

Minutes

Faculty Meeting February 29th 2008-03-27

Agenda Approved and seconded
January Minutes TBA

Present: Edie Rasmussen, Susie Stephenson, Ross Harvey, Martha Smith, Judi Saltman, Heather MacNeil, Luanne Freund, Rajesh Singh, Francesca Marini, Michelle Mallette.

In attendance Mary Grenier

Directors Report:

Edie reported that funding envelopes were distributed at the Heads and Directors Meeting, and hiring authorizations for next year were released. We have been authorized to fill 3.5 positions next year though hiring at a more senior level may have some impact.

A TLEF grant submitted by Edie and Simon Neame, Program Director for the Barber Centre was funded for \$23,540. It will fund four student interns to develop a workshop program for the Learning Commons.

Grant funding from NIMH on Neuroethics has been confirmed to Judy Illes, There is an information science/bibliometrics component to this research which will provide some funding for a SLAIS student.

New funding: we are negotiating with a donor for an annual Memorial Lecture.

Forthcoming events:

SLAIS job fair will be held on Friday, March 7th

A welcome reception fro SLAIS students and our community will be held on Friday March 14th.

SLAIS Alumni Meet the Grad Night is 5.30pm Friday March 28th at the Alice McKay Room VPL.

The formal Barber Centre opening is April 11

Congregation is Thursday May 22nd at 11.00am

Events regarding faculty candidates and colloquia speakers will be discussed.

We are planning. Alumni events in conjunction with BCLA, AABC and CLA conferences.

Budget and Hiring (combined with Faculty Search) ER/JS

The Faculty Search Committee had held a meeting to shortlist candidates and we will be inviting 8 candidates throughout March.

Eddie thanked Judi for her hard work and organization as co-chair.

Barber Centre Logistics MG

Mary reported that while most of the work on the move had been completed, there were still a number of things still to be done; for example, we are still waiting for the south doors to be installed and the swipe system to be operational.

The computer labs will open the first week in March.

Curriculum Committee MS

Three proposals were brought forward for approval

- Guy Robertson has agreed to teach LIBR 579L, a one-credit topics course. This requires further approval to be added to the curriculum.
- LIBR 542E is a one-credit course which will be scheduled July 21/22. It is intended as an introduction to youth services.
- A change to requirements for the FNCC was proposed. It is difficult to find the relevant graduate level coursework outside SLAIS. FoGS rules say we can allow up to 9 credits at the 300/400 level to apply to the 48 credit masters. This must be approved by the Graduate Advisor

All proposals were approved.

Judi suggested that a series of one-credit courses focusing on FN topics in libraries and archives would help students to meet the course requirements in this area.

Colloquia LF FM

Cathy Marshall will give this year's Lazerow Lecture which has been booked in the Parliamentary Classroom

The colloquium series has overall very successful with good attendance. We will work on improving promotion of the events. Luanne and Francesca are actively seeking ideas and suggestions for next year.

Admissions Student Affairs – MM

1) September 2008 Admission

Total number of applicants: 155 MLIS, 35 MASLIS, 29 MAS, 19 MACL, 1 PhD
for a total of 239 applications

2) Summer 2008 Internships

Nine MAS internships (ARST 595) are under development for this summer, and one already under way.

3) Practicums

Twenty-six students have applied for April practicum placements; 24 are confirmed. UBC Libraries took 2 students; VPL accepted six. Other placements are at the UN in New York (2), Los Angeles Public Library, LAC in Ottawa, and the University of Glasgow Library & Special Collections.

4) BCLA Reporter/AABC Newsletter

Please forward any news items to me for these. Anything of interest to the profession is appreciated. I will do the writing, just send me the details.

Eddie reported on the emphasis on graduate funding, which has been increased this year.

Heather reported from the Grad Advisers meeting on the resolution to president and provost criticizing the limited availability of graduate funding.

Eddie reported that tuition increases for next year had been capped at 2%.

External Review ER

SLAIS is due for an External Review. This would normally have been held this year but because of our move, it has been postponed to next year, at a date to be determined but most probably in the fall. The review panel will consist of 4 people, 3 external to UBC, and 1 internal, who will spend 3 days on site. We have been asked to submit names of 6 to 8 possible panellist, and Eddie asked for suggestions of names to be included.

For this review we are asked to prepare a dossier which will cover more areas than the COA report since it addresses all programs of study, though it is less complex

Visiting Scholar applications ER

We have already approved two applications for next year. Two new applications were received, one for the fall term from Martha Garcia Murillo, a professor at Syracuse University. She works in the area of information policy and digital divide. The second application comes from Sultan Al-Daihani, a faculty member in Library and Information Science at Kuwait University. He also holds a senior post in Information Technology. He would like spend a year pursuing research in user behaviour and knowledge management. We will also need space for a SSHRC Post Doc which has been approved. Eddie and Mary will work out space logistics.