

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
**FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 27, 2018  
4 pm  
Tweedie Hall

**Note:** As quorum was not achieved at this meeting, no motions could be entertained.

**Present:** R. Adlam, L. Beck (Secretary), H. Becker, R. Campbell (Chair), A. Cockshutt, G. Cruttwell, J. Devine, N. Farooqi, J. Holton, R. Inglis, S. MacIver, K. Meade, J. Ollerhead, C. Parker, R. Polegato, V. St. Pierre, E. Stregger, and M. Truitt.

**Regrets:** K. Bell, E. Millar, B. Robertson, and E. Wells.

**Observers:** A. Blakney (CSD), N. Fry (MASU), and R. Howlett (MASU).

**1. Approval of the Agenda.**

**2. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 30, 2018.**

**3. Update from Computing Services on Cybersecurity.**

A. Blakney provided statistics expressing increasing concern about cybercrime and the need to improve our security. She pointed to the example of the University of Calgary's ransomware attack in 2016 and went over the most common sources of cybersecurity weakness, from spear phishing to bad habits. She recommended using a passphrase rather than a password so to lengthen the password while improving the password's security strength. H. Becker stated that a 14-character minimum password policy will be implemented by April 30, 2018, and a new account management policy will be introduced as well. N. Farooqi asked how fingerprint identification compares with regular passwords, and H. Becker replied that there is no data available. He also recommended using a password vault where all passwords may be stored; CSD's website has some freeware that can be used for this purpose listed on its website. Please see a copy of their PowerPoint presentation attached to these minutes; departments were also encouraged to invite CSD to meetings for additional information and solutions.

**4. Report from the Chair.**

R. Campbell informed members that the university's first powwow will take place March 22, 12:30-4:30 pm. He commented on how successful the Year of Indigenous Action has been and praised the committee's efforts, as well as the quality of the participants. R. Campbell noted that he delivered a TedTalk about these efforts and that MtA is ahead of many of our peers. He reviewed a number of upcoming activities and events on campus, some as part of Black History Month, and outlined recent activities, including the open meeting of the Board of Regents and Gwynn Dyer's lecture. Student Services applied for a Regional Development Corporation grant through its

cannabis use reduction programme to install some programming on campus, and faculty will hear more about plans for those funds in due course.

#### **5. Other Business.**

R. Adlum inquired about the status of Anthropology and whether the suspension on new students could be lifted. J. Ollerhead confirmed that there are no plans to lift the suspension and the Planning Committee will examine the resource question in Fall 2018. J. Devine asked if there is a risk that the university is letting the programme be eliminated through its inaction. J. Ollerhead acknowledged the risk and stated that there are currently no resources to deliver the programme as it was originally conceived. R. Adlum informed members that a proposal for resources had been developed in Fall 2016 and expressed uncertainty about why this proposal was not acted upon. J. Ollerhead replied that Senate and the Indigenous Advisory Council determined that Anthropology and Indigenous Studies would not be linked, and it was later decided that there will be two positions in Indigenous Studies, discipline(s) to be determined. J. Devine inquired how these two hires will be integrated into existing programmes, and if they will be tasked with working toward an Indigenous Studies minor. J. Ollerhead acknowledged the importance of the Indigenous hires and of consulting broadly once those resources are in place about any department-related or programme development decisions.

#### **6. Adjournment at 4:56 pm.**