

University of Alberta

Education Faculty Council

The Education Faculty Council met on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, University Hall.

Present:

J Anuik, G Buck, O Bulut, S Carpenter, T Cardinal, D Chorney, D Cormier, J Considine, M Cutumisu, A Da Costa, D Da Costa, S Dahlke, L Daniels, B Denga, L De Fabrizio, M Doherty, B Dunn, W Dussome, G Georgiou, F Glanfield, D Gleddie, V Grabia, L Grieve, B Hanson, T Hidson, J Holm, D Hunter, J Harley, K Kriti, S King, A Kirova, L Laidlaw, D Larsen, D Lewkowich, L McGarvey, A McInnes, J McClay, M McNally, L Menna, F Merali, Y Norton, T Oliphant, C Peck, L Prochner, A Ries, T Samek, A Shiri, L Shultz, E Steinhauer, N Steinhauer, L Sulz, G Thomas, C Van Kessel, J Van Vliet, S Varnhagen, S Volk, B Watt, B Whelton, L Wiltse, A Worrall, R Wimmer (Chair), B Werthmann (Secretary)

Sign in sheet is attached to original minutes.

1. Approval of Agenda

*MOVED TO APPROVE the agenda as presented.
F Glanfield / D Gleddie / CARRIED*

2. Minutes of the Education Faculty Council

*MOVED TO APPROVE the May 3, 2016 minutes of the Education Faculty Council as presented.
G Buck / L Laidlaw / CARRIED*

3. Introduction of New Faculty

The following new faculty members were introduced:

Dia Da Costa, Educational Policy Studies
Keren Dali, School of Library and Information Studies
Sean Lessard, Secondary Education
Lydia Menna, Elementary Education
Noella Steinhauer, Educational Policy Studies
Cathryn Van Kessel, Secondary Education

4. Information for Council members

The membership, meeting schedule, and terms of reference for the Education Faculty Council were presented for information. Dr Wimmer introduced new stakeholder members.

5. Faculty Council Summary 2015-2016

This document is for the information of Council members.

5. Dean's Office Welcome, Highlights and Priorities for 2016-2017

Dr Wimmer asked the associate deans and the vice dean to provide a brief review of their portfolio and plans for the year ahead.

Associate Dean, International – Dr Lynette Shultz

- This mandate will continue to deepen the experience of International Education in the Faculty, to provide institutional support for researchers to come to our Faculty or for our researchers to go to international institutions.
- We have a responsibility to prepare our students to make the best of teaching in international classrooms.

Associate Dean, Research – Dr Denise Larsen

- As a new Associate Dean, Research this is an opportunity to get to know faculty members and their research, and to understand the strength and impact of their work.
- A major focus will be in providing research support to new faculty members.

Associate Dean, Teacher Education – Dr Bill Dunn

- After a long period of program renewal, it is now time to focus on program enhancement which includes:
 - working with departments in program implementation
 - working with colleges to coordinator transfer courses
 - finding ways for our students to become involved in schools and communities earlier, e.g. community service learning.
- Challenges are:
 - waiting for the Ministry to release the revised KSAs
 - ensuring our graduates have an understanding of the history of education and Aboriginal initiatives

Associate Dean, Programs and Services – Dr Clive Hickson was unable to attend this meeting.

Associate Dean, Graduate Studies – Dr Jill McClay

- There are approximately 7000 graduate students on campus, of which 950 are in Education.
- Our Faculty offers over 40 graduate programs.
- David Bouchard, Metis author and speaker, will be hosted in our Faculty for the afternoon and evening of February 6th. Instructors are encouraged to bring their students to the afternoon session.
- FGSR recently implemented a requirement for graduate students to have professional development as part of their program. Our departments took the option of opting out as traditionally our students come to their programs with strong professional development in their background.
- Professional development sessions are offered throughout the year for our students through the Dean's Office and the departments.
- October 3rd is the start of Edmonton's Read-In Week. The University was asked by the Mayor's Office to coordinate the official kickoff event, which will be held at Convocation Hall. The event will include dance, drum and reading performances from the community.

Vice Dean and Associate Dean, Academic, Dr Lynn McGarvey

- A priority for this position is to provide program support to faculty members and administration.
- One of the goals from *For the Public Good* is “experience”. This speaks to the good work being done in EDU 100. A challenge to all our instructors is to consider how you are creating an experience in your courses.
- As Faculty governance is part of this role, Dr McGarvey hopes to see a move towards a stronger engagement from all faculty members serving on committees, especially new faculty members.

Interim Dean, Dr Randy Wimmer

- AAS:UA and NASA have both settled after two years of negotiations. With faculties now responsible for across the board and merit increments for their academics and support staff, 1.3 million will be paid out from the Faculty’s budget to cover two years’ worth of increments. We have permission to use soft funding for one year only, but need to work towards being able to provide this coverage on a yearly basis going forward.
- The Provincial Government provided a 2% increase to the University which the provost earmarked for faculty renewal. Faculties were invited to submit proposals and we did very well. As a result we will be hiring up to nine new and existing base-funded positions.

Meeting adjourned.