

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Committee (MALSC)  
Annual Report 2018-2019

*Function:* To participate in all aspects of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) Program by determining academic policies and procedures, admitting and dismissing students, approving core seminars, approving degree plans and final project proposals, making recommendations for degrees, and recommending faculty selection; to advise on all matters of administrative policy and to assist in the further direction of the program.

*Membership*

2019 Andrew Lindner (Chair), Sociology

2021 Mary-Beth O'Brien, World Languages and Literatures

Ronald Seyb, Associate Dean of the Faculty for Student Academic Affairs

Michelle Paquette-Deuel, Associate Director of Academic Programs and Residencies Director,  
Pre-College Program

Jacqueline Scoones, Director MALS Program

\*In fall 2019, Tim Wientzen, English, will join MALSC for a term concluding in 2022.

*Committee Activities*

During the 2018-2019 Academic Year, the MALSC met five times. The committee reviewed the status of the three students continuing in the program, considered a few issues related to the planned program closure, and discussed the distribution of the 2018 Scholarship award money. The committee distributed \$6,472, with all three students receiving awards.

At three of the meetings, MALS students presented their Final Project Proposals. MALSC approved all three projects and offered feedback to the students. Two of these students graduated in May 2019.

The MALS program is scheduled to close in February 2020. The one student remaining in the program intends to complete requirements for the degree by December 2019. Jacqueline Scoones will continue to work with the remaining student, faculty readers, the MALSC, and the administration through program closure.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Lindner, MALSC Chair