



## **MINUTES**

**School of Art – Graduate Program Committee  
Friday March 17, 2017 – 10:30-11:30am  
Room 409 ARTlab**

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Present:

P. Hess, H. Kamali Jamil, B. Marin, K. Kelly, G. Nickel, C. Plouffe, E. Roy, C. Bakun  
(recording secretary)

### **I APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**C. Plouffe MOVED, seconded by B. Marin, THAT the agenda of the Graduate Program Committee be approved.**

**CARRIED**

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2017**

**G. Nickel MOVED, seconded by E. Roy THAT the minutes of the Graduate Program Committee be approved.**

**CARRIED**

### **III BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **1. Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR's)**

The BFAR team had a few suggestions and these have been incorporated into School of Art document. The document has been sent to review committee for their feedback.

#### **2. MFA Review**

The SoA MFA review document is due to Graduate Studies by March 31. We are confident that we will meet this deadline.

#### **3. Items for further discussion**

- i) Promoting the MFA program
- ii) MFA open studio critiques
- iii) Faculty Presentations
- iv) New Student Introductions to Faculty members

## **V ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. MFA Open House was a success. There was a lot of visitor traffic including undergrad students.
2. Kevin Kelly is assuming the chair position until the end of the term.
3. Sarah Ciurysek has been appointed to the committee for a two-year term.

## **VI NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. MFA Applications**

Faculty members met on March 14 to review new MFA applications. There was a minor calculation error in the spreadsheet preventing the ranking of the candidates from being confirmed at the meeting. This issue has been resolved and the ranking has been completed. Faculty are invited to come to the office and review the candidates.

### **2. Final Crits and the Oral Thesis Proposal**

There has been discussion of combining these two events together. From the student's point of view, they are fine with combining them and do not see this as a hindrance to the presentation. Students prefer presentations with more people and interaction as this provides a level of confidence and preparation for the second year. The Thesis Proposal is a public event.

## **VII NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**

The last two meetings have been rescheduled as follows:

**Monday April 24, 2017 - 10:30-11:30am**

**Tuesday May 23 - 1:30-2:30pm**