



School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures  
Council Meeting 004  
Wednesday January 18, 2017, 3:00 – 4:00 pm: Rozsa Centre Evans Room

MINUTES

**Voting Members**

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| E. Ritter, Chair | A. George         | I. Shilova     | S. Winters                       |
| M. Asatryan      | A. Hallworth-Duez | E. Spoldi      | X. Yang                          |
| A. Barber        | S. Hoenle         | D. Storoshenko | Y. Yang                          |
| M. Bergeron      | O. Mladenova      | J. Süselbeck   | Grad Rep Non-Ling: L. Kowalsky   |
| E. Bratishenko   | O. Rollin         | L. Torres      | Grad Rep Linguistics: J. Windsor |
| C. Burian        | F. Sánchez        | M. Wagner      | Sessional Rep: D. MacDonald      |
| W. Cai           | L. Schuett        | A. Wall        | Support Staff Rep: V. Gagnon     |
| C. Dueck         | S. Sciban         | E. Wang        | Support Staff Rep: E. Tsyganok   |
| D. Flynn         | A. Sharp          | B. Whaley      | Undergrad Rep : B. Legese        |

1. **Call to Order** The Chair confirmed quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**MOTION** That the Agenda for the January 18, 2017 School Council be approved. Hoenle/Windsor **CARRIED**
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2016**  
**MOTION** That the Minutes for the November 16, 2016 School Council be approved Dueck/Burian **CARRIED**
4. **Director's Remarks**
  - E. Ritter introduced herself as the new Interim Director and thanked B. Jordan for the work he did in launching the School. She informed members that she would be working from CHD304, beside the Manager's office and that appointments with her could be booked through K. Guevara.

Good news reported:

  - Spanish received one additional HCE of sessl funding and Japanese received two additional HCE in F/W18.
  - One additional GA unit of funding was received.
  - Four academic searches are underway:
    - o ALMC – continuing term appointment in Arabic language and language pedagogy. Currently waiting for approval of the advertisement.
    - o LING – tenure track position in language acquisition. Site visits are being scheduled.
    - o FREN – 2 year contingent-term instructor position. Shortlist has been identified.
    - o ITAL – 2 year limited term. The advertisement has been posted and the search committee is being formed.
  - The search for a new Director is in process with lots of applications received. The Dean is finalizing the search committee after which the process will move forward.
  - The Faculty has given the School one admin position (Specialist/Advisor III). With the departure of the manager of the former LLC, there is now an opportunity to reorganize the staff in a way that will best support the School. The Faculty has hired a consultant to assist with this process. Once the structure is in place, an interview process for the position will begin.
  - Will Bennett was welcomed.

- The Webpage is coming along. F. Pisicoli's schedule will be blocked daily from 3:30-5:30 to allow for focused time to work on the webpage. During those hours, members are asked to ask another staff person should they require assistance.

The Chair continued with a few words clarifying how she sees her role in the next six months:

- o Her primary job is to listen and hear what everyone needs to say and to focus on the needs of the new School
- o Prepare the groundwork for the Director so that s/he can hit the ground running. For example, identify where differences in practice exist so that s/he can determine which unique processes make sense to continue and which ones need to be harmonized.
- o The most important job for her and the new Director is to foster greater respect among and within the different divisions. She would like to see bridges built and an openness to seize the full potential of the School. She invited members to meet with her they have any ideas.

#### 5. Question Period

No questions were raised.

#### 6. Action Item: Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum Committee submissions for approval (C. Burian)

The rationales for the changes in the Chinese and Japanese programs were presented by S. Sciban. A question was presented as to whether or not an alternative to the lab screening time would be in place to ensure students have access to legal copies of films. It was agreed that C. Huot would need to arrange for film screenings through Com/Media.

Although some of the revisions largely resulted from the section having a faculty member with new areas of research, S. Hoenle pointed out that having new personnel is not considered a valid rationale for curricular revisions so the submission would need to present another angle.

**MOTION** That the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures accept the curriculum changes put forward for the Chinese and Japanese programs. Yang/Whaley. **CARRIED**

D. Flynn presented the submission from Linguistics. The only change requested was to 541/641, which should be 571/671.

**MOTION** That the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures accept the curriculum changes put forward for the Linguistics program. Windsor/Storoshenko **CARRIED**

E. Bratishenko presented the changes in the Russian program.

One question was raised concerning the "LLLC" course and its feasibility given the limited staffing in Russian. E. Bratishenko explained that the Russian Section would only pick it up if it had Russian content. Further discussion clarified that the intent of the proposed course is to allow for more cross-division courses and multi-disciplinary content that could be more interesting to a wider group of programs. It was agreed that initiatives would need to be taken to publicize the courses and to facilitate credit for them in other programs. Further discussion will be necessary to determine what steps need to be taken to accomplish this.

**MOTION** That the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures accept the curriculum changes put forward for the Russian program. Bratishenko/Rollin **CARRIED**

The submission for the French program was put forward by M.-A. Bergeron.

**MOTION** That the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures accept the curriculum changes put forward for the French program. Bergeron/Rollin **CARRIED**

L. Torres presented the changes to the Italian and Spanish programs.

Two suggestions were put forward for Italian:

- a) For Italian, the courses that include the prerequisite as well as “*and* consent of the instructor” should instead read “*or* consent of the instructor”.
- b) It was suggested that the proposed ITAL 399 be numbered in such a way as to align with other courses in the School with a similar purpose, such as GERM 317. Although historically courses with “9” in Italian related to cultural content, L. Torres agreed a different number would distinguish the offering from the other courses offered in Italian (while this one is to be in English).

No changes to the submission for Spanish were requested.

**MOTION** That the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures accept the curriculum changes put forward for the Italian and Spanish programs. Spoldi/Torres **CARRIED**

The meeting came to a close at this point due to time limitations so no further business on the agenda was addressed.

7. **Next Meeting** March 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm, CIBC Hub, Rozsa Centre  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN Barber/Torres** Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm