MINUTES
School of Art - School Council
Friday March 23, 2018 - 9:15am-11:15am
364 ARTlab


Regrets: D. Jones
Absent: K. Boyer, E. Dueck

I APPROVAL OF AGENDA

S. Alward MOVED, seconded by D. Rey, THAT the agenda of the School Council be approved as circulated.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Roy MOVED, seconded by D. Brueckner THAT the minutes of the School Council meeting held on January 26 and February 9, 2018 be approved with corrections.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

III REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Provincial Budget Highlights:

- 0.9% decrease to the PSE sector-$3 mil U of M reduction
- Reduction of $3 mil to Research Manitoba. Follows a $2 mil reduction in previous year
- Manitoba Graduate Scholarships remains at 2017 levels
- Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary remain at 2017 levels
- 15% reduction in management administrative positions
- 1.3% summer session increase in tuition, 6.6% increase in regular session tuition
- Elimination of provincial health funding for international students

Respectfully submitted, Paul Hess
IV REPORTS OF SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Senate Report – O. Botar

Sharon Alward was voted to represent School of Art while Oliver Botar is on research leave (Jul to Dec 2018).

2. Library Report

There are some new books that are available. The library has now subscribed to human flow. There is a link in the library catalogue that can be uploaded to your UMLearn account for student access. The library has ‘reserve lockers’ which can be used for items that have been put on reserve be moved into these lockers for retrieval after hours. Please submit your list of items to the library as soon as possible so that items can be ordered. The last Sunday that the library is open is April 15 and the last evening that the library is open is April 19, 2018.

Respectively submitted, Liv Valmestad

3. Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee

The Undergraduate Program Committee met on Friday, March 9th. The Committee discussed the 2000- and 3000-level studio topics courses. The committee had previously identified four topics that had been frequently offered as candidates to receive their own course number. Further review of previous topics offerings has indicated that there may be other topics that could be converted. The committee noted that a few past offerings have similar titles, and thus may be grouped together, and that other considerations of how courses might fit into the broader curriculum should be addressed. The committee will continue to review the topics courses, considering subject areas and the effects of changes on the broader curriculum, with the goal of submitting course revisions to 4C's in September. The committee also continues to work on developing its work plan.

Respectfully submitted, David Foster

4. Report of Graduate Program Committee

The Graduate Program Committee met on March 9, 2018. The Committee discussed the Student Report, particularly the success of crits that took place in context of their show in the student gallery. They requested that more such crits take place during the academic session. Admissions of new MFA candidate’s status: five have accepted out of seven offers. Recommended MFA applicants who have accepted are in the queue to receive their university acceptance letter. It was agreed that these candidates should start receiving communications from
the School in order to begin the community-building process in anticipation of their late summer arrival. The Committee’s email vote on the Cooper Commission responses to our submitted BFAR’s was unanimously in favour accepting their suggested changes. The Committee heard that FGS wishes that the Schools' response to the MFA review take into account the full document. The Committee thus agreed to divide up the listed sections among the members, for the purpose of writing brief responses (agree/disagree and a two sentence response) sent to Corrine via email by Friday March 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Hess

5. **Appropriations Committee**

The committee met on February 15, 2018. The terms of reference are being revised along with the committee membership. A meeting will be scheduled to continue discussions.

V **BUSINESS ARISING**

1. **Director Search**

   Elections have occurred and the results have been sent to the Provost office. An email has been sent to faculty and staff with the results of the elections.

VI **MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

1. **Student Gallery**

   The next show is scheduled for March 29, 2018 and is being curated by Noor Bhangu the Gallery Project Assistant. Works will include both Undergraduate and Graduate Students. A call will be sent out for May for a large show where students can submit single works. There have not been any further discussions on the name of the student gallery.

2. **Student Art Project at CATL**

   This project is nearing completion. Thank you to Trevor Baziuk, Naghemeh Firouzbad, Leah Fontaine and Jamie Wright for all their hard work on this project. A reception is planned for April 4. Notification will be sent out.

3. **Artist for a Day - March 22, 2018**

   Students were brought in from Indigenous high schools to participate in this event. There was lots of support from Steven Cochrane and MFA students. Students participated in workshops and an artist talk from Sebastien Aubin.
4. **Fitzgerald Proposal**

The Director has been working with the University Secretary’s office on this proposal. The next meeting has been slated for early April.

**VII NEW BUSINESS**

1. **SOFA**

Students held their elections and referendum this past week and 90.7% of students voted in favour of the referendum. There will be an increase in donations from students; 10% will be allocated to visiting artist fund, 10% will be allocated to endowment fund and 80% will be allocated to student initiative fund. There will be a new terms of reference for each of these funds. Also included is an addition of a bursary for students who demonstrate financial need. The co-presidents for the coming year are Annie Beach and Hannah Reimer.

2. **Student Advising**

Student advising will be partnering with Migizii Agamik working with Indigenous students.

3. **MFA Art History**

Oliver Botar is heading up this ad-hoc committee. The committee has met and there has been positive support of this from Architecture and Philosophy department. The program may not run every year but perhaps every 2-3 years. Discussion will continue.

**NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**

May 4, 2018 – 9:15-11:15am
May 4, 2018 – 11:30-12:30pm Faculty w/rank meeting will follow School Council

**VIII ADJOURNMENT** – 10:55am