

MINUTES of FPA Faculty Board

Monday, November 27, 2023
Senate Room (PK 608) & Zoom

The following were present in-person:

Faculty: Brenda O’Neill (ODFPA), Paul Wilson (AKC-MPM), Vandna Bhatia (PSCI), Mary Francoli (SJC-COMS), Miranda Brady (SJC-COMS), Jeffrey Monaghan (ICCJ), Hans-Martin Jaeger (PSCI), Sean Burges (AKC-BGInS), Benjamin Woo (SJC-COMS), Jonathan Malloy (PSCI), David Mendeloff (Interim Secretary and Chair; NPSIA), Katie Graham (BMPD), Dan Siddiqi (FGPA), Aneurin Bosley (SJC-JOUR), Teddy Samy (NPSIA), Brenda Morris (SOWK)

Students: Chris Pratt (BGInS), Vladimir Gorodkov (EURUS)

The following were present online:

Faculty: Beth MacLeod (FASS), Zeina Boe-Zeid (LAW), Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (LAW), Julia Wallace (Science), Jeni Armstrong (AKC-MPM), Eric Stephens (ECON), Hannah Dick (COMS), Hassan Bashir (AKC-BGInS), Ilyan Ferrer (SOWK), Rado Vadovic (ECON), Shi Li (Sprott), Yanling Wang (NPSIA)

Guests: Laurie Jaeger (ODFPA), Stephanie Bourk (ODFPA – recording the minutes)

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.
2. Approval of agenda (**B. Woo/J. Malloy**). **Approved**.
3. Approval of minutes of October 16, 2023 (**B. Woo/J. Malloy**). **Approved** with amendment of spelling correction for Zeina Bou-Zeid.
4. Chair’s Remarks

D. Mendeloff reminded members that we are still looking for a Clerk. David encouraged anyone interested in filling that role this year, to contact a member of Executive.
5. Question Period

D. Mendeloff confirmed no questions were submitted in advance of the meeting.
6. Report from the Dean

Dean O’Neill updated the Board on a number of items:

 - the recently-released Blue-Ribbon Panel report;

- the university and Faculty budget situation, notably, a 3% base funding cut (equivalent of 3 Faculty positions);
- declining new first-year enrolments;
- Contract Instructor and administrative staff numbers;
- the strategic planning process, which is on track to be completed early in the new year;
- the decentralization of FGPA responsibilities to the line Faculties;
- the open Associate Dean positions, noting that the search for the new AD (Equity and Inclusion) has been completed, with an announcement coming soon, and interviews for the new AD (Research and Graduate) expected to take place in December.

7. Reports from Associate Deans

7.1. Research and Graduate

J. Malloy summarized his report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

7.2. Students and Enrolment

P. Wilson summarized his report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

7.3. Academic

V. Bhatia summarized her report that was circulated with the agenda.

A question was asked about the new Accommodation Policy and how notification of completion of the self-declaration form will be tracked and communicated to instructors and units. Vandna confirmed that the intention is for a copy of the submitted form to go to both the instructor and the RO, but not to the academic unit. It was noted that units could request a report on the usage of the form by students in their programs. However, concern was raised that this report would be retrospective, rather than real-time, so might not be useful to units in identifying problems. Vandna noted that the RO will be responsible for tracking the use of the forms and will reach out to students who are frequently using them.

7.4. Faculty Affairs

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

8. Reports from Faculty Board Committees

8.1. Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee (APCC)

Motion to approve Major modifications for the 2024-25 Calendar (**V. Bhatia/B. Morris**):

THAT FPA Faculty Board approve the proposed Major modifications as presented in the attached list and recommend that they continue through the Institutional Quality Assurance Process and to Senate for inclusion in the 2024-25 Calendar. **CARRIED.**

Motion to approve Minor modifications for the 2024-25 Calendar (**V. Bhatia/B. Woo**):

THAT FPA Faculty Board approve the proposed Minor modifications as presented in the attached list and recommend that they continue through the Institutional Quality Assurance Process and to Senate for inclusion in the 2024-25 Calendar. **CARRIED.**

9. Constitutional Revisions

D. Mendeloff summarized the revisions to the constitution that were circulated on October 26 and with the agenda. There were no questions.

MOTION to Amend the FPA Constitution (**J. Malloy/Mary F.**):

THAT FPA Faculty Board approve the amendments to the April 2023 version of the FPA Constitution as presented. **CARRIED.**

Note that constitutional amendments require approval of at least 2/3 of voting members present. The vote in support of the changes was unanimous.

David noted that the constitution will now go the Senate Academic Governance Committee (SAGC) for review.

10. Reports for Information

10.1. Faculty Board Executive Committee

D. Mendeloff invited comments on the report circulated with the agenda. There were no questions or comments.

10.2. Senate Report

S. Burges gave an update on items raised at the most recent Senate meeting.

11. Student Reports

11.1. CASG

K. McBride was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written report, which was circulated with the agenda. D. Mendeloff invited questions or comments on the report. There were no questions or comments.

11.2. FPA Graduate Students

H. Uz Özcan was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written report, which was circulated with the agenda. D. Mendeloff invited questions or comments on the report. There were no questions or comments.

12. Other Business

The chair thanked everyone in attendance and mentioned his appreciation for trying to change the culture of the Faculty with having more people joining board meetings.

The chair thanked S. Bourk for taking minutes, and L. Jaeger for helping manage the Zoom.

13. The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m. (**J. Malloy/M. Francoli**)