dean O'Neill presented a series of slides that included a review of the budget, a review of Undergraduate and Graduate enrolments in FGPA, an update on the Strategic Plan, the new student support center and the gift that Interim President Tomberlin provided to establish a University undergraduate leadership program housed in the Faculty.
- The Dean mentioned we are still looking for a Director for the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs. More communication will follow.
- There are still a number of changes being made to Graduate Studies and the further decentralization of the former FGPA.
- The Dean also thanked those who attended OUF on the weekend.

7. Reports from Associate Deans

7.1. Research and Graduate

Josh Greenberg summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

7.2. Students and Enrolment

Paul Wilson summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. Questions and discussion followed regarding reasons for the increase in academic integrity cases.

7.3. Academic

Vandna Bhatia summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. Questions and discussion followed regarding the new mandate released by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities requiring that all mandatory materials (e.g. books, etc.) are costed on course outlines.

7.4. Equity and Inclusion

Yanling Wang summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

7.5. Faculty Affairs

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda.

8. Reports from Faculty Board Committees

8.1. Executive Committee

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. He pointed out

that he was serving as Secretary only on an interim basis, and asked anyone who is interested in serving in this role or as Clerk to contact him. There were no questions.

8.2. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UGCC) and Motion to recommend Calendar changes

Vandna Bhatia spoke to the recommended Calendar changes.

MOTION:

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed Major Modification to deactivate the *Mention: Français* notation in Political Science from the 2025-26 Undergraduate Calendar. **(Bhatia/Schmidt) CARRIED.**

MOTION:

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the Minor Modifications for the 2025-26 Undergraduate Calendar as presented. **(Bhatia/Hamilton) CARRIED.**

MOTION:

THAT the FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the new **Undergraduate Certificate in Journalism in Indigenous Communities** as presented. **(Bhatia/Thompson) CARRIED.**

8.3. Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) and Motion to recommend Calendar changes

Vandna Bhatia spoke to the recommended Calendar changes.

MOTION:

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed Major Modifications for the 2025-26 Graduate Calendar as presented. **(Bhatia/Sewell) CARRIED.**

MOTION:

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed Minor Modifications for the 2025-26 Graduate Calendar as presented. **(Bhatia/Woo) CARRIED.**

8.4. Joint Committee on Admissions and Studies (JCAS)

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

9. Faculty Board Constitution

David Mendeloff invited comments and collected feedback on the proposed revision to the Faculty Board constitution, to align with a new template that has been developed for all Faculty Boards across the University. The intent is to bring a revised document to Faculty Board at the next meeting in November.

He noted that he had received some feedback regarding the circulated draft prior to the meeting:

- First, it was noted that there should be some language requiring a mandatory review of the Constitution. This is not something that is required in the template, but is a good

practice. It was suggested that we add language that would require a mandatory review every five years. There were no objections to this suggestion.

- Second, several colleagues raised concerns about the voting rules and procedures (Clause IV.2(f)), particularly the proposed language around alternative voting methods. The default voting for regular business is by show of hands, but members can make a motion for a different method, as long as the voting is “open and transparent to all voting members at the meeting.” It was noted that this effectively prohibits any motion for a ballot vote (except for cases of elections). The chair noted that this language comes directly from the Senate Rules of Procedure, which is what the template encourages Faculties to follow. He acknowledged that in the Senate this voting rule makes sense, since that is a representative body where transparent voting is required to hold Senators accountable. However, Faculty Board is not a representative body: other than students, all faculty members are *ex officio* members of Faculty Board. So there is no compelling rationale for limiting ballot voting just to elections. It was suggested that the Clause should be revised to allow for ballot voting when the Faculty Board supports it. There was general support for this change.

B. Woo noted that the draft constitution is ambiguous with regard to the School of Journalism and Communication, which effectively has two Directors, not one. This creates some ambiguity with regard to representation on certain committees. The chair indicated that he would review the language and incorporate any changes that would clarify SJC representation.

10. Reports for Information

10.1. CASG

Elize Manzo summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

10.2. GSA

There was no report from GSA.

10.3. Senate Report

There was no Senate Report. It was noted that a summary of highlights is posted after Senate meetings. Sean Burges spoke briefly about the most recent meeting.

11. Other Business

The Dean mentioned there is a new intranet website for the Faculty: [FPGA - Carleton University](#).

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.