Academic Standards Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee of Senate
Special Sub-Committee on New Faculty Curriculum

Record of Consultation

Date: Monday, September 16, 2019

Attendees: Merle Jacobs, Equity Studies

Sub-Committee Members:
- Kim Michasiw, Chair of ASCP, Chair
- Liette Gilbert, Co-Coordinator (FES)
- Alice Hovorka, Dean FES
- Alice Pitt, Vice-Provost Academic
- Robert Everett, Secretary

Dean Hovorka provided an overview of the flagship program proposals in development with an emphasis on the incorporation of equity into the curriculum. Equity will be tied to the new Faculty’s mission and values. FES currently offers a course on Human Rights and Public Space and has, along with other units and programs, an interest in bringing equity more fully into the curriculum.

Professor Jacobs described the successful efforts of Equity Studies to re-focus the curriculum around a limited set of in-house critical human rights courses in response to CPR recommendations and a sense that too many courses previously recognized for credit were not sufficiently oriented to the program’s learning outcomes. A concern in this regard is the possibility that any new program might lead to the re-emergence of cross-listing or student requests for substitutions. Equity Studies does encourage students to do double majors.

It was agreed that the new Faculty and Equity Studies would explore opportunities for collaboration in the future. Curriculum design will be sensitive to the concerns expressed by Professor Jacobs.