

TORONTO METROPOLITAN FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

February 27, 2024

4:10 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

Present

Peter Danziger, Chair
Jesmen Mendoza
Corinne Hart
Dave Mason
Ian Sakinofsky
Jacqui Gingras

David Scofield
Dawn Onishenko
Diane Pirner
Elodie Lugez
Izabella Pruska-Oldenhof
Jamy Li
Janelle Brady
Jennifer Burwell
Jenny Carson
Julian Zapata
Kathleen Wilkie
Kris Krystosiak
Marsha Barber

Michael Baumtrog
Michael Milona
Miriam Reese
Nora Mulvaney
Paul Moore
Peter Fisher
Rena Mendelson
Rishad Habib
Sophie Quigley
Tammy Landau
Tisha Joy Ornstein
Umberto Berardi
Vadim Geurkov

Regrets

Alexandra Mogyoros
Amina Jamal
Brian Ceh
Chil-Hung Cheng
Darko Joksimovic
Dongning Yu
Emmanuel Kyeremeh
Hossein Zolfagharinia

Jason Deska
Joseph McPhee
Joyal Miranda
Julie Jamrozik
Lev Kirischian
Lia Langworthy
Lisa Levesque
Nemoy Lewis

Opeyemi Akanbi
Owais Lightwala
Petra Roberts
Sarah Bull
Seyed Hashemi
Susan Preston
Tanya Evidente

Staff

Andre Foucault
Stacy Stanley

Dave Bush

Mina Rajabi Paak

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
Meeting began at 4:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda (Barber/Baumtrog) - Adopted.
3. Approval of Minutes January 25, 2023 (Mendelson/Scotfield) - Adopted.
4. TFA Policy Review – Representation Decisions and Appeals Policy
The policy was presented to Reps seeking their input.
5. Notices and Announcements
 - a. [Drop-in](#) at TFA Office this Thursday (February 29th)
 - b. [Lunch and Learn](#) - Retirement (March 20th)
 - c. General Meeting (May 6 at noon, in-person at the Sears Atrium)
 - d. Feedback on the University's Sexual Violence Policy can be made until by March 1, 2024
 - e. The [Draft Exam Policy](#) is up for review and the amended policy can be found [here](#)
 - f. T2200 - This is the form required to claim a tax deduction for working from home. The Federal government has discontinued the blanket exemption available during Covid and one of these forms is required (upon request) to claim this deduction. If you want a copy, you must download the form from the CRA website and submit it to your Dean's office for signature. Note that we all work from home to some extent.
 - g. Bargaining Update - 185 responses from faculty regarding accommodations, 168 responses to survey on health and safety, 101 responses on the transparency on hiring Associate Directors. Sakinofsky is very appreciative of the information provided.
 - h. Budget Discussion - first town hall was today at lunch, tomorrow is at 6 pm on Zoom. Presented that there will be a \$15 million shortfall if government funding is not forthcoming
Budget Town hall #2
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024
Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: <https://torontomu.zoom.us/j/98232862831>
Budget Town hall #3
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: DCC 103, Daphne Cockwell Complex
6. Provost Dept. Meetings
 - a. The Provost is meeting with departments around the proposed academic plan. It was suggested that departments think about messages they want to convey. It was pointed out that there was no document or plan to respond to. Several items

of concern where identified:

- i. the rapid rate of approving the next Academic Plan
- ii. Corporatization
- iii. Rising cost of living and the housing crisis as it affects junior faculty

7. Items from the Floor

- a. Resolution on the ceasefire

Whereas The Reps council recognized that the proposed motion on Palestine is extremely divisive;

BIRT The Reps council recommends to the executive that they withdraw the proposed motion on Palestine from the agenda of the membership meeting of May 6.

(Wilkie/Barber). Carried.

8. Adjournment - 6:05 p.m.

Next Reps' Council Meeting - **March 25, 2024, 4 – 6 pm.**