



Faculty Board – Faculty of Arts and Science Report to Senate

Date of Meeting(s) of Faculty Board: October 11 and November 8, 2013

Announcements: (*List all announcements made at the meeting. For example, new members*)

The School of Religion has proposed to the Dean of Arts and Science at Queen's University that new admissions be temporarily suspended for the theology programs Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, and Bachelor of Theology. This proposal comes after ongoing, extensive conversations with a variety of stakeholders involved in the programs. Over the past decade enrolments in theology programs have continued to decline despite the School's recruitment efforts, and the School is concerned that there is no longer a sufficient cohort of students to sustain the theology programs.

The proposal to consider temporarily suspending admissions is being brought forward by the School itself for further consultation. The authority to make this decision, after appropriate deliberation, consultation, and communication, resides with the Dean of Arts and Science, who will act in consultation with the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. The School's proposal to the Dean begins the procedures of the Senate Policy on Temporary Suspensions. If the decision is made to suspend admissions, no full time faculty members or staff will lose their position; all members of the unit will continue to work at the School in our growing programs in Religious Studies.

Decisions October 11:

- A new concurrent Bachelor of Music/Music and Digital Media Diploma Program offered jointly by the School of Music at Queen's University and the Faculty of Arts at St. Lawrence College, to be first offered in 2014-15, was approved.
- The Curriculum Committee Omnibus Report II, was approved". (Course additions at Bader International Study Centre (BISC) – (BISC100 Thinking Locally and BISC101 Acting Globally).
- The Report of the Nominating Committee was approved. Filled vacancies for the Curriculum Committee and Academic Integrity and Conduct Panel.

Decisions November 8:

The 2014-2015 ASC Academic Calendar Dates, were approved.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was approved. A vacancy was filled for the Nominating Committee.

The Arts Graduate Council Curriculum Submission Report – October, 2013 was approved.

The Graduate Diploma in Risk Policy and Regulation (DRPR) - Department of Economics was approved.

Deferred:

- The following Plans and Sub-Plans will be submitted to Curriculum Committee this year for approval:
 - Sub-Plan in Computing and Gaming Theory (Sub-Plan to Software Design)
 - General in Liberal Arts
 - Specialization in Cognitive Neuroscience
 - Specialization in Biotechnology
 - Certificate in Writing
- Mr. Morelli communicated that he would like to propose "that the Faculty Board Procedures Committee add 'Report of the Graduate Chair(s)' as a standing item on Faculty Board agendas." After consulting with Mr. Morelli and with his agreement we are referring this issue directly to the Faculty Board Procedures Committee.

Sincerely,

Richard Ascough
Chair

Pat Costigan
Secretary