FACULTY OF ARTS
Minutes of Meeting
November 19, 2019
Robert Vogel Council Room

Attendance: As per Faculty Appendix Book.

Order
Dean Maioni welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Resolution on the death of Emeritus Professor Desmond Morton
201.1 Professor J. Opal (Chair, Department of History and Classical Studies) presented the following resolution:

“On September 4, the University lost an esteemed historian, colleague, teacher, and friend.

Desmond Morton was born in Calgary in 1937 and grew up as a soldier’s son, spending time and attending school across Canada and also in Japan. He was educated at the Royal Military College and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, also taking degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of London. After a ten-year military career, in which he rose to the rank of captain, Dr. Morton began a life of academic service and scholarship. He arrived at McGill in 1994 as the founding Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC).

Dr. Morton was a social and military historian of Canada. He wrote prolifically and passionately about soldiers, workers, and everyday people, whom he saw as the main drivers and key players of history. He published forty-four books, many of them classics in the field, and was awarded with membership in the Royal Society of Canada and was named Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2010, four years after finishing his term as MISC Director, he received the Pierre Berton Award from the Governor-General.

“He was a historian of the people, for the people,” commented our colleague Prof. Elsbeth Heaman. She and other remember his quick, generous mind, his collegiality and kindness, and his dry, honest wit. Dr. Morton died peacefully in Montreal. We send out condolences to his beloved wife, and Senator, Gael Eakin, and the rest of his family.”

Professor Opal, on behalf of the Department of History and Classical Studies, thanked the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada for organizing a celebration of his life last month.
201.2 Dean Maioni noted that the resolution was unanimously accepted and that the Faculty will forward a copy of the resolution to the family.

Agenda
202.1 Professor F. Ruge-Murcia (Economics) moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Professor J. Johnson (Political Science). Carried.

Announcements
203.1 Announcements were made in the Dean’s Report.

Seating of Student Members
204.1 Dean Maioni welcomed the new students to the meeting and thanked them for the time and effort they will be devoting to the Faculty. The revised list of student representatives was accepted.

Minutes of Faculty of September 17, 2019
205.1 Professor B. Trehearne (English) moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Mr. J. Tarrabain (Undergraduate Student Member). Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes
206.1 There was no business arising. The Dean thanked the Secretary for doing such a great job writing the minutes.

Members’ Question Period
207.1 No questions were submitted.

Report on the Actions of Senate -
208.1 Dean Maioni asked if there were any questions for Senators. No questions were raised.

Detailed minutes of Senate meetings can be found at: https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2019-2020/senate-meeting-documents-2019-2020

Report of the Dean
209.1 Dean Maioni was happy to report on the following:

- Convocation was held on October 29th. It was a lovely occasion with a very large group of undergraduate students and Ph.D. students graduating.
- Another wonderful part of Convocation was the awarding of the Principal’s Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Arts was awarded three of the four prizes for the highest
recognition of teaching across the University. The following exceptional teachers were awarded this honour:

- E. Shor (Sociology) for the category for Full Professor
- M. Balán (Political Science/ISID) for the category of Assistant Professor
- K. Takamura (ISID) for the category for Faculty Lecturer

Faculty applauded.

- There have been many activities, both intellectual and outreach, across the campus this fall. Here were just a few to highlight:
  - The revival of the Salisbury Memorial Lecture - Richard F. Salisbury was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1986 to 1989. His family generously endowed a lecture in his honour and this year the Department of Anthropology rekindled the series by organizing a wonderful evening on November 8th at Redpath Museum where his family gathered from all corners of the globe to celebrate his memory. The distinguished speaker was anthropologist Professor James Ferguson (Stanford University) who gave a very memorable talk. As well, new artifacts of Dean Salisbury’s collection from his research in Papua New Guinea were donated to the Redpath Museum. A heartfelt thanks is offered to Professor S. Manoukian and the Department of Anthropology for their work in organizing this very special event.
  - There have been individual department lecture series and Brown Bag series.
  - Max Bell School of Public Policy hosted a public policy conference last week.
  - The McGill Institute for the Study of Canada held a very well attended pre-election round table.
  - The 13th Cundill History Prize was celebrated last week. McGill and the Faculty of Arts are responsible for this prestigious annual award, it is the world’s largest prize in history valued at USD $75,000. The prize celebrates a recently published history book that displays both academic scholarship and literary merit. The winner this year was Julia Lovell (University of London) for her book *Maoism: A Global History*.

This event took place in partnership with the Department of History and Classical Studies and a special thank you goes out to Professor J. Opal and all of his staff, and in particular, Professor F. Wallis for helping organize the Cundill History Prize and for hosting a very successful Cundill Lecture with Harvard historian Professor Maya Jasanoff.

- This fall has been busy and exciting with hiring. The Faculty was especially grateful for all the hard work that the departments handle while performing job searches. It is always very impressive to see the phenomenal candidates that the departments bring to these important searches.
- Thank you to Associate Dean T. Sparks for her leadership in the research grants season. Arts has been very successful in recent years which was reflected in the amounts that Arts has been awarded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada and other funding agencies.
Enrolment statistics for fall 2019: the faculty now has 9,500 students of which approximately 8,000 were in B.A. programs; 600 M.A. students; and 500 Ph.D. students. There were over 3,000 international students which means that almost thirty percent of the students in Arts are international students. The largest sources of international students come from the United States followed by France, China, and the United Kingdom. The largest source of students were Canadian students from Quebec followed by students from Ontario and British Columbia.

Arts was now at a very steady state in terms of the increases of the numbers of students year after year as well as being in a steady state in terms of the number of applications. Enrolments across Arts programs were, for the most part, in a steady state as well. This was very good news to report because it speaks to the diversity of disciplines and the excellence of those disciplines and their power to attract students across the social sciences and humanities.

- There were now 328 tenure stream academics across the faculty and 63 full-time non-tenure track staff. This was a very robust and substantive cohort.

209.2 This concluded the Report of the Dean.

Report of the Associate Deans

Academic (Administration and Oversight)

210.1 Associate Dean Fronda reported on the following:
- Reminder that the deadline for departments to submit requests for funding for Summer Session 2020 courses was November 22nd.
- The teaching allocation budget for 2020-21 will be sent out very soon. This was the request for departments to inform the Dean’s Office of departmental needs for sessional and course lecturers as well as needs for T.A. funding.
- Professor Lane-Mercier was still overseeing some major projects concerning space/renovations. As an update: Wilson Hall renovations were moving forward; moving ISID out of Peterson Hall was in progress; the projects for the row houses on Peel and McTavish streets were moving forward; and lastly, Linguistics will be moved from its current location. Colleagues should contact Professor Lane-Mercier with questions about these projects.
- A review of the Faculty governance will be undertaken. The Constitutional Review Advisor will be asked to review the Faculty practices and to think of these in terms of Strategic Planning. This was just in the initial stages.

Faculty Affairs

210.2 Associate Dean Engle-Warnick informed members about the December 1st deadline for Chairs and Directors to submit the promotion dossiers.

Research and Graduate Studies

210.3 Associate Dean Sparks reported on the following:
  Research
  - An announcement will be made next week about an open call for all CRC and internal competitions for the 2020 calendar year. The Committee on Research will
vet all the applications and keep them for one year in a ranked order. This way the information will be available once the call for CRC competition is announced. There will be a decrease in numbers of CRCs in both categories compared to last year. Anyone can enter the competition, however, Chairs and Directors might want to consider thinking about strong applicants from their units.

- The formal announcement from the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) about the transformations round will be made very soon. The grant opportunity was looking for projects with a minimum budget of $1.6M direct costs per year. Colleagues were reminded that these are thought of as collaborative endeavours and interfaculty and are supposed to lead to some sort of fundamental breakthrough in the following metrics: economic, environmental, or health impact.

**Graduate Studies**

- There are two working groups in the process of designing one-year interdisciplinary and interfaculty Masters degrees. The proposals should be ready for submission to Senate by the end of the 2020 academic year.
- Units considering making changes to their MA offerings because of the deregulated international non-thesis MA students must contact the Associate Dean for information on how to proceed. To date there have been many unforeseen consequences that have emerged.
- Many requests are received in the Associate Dean’s office for DFWs, however, this office has no control over DFWs. GPS has informed Arts that there will be changes this year on how they are allocated and more news about this will be circulated as it comes in.

**Student Affairs**

210.4 Associate Dean Lach reported on the following:

- An update was provided about the current events taking place in Hong Kong and the safety of the six McGill students that were there for a term away. All the students have left or were leaving today and are reported safe. The decisions needed to help them with the completion of their courses will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- OASIS was continuing to hold Q&A sessions related to study abroad for students, there will be mandatory exchange information sessions, and mandatory transfer credit information sessions for students who were planning to study abroad in the fall of 2020 and the winter of 2021.
- The Wellness Advisor in OASIS was now holding weekly open drop-in sessions on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the McCall MacBain Arts Building, room 160. The Wellness Advisor will also be holding a workshop on skills for managing stress and anxiety on November 27, 2019 from 3:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in room 541 of the Leacock Building.
- Information on enrolments in Arts programs was being gathered, such as, the number of students applying, how many there are, what the trends look like in enrolments in various programs, things that are unique to this faculty, etc. The goal was to try to understand what the current status was relating to the Arts teaching staff, students, administrative staff, research, and as well as the Arts community engagement. This was the first phase of this work was to gather information as well
as working with a group to produce a mission vision and value statement. Consultation will take place.

- A reminder was given concerning the mandatory training called “It takes all of us”. This was according to Bill 51 training that was mandatory for everyone. The training consists of four online modules that Faculty must complete before the end of January while students must complete the training by the end of November.

210.5 Dean Maioni thanked the Associate Deans for the reports.

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

211.1 Dean Maioni moved approval of the Report of the Nominating Committee “en bloc” as outlined in document A-19-7, seconded by Professor D. Béland (Political Science/MISC). Carried.

**Report of the Curriculum Committee**

212.1 Associate Dean Fronda moved approval of the Report of the Curriculum Committee “en bloc” as outlined in document A-19-8, seconded by Professor E. Boloangaro (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures).

The report contained the following proposals:

**HISTORY AND CLASSICAL STUDIES**

Proposed new courses:

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Proposed program revisions:

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Note: The following course revisions were approved by the Curriculum Committee on September 23, 2019: CLAS 696 (CC-19-02/PRN 15285,V2)/CLAS 697 (CC-19-03/PRN 15286)/CLAS 681 (CC-19-04/PRN 15280,V2)/CLAS 682 (CC-19-05/PRN 15281,V2)/CLAS 683 (CC-19-06/PRN 15282,V2)/CLAS 685 (CC-19-07/PRN 15283,V5)/CLAS 698 (CC-19-09/PRN 15287,V2).

**PHILOSOPHY**

Proposed program revisions: Ph.D. in Philosophy; Environment CC-19-14

**GEOGRAPHY**

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*Secretary’s Note: Proposal withdrawn – M.A. proposals are under the jurisdiction of the Faculty of Science only and, therefore, are not submitted to Arts for approval.*
ANTHROPOLOGY
Proposed program revisions: M.A. in Anthropology (Thesis); Environment

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES
Proposed new courses:
- GLIS 680 CC-18-162 / PRN 14349
- GLIS 681 CC-18-163 / PRN 14350
- GLIS 682 CC-18-164 / PRN 14351
- GLIS 683 CC-18-164 / PRN 14352
- GLIS 684 CC-18-166 / PRN 14353
Proposed new program:
- Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity CC-18-161

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS
Proposed program revisions:
- Minor Concentration in Education for Arts Students CC-19-32

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Proposed program revisions:
- B.Th. Religious Studies CC-19-21
  - Rationale for program revisions Corresp. CC-19-22 to 30
  - Proposed New courses -
    - RELG 489 CC-19-22 / PRN 15975,V5
    - RELG 490 CC-19-23 / PRN 15976,V4
    - RELG 368 [no course retirements submitted] CC-19-24 / PRN 15590,V2

Proposed program revisions:
- B.A. Honours in Religious Studies CC-19-27
- B.A. Joint Honours in Religious Studies CC-19-28
- B.A. Major Concentration in Religious Studies CC-19-29
- B.A. Minor Concentration in Religious Studies CC-19-30

Note: The following course revisions were approved by the Curriculum Committee on October 21, 2019:

Report of the Activities of the Arts Undergraduate Society
213.1 Mr. Tarrabain reported on the following:
- AUS Peer tutoring
- Departmental Journals
- Library Partnership Committee
- Arts Student Employment Fund Committee
- Arts Internship Office Advisory Committee
• Sit on AUS and SSMU committees and work on individual side projects to improve the school at large
• Sit on various library and mental health committees, faculty and accountability committees, and work on initiatives the Wellness Hub.
• Grad Fair, held at New Residence Hall, 57 schools attended, and extremely successful

A detailed Report of the AUS was posted on the Faculty web page.

213.2 Dean Maioni thanked Mr. Tarrabain for the report.

Report of the Graduate Students
214.1 Ms. K. Kouchakji reported on the following:
• At the PGSS GA on Nov. 6, a motion was presented that would have defunded PGSAs who do not consistently send delegates to nearly every PGSS council meeting over the course of the year
• This would have meant that department PGSAs without consistent representation at PGSS council would not have any of their own money for things like symposiums, orientation events, new student mixers, invited speakers and workshops, or any other grad-student-run activity that contributes to graduate life in your department
• The motion failed, but only by 3 votes, and it will come back again at council or possibly the next GA, and so there is still the possibility of individual PGSAs being defunded next year
• For this reason, we would like to ask any GPDs or department chairs in the room, or even anyone handling this year’s prosem in their department, to please strongly encourage your PGSA to:
  a. Elect 2-3 PGSS delegates ASAP if they haven’t already
  b. Ensure that those delegates are getting timely information about PGSS council meetings
  c. Ensure that at least one delegate attends every council meeting
• We’re given to understand that council meetings take place once a month at Thomson House, and that dinner is provided (no word on allergy-friendly options or childcare though), so it is a less onerous commitment than it sounds, but one that is essential to maintaining PGSAs’ activities

Graduate student presence at PGSS General Assemblies
• As noted above, the motion regarding defunding PGSAs failed by only 3 votes, showing that every vote does in fact matter, and attendance at GAs does make a difference. The GA lost quorum shortly after that vote, meaning that other important motions and topics of discussion that had been put forth—including questions about mental health, accessibility, the Wellness Hub, our health insurance packages, the climate crisis, and student representation and consultation—could not be meaningfully addressed
• Given the importance of all these issues, we would like to ask all of you to please encourage your graduate students to attend PGSS General Assemblies, as they function both as a discussion forum and as the place where issues of major
importance, including policies that affect all graduate students, are ultimately decided and ratified

- General Assemblies take place once per semester, at Thomson House, and dinner is provided (although, again, there is no word on allergy-friendly options or on child care).

214.2 Dean Maioni thanked Ms. Kouchakji for the report.

**Other Business**

215.1 Dean Maioni informed the members that the Provost would be attending the March 31st Faculty meeting.

The Dean thanked the Secretary for organizing the meeting and taking the notes.

**Adjournment**

216.1 The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.