**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

**NOTES**

**Friday, February 17th, 2017**

A meeting of the Faculty Council was held on Friday, February 17th, 2017, at 10:00 am in ATAC Board Room 3004 /OA 3041.

As quorum was not attained, the agenda could not be approved and the calendar changes listed were tabled for approval at the next meeting. An informal meeting was held and the following are notes from that meeting.

Presentation: Dr. PhoebeAnn Wolframe – SSHRC/CIHR Research & Knowledge Mobilization Facilitator (Research Services) gave a short presentation on her role as Facilitator.

Dr. Chris Parkes, Department of English, introduced Dr. Max Haiven, the new Tier II CRC in New Media and Literary Culture in the Department of English. His appointment commenced January 1, 2017.

**1.**

**Dean’s Report**

**Dean’s Report to Faculty Council, Friday, February 17, 2017**

**Merit**

Departmental balloting is now in process and should be completed by the end of the day today. As you are aware, a letter from the Dean will be required to accompany each file, once submitted. Individual faculty members applying for merit will receive a copy of the Dean’s letter for their binder. Additionally, the Dean’s are required to rank applications and forward this information along for the consideration of the committee alone.

**SEM**

A meeting with the Provost and Director of Institutional Analysis has been confirmed for **Friday, March 10 at 2.00 pm**. This will be an opportunity for our Chairs/Director to ask questions about the process and expected timeline for Faculty of Social Science and Humanities engagement.

**SMA**

The Universities in Ontario are currently waiting for the final process that will be used for the creation of individual institutional Strategic Mandate Agreements. In the last meeting of Senate this past Monday, the Provost delivered introductory remarks concerning details about what the University might expect from the government. The Provost did indicate that the turn-around time for the production of the Lakehead University SMA will be fast and furious. Please stay tuned for additional news concerning the kind of engagement that will be required from individual units within our faculty.

**Financial Support for International Graduate Students**

For those units that currently support a graduate program, a poll of potential meeting dates will be circulated to Graduate Coordinators and Chairs in order to determine a time and date for a meeting to decide on support for our international graduate students. I am also waiting on information from the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies concerning matching funds for faculty-based support. There is every expectation that the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be able to match support once again this year.

**2.**

**Assistant Dean’s Report**

**Friday February 17, 2017 SSH Faculty Council Meeting: Assistant Dean Report**

1. **The Newsletter** - The third edition is now completed and is at printing. It will be electronically available on the SSH webpage, so please create links to that page from your own websites. I will send an email once it is up, with the link. I would like to know if departments use print copies, to help us in determining the correct number to print.

1. **Summer Undergraduate Research Internships** – We had a free UG student luncheon on Feb 8th in Thunder Bay (with speakers Scott Pound, Chris Sanders and Max Haiven) and one in Orillia Feb 16th (with speakers Ryan McVeigh, Beth Visser and Cheryl Lousley); the intent of these events were to promote research interest among undergraduate students. The information on the internship applications are available on the SSH website (under Research), with a deadline March 17th.
2. **Research and Innovation Week** – Event planning continues; there is one area I would like to highlight. There will be a Sustainability Round Table on Monday March 6th at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 7-9 pm. The focus of the event is Grassy Narrows and the mercury contamination issue, and will include members of the community and some leading researchers in this field.

The full event schedule for the week can be found here:

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/research-and-innovation/about/research-and-innovation-week/schedule>

**3.** Next Faculty Council Meeting: Friday, March 24th, 2016, at 10:00 am in ATAC 3004/OA 3041.

**4.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Thunder Bay Campus

J. Roth

C. Parkes

M. Haiven

I. Lemee

R. Koster

Orillia Campus

M. Stevenson

A. den Otter

D. Jobin-Bevans

R. Robson

**REGRETS**

M. Beaulieu

R. Martin

R. Maundrell

A. Carastathis

P. Cain

R. Harpelle

B. Vernier