

Executive Committee
February 22, 2016
9th meeting



9:30 am to 12:00 pm
LMX 388

Attendees: S. Chitpin, D. Fleming, N. Gazzola, B. Graves, R. Leblanc (chair), S. Lévesque,
G. Reis

Excused: C. Morin

Minutes

9.01 Adoption of the Agenda

By a resolution duly proposed and seconded, the agenda is unanimously adopted with the addition of item 9.04 g): Course Load Reduction and Stipends for Newly Appointed Professors.

9.02 Adoption of the Minutes of February 1st, 2016 Meeting

By a resolution duly proposed and seconded, the minutes are unanimously adopted.

9.03 Business Arising from the Minutes of the February 1st, 2016 Meeting

a) Practicum Information System

The Dean informs the Committee that negotiation has been ongoing with the company *Intrafinity*. There will be a conference call next week with all the partners involved in the process. A one-time investment of \$250,000 will be made and all the support must be guaranteed.

b) Amendment to the Policy on Release Time Stipends for Thesis Supervision

The decision will be communicated to the faculty after adoption of the Minutes. The Dean reiterates that the credits can only be used as research assistantships or for a reduction in the teaching load. No credit or funds will be allocated for supervising students from other Faculties.

c) Presentation from the Protection Services – Emergency Measures

The dean proposes that this presentation be made during the Faculty Assembly in both languages.

9.04 New Business

a) Operational Plan – Analyses and Strategies 2015-2016

The Alumni Scholarship will be launched with a breakfast on March 1st. A new award to highlight the alumni's financial contribution will be attributed during Alumni

week. The Dean's priority with regard to financing, will be discussed with the Alumni's Relations Office.

The Dean announces that the Faculty has inherited \$90,000 from an estate. It is suggested to encourage the retired professors and the support staff to contribute more to the financing campaign.

It is proposed to set up a strategic plan in order to provide financial assistance to graduate students and help improve their student experience. That could be done by replenishing the emergency funds.

b) University Budget Deficit

The University has announced a 2% cut in the budget for 2016-2017 which represents \$307,386 for the Faculty of Education for next year on a total budget of \$14,418,270.

Two sites were visited in Toronto, the *Alliance Française* and *École Frère André*. Frère André represents a better option as a lab. This initiative is supported by the MOE. They expect a shortage in French speaking teachers in the future in Southern Ontario. As a result, 40 new students are almost guaranteed a job at the end of their studies.

c) Screening of the Documentary "Beyond Measure"

It is suggested to show the documentary "Beyond Measure" at the next Faculty Assembly if the Executive committee agrees. A French version is also to be considered, if available. This discussion will be continued at a future Executive Committee meeting.

d) APUO excluded members

Currently, two (2) of the three (3) Vice-Deans are excluded from the Teaching Union: Vice-Dean Program and Vice-Dean and Faculty Secretary. With the mandate of the Vice-Dean and Faculty Secretary coming to an end, it has to be decided who will be excluded next. The Committee suggests that it be left at the Dean's discretion rather than have the excluded position limited to the specific Vice-Dean.

e) Emergency funding requests

The Vice-Dean and Secretary presented two requests by students for emergency funding. After discussion, N. Gazzola proposed, seconded by B. Graves, to allocate \$1,000 (the maximum that can be allocated) per student. The decision is voted unanimously.

f) Long term appointments (LTA) and part-time professors

The Dean highlights the necessity to include 1 LTA and 1 part time professor (as non-voting member – 1 English speaking and 1 French speaking) to the Faculty Council.

It is recommended that those nominations be discussed with the program directors during the Libre-Échange. They would have to be elected.

g) Reduce Course Load and Stipends for New Professors

For the present time, new professors have 1 course and 130 hours of Research Assistantship for the first year of their employment. The Dean proposes to add a 2nd-course reduction for the duration of the first contract. It has been agreed upon a 2-course reduction, 1 for the first year, 1 for the second year.

Proposed: B. Graves

Seconded: G. Reis

This decision is voted:

4 in favor

2 against

2 abstention

9.05 Other Business

9.06 Next Meeting

March 7, 2016