



Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via the Zoom Conferencing Application.

## SECTION I – INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

### 1. Welcoming Remarks

The Interim Dean and Chair, Dr. Mary Hunter, welcomed everyone and before going any further declared that McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. The Chair acknowledged and thanked the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which people of the world now gather.

Quorum was achieved with more than 50 voting members present. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

### 2. Announcements

The Chair introduced Professor Isabelle Daunais (Chair, RSC Committee, Academies I and II) to the floor to announce the election of Fellows to the Royal Society of Canada and to say a few words about their career and research:

*Professor Frédéric Charbonneau, Département des littératures de langue française, de traduction et de création (DLTC)*

Spécialiste de la littérature française du 18<sup>e</sup> siècle et reconnu comme l'un des meilleurs spécialistes du genre des Mémoires, particulièrement de l'œuvre de Saint-Simon, Frédéric Charbonneau a renouvelé en profondeur notre compréhension de cette forme de littérature factuelle, à la fois en l'abordant dans sa dimension discursive et en soulignant son rôle dans l'élaboration de la singularité individuelle moderne.

Frédéric Charbonneau travaille dans le domaine de l'histoire des idées et s'intéresse notamment



The report was presented by the Associate Dean of Administration and Oversight. Associate Dean Fronda explained the three main responsibilities in his portfolio (academic programs, space, oversee the Library). The following information was given regarding the Leacock Project:

Academic Space.

The scoping project (a high level of

1. Enrolment is stable. With 600 undergraduate courses, seating in these courses is very stable and occupancy is at 86%.
2. Advising is very active. So far 1500 on-line appointments have been made in one month in response to 3,000 emails.
3. There will be an Open House on October 16<sup>th</sup>. It is to be held virtually and is a university-wide recruitment event for new students.

The floor was opened for questions and comments. There were none.

## 12. Report of the Governance Working Group, Professor Michael Fronda

The Report was presented by the Chair of the Governance Working Group. A historical background was given to the forming of this Working Group. The working group is comprised of 3-6 members and still looking for volunteers to work on upcoming projects such as updating the Terms of Reference for the Arts Council, composition of Council and establishing a quorum.

The documents submitted for today's meeting are for feedback and information only.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Questions and comments were raised regarding interest in volunteering, proportional representation, and the need for quorum.

The Chair of the Working Group urged those who would like to give feedback and have questions to contact him by email.

## 13.

and none against by a poll vote.

Part II of the report was explained. The Chair of the Nominating Committee motioned for part II of the Report to be accepted.

Eric Wilkinson seconded the motion.

The floor was opened for questions and comments. There were none.

The motion to accept Part II of the Nominating Committee Report was carried by a poll vote with 53 in favour, one against and three abstentions.

15. Report of the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS), Adin Chan, President

The Report of the AUS was presented by its President.

Summer Activities

" Frosh was a success

" Rebranded – new website

" Meetings with Teaching and Learning Services pushing for mandatory accommodations instead of case -by-case model – having accessible class recordings are essential for keeping campus safe

Fall

" Challenging Transition: lack of institutional memory for in-person activities

" First Legislative Council on September 9

" SNAX Café Update

We have permission but we are waiting on McGill facilities to build a sink and provide electricity to the space

" Bringing back our services and resources

- Laptop Lending

- Essay Writing Centre

- Peer Tutoring

The floor was opened for questions and comments. There were none.

16. Report of the PGSS

The Report of the PGSS was presented by PGSS representative Eric Wilkinson.

Current representatives: Kristi Kouchakji, Eric Wilkinson, Rine Vieth, Étienne Poirier

Announcements:

1. Graduate students looking to get more involved with PGSS or the University are



How would this Motion work going forward if it were carried.

Arts Counts Council member Brian Trehearne moved that the voting of the Motion be postponed to the next Arts Council Meeting due to current time constraints and the complex issues the Motion entails.

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