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**Faculty of Professional Studies Report-Nov. 26, 2019**

The FPS held the Faculty Council meeting on Nov. 22, 2019. Schools within the faculty made various reports on faculty and student highlights. Curriculum changes submitted by each school were reviewed and motions were presented to support these changes. A discussion explored how to engage more faculty in the University Faculty Council as it was noted that quorum is never reached.

The School of Business hosted its 54th Annual Acadia Business Banquet on October 17. The keynote address was delivered by Business School Alumni Savior Joseph (’02). His address was titled “Privilege and Responsibility,” which received a standing ovation at its conclusion. Mr. Joseph was identified by Acadia University Connections Magazine as one of 20 extraordinary Acadia alumni.

The 2019 Women in Music class received a Community Engagement Project Seed Grant from the College Music Society. This funding helped the class produce their class project, ‘Sisters On Screen Film Festival’. The class showed three films, each with a pre-screening talk, and all donations raised were put toward a scholarship to support a young girl's music education.

There is an external search for a new Dean of the Faculty of Professional Studies. A hiring committee has been established and an ad posted (or will soon be posted). Key focus areas for the new dean include the following:

1. Curriculum Development,
2. Research funding and productivity,
3. Interdisciplinary initiatives,
4. Community engagement initiatives, and
5. Cultural programs, activities and events

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