

**COLLEGE OF NEW SCHOLARS, ARTISTS, AND SCIENTISTS  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Sunday, November 19, 2018  
Halifax, NS**

**Attendance: 34**

John Archibald , Jennifer Bain, Roberta Barker, Daniel Bernstein, Hugo Cardoso, Bing Cheng, Dominic Clément, Gordon Fitzell, Tomislav Friscic, George Georgiou, Beth Gillies, Anatoliy Gruzd, Markus Hecker, Karly Kehoe, Krista Kesselring, Marek Korkusinski, Fuyuki Kurasawa, Marc-André Langlois, Katie Larson, Patrick Leroux, Laura Loewen, Mark Mallory, Allie (Alexandra) Mazalek, Sean McGrath, Alison Mcguigan, Catherine Middleton, Sean Mills, Cynthia Milton, John Moores, Alison Mountz, Stuart Murray, Joanna Quinn, Deanna Reader, Merritt Turetsky

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

**2. Discussion of RSC College Budget Situation**

Members of the College discussed the decision by the RSC to take away the College budget. It was decided that the College must again request a standing budget from the RSC Council, justifying it based on our past activities and our future plans, according to the RSC Strategic Plan, and also by way of our inclusion of RSC Fellows in College activities. Failing that, the College will propose each item to be proposed in the standing budget in a series of budget requests; this fall-back position was seen as second-best.

**3. Structure of the College**

Members of the College discussed the appropriate structure to support the College that has emerged after the first four years of its existence. Members of the College expressed gratitude for the work of Past-President Cynthia Milton, and for others in their work in getting the College to this point. A series of motions were passed that sets in motion the creation of a structure:

Motion 1: That a series of standing committees be established to focus on different aspects of the life of the College.

*Moved by Fuyuki Kurasawa, Seconded by Markus Hecker: Motion passed*

Motion 2: That the name of the Interdisciplinary Committee be changed to Research Committee.

*Moved by Sean McGrath, Seconded by Karly Kehoe: Motion passed (2 abstentions)*

Motion 3: That the College Council be mandated to draft the Terms of Reference for the College, and that these should be voted on at the Winter meeting in February 2019.

*Moved by Fuyuki Kurasawa, Seconded by Krista Kesselring: Motion passed*

Motion 4: That a monthly electronic communication be sent to the Members of the College, either as an email via the listserv or as a blog post.

*Moved by Fuyuki Kurasawa, Seconded by Markus Hecker: Motion passed (1 abstention)*

#### **4. Collaborative Initiatives and Working Groups**

Members of the College discussed the importance of having a vital set of nimble, interdisciplinary working groups to study important issues. The following motion was passed:

Motion 5: That the following working groups be recognized for 2018-2019:

- Empathy
- Healthy Societies
- Interdisciplinarity
- Immigration
- Data and Evidence
- Languages
- Arts and Humanities Advocacy
- Environment

*Moved by Sean McGrath, Seconded by Markus Hecker: Motion passed*

#### **5. Adjournment**