

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

### Minutes

Friday, May 27, 2016 - 1:00 pm – Room D217

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**CHAIR:** Lucy Lee

**PRESENT:**

Ian Affleck	Karen Cooper	Derek Howell	Tony Stea
Avril Alfred	Robin Endelman	Shyna Kanda	Jason Thomas
Allan Arndt	David Fenske	Pauleen Nuite	Ben Vanderlei
Carolyn Atkins	Grant Fritzke	Alan Reid	Dallas Visagie
Jeff Chizma	Wendy Gracey	Greg Schlitt	Ron Wilen
David Chu	David Harper	Gregory Schmaltz	

**REGRETS:** Nathan Bialas, Tim Cooper, Ali Fotouhi, Alida Janmaat, Lin Long, Renee Prasad, Awneet Sivia, Norm Taylor, Noham Weinberg, Debbie Wheeler

**RECORDER:** Caroline Majeau

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#### 1. AAAward Celebration

Congratulations to this year's winners!

- Awesome Achievement – Lin Long
- Terrific Teaching – Tony Stea
- Remarkable Research – Alida Janmaat
- Outstanding Outreach – Jason Thomas
- Superb Service / Faculty – Greg Schlitt
- Superb Service / Staff – Avril Alfred

Ron Wilen was acknowledged. He will be retiring the end of August so this was his final Faculty Council meeting. Ron won the inaugural Superb Service award in 2012/2013.

#### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

##### 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

*Tony S. / 2<sup>ND</sup> Grant F. All in favour. Carried.*

##### 2.2 Approval of the Minutes – April 29, 2016

**MOTION:** That Faculty Council approve the minutes of April 29, 2016 as presented.

Alan R. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron W. All in favour. Carried.

#### 3. DEAN'S REPORT – Lucy Lee

- Congratulations to Derek Harnett, this year's recipient of the distinguished University Research Award. Pat Harrison and the GreenTeam won the UFV Teamwork award. There is a reception at the President's home to honour all the awardees. Pat H. also won a award last October. Alyssa Bougie from the GreenTeam was the recipient of the Green Leader of Tomorrow award from the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Matsqui Environment Leadership Awards.
- Thank you to Caroline for keeping the Faculty of Science online events/news updated.

- This year's Governor General Silver Medal has been awarded to one of our Biology students, Alyssa Zucchet.
- Congratulations to Shyna Kanda this year's Faculty of Science Dean's Medal recipient.
- Congratulations to Lucy Lee the new president of the Canadian Society of Zoologists.

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 CHEM 410 – The course went through the process very quickly and was approved. It will need to be reviewed in January 2017.
- 4.2 Indigenization of Courses Update – Senate approved the change from indigenizing every course to indigenizing every program.
- 4.3 At the PD Day on May 4, 2016 it was announced that UFV will be investing \$1.5 million to support new initiatives in teaching and learning. UFV will create a pedagogical innovation fund to support faculty and staff who wish to create and/or deliver innovative teaching and learning opportunities for students. A UFV-wide announcement will go out soon.

#### 5. DISCUSSION / DECISION – N/A

#### 6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) –Allan Arndt and Ian Affleck

##### 6.1 SIGNIFICANT (for decision)

##### 6.1.1 MATH 100

This new course has been well received at all levels. Thanks to Robin E. and David C. for taking the lead.

**MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Council approve the new Math 100 “Everyday Math and Stats” course.

David C. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Allan A.

Discussion regarding who this course will benefit. A friendly amendment suggested to update the calendar description to stop any confusion to who may take the course.

**Update Calendar Description** by removing “Arts and General Studies students, and”:

“Designed for Arts and General Studies students, and anyone interested ... “

**to**

“Designed for anyone interested ... “

**MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Council approve the new Math 100 “Everyday Math and Stats” course including friendly amendment to update the calendar description wording from “Designed for Arts and General Studies students, and anyone ...” to “Designed for anyone ....”

David C. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Allan A. / all in favour; carried

##### 6.2 REPORTABLE (for information) – N/A

##### 6.3 FSCC Terms of Reference

**MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Council approve the Faculty of Science Curriculum Terms of Reference as presented.

**Allan A.** / 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff C. / all in favour; carried

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 BSc Program Committee – Greg Schlitt

The committee hopes to have something to bring to council in the fall.

### 7.2 Advising Centre – Karen Cooper

7.2.1 Congratulations to Stan Manu who has taken over the Science Faculty Advisor position. Cory B. will be finishing up his duties in June. Now that Faculty Advising has moved under Peter Geller's office the Faculty of Science is required to pay for their releases. Lucy advised that the Dean's discretionary funds were used to help cover the release.

7.2.2 103 students applied to graduate this year. Only 3-4 students were denied. There were 8 Associate Degrees, 9 Mechatronics, 9-10 Data Analysis Certificates (DAC).

7.2.3 UFV Orientation went well. It was combined with Campus Student Life. There were 3 nights (2 held at Abbotsford Campus and 1 at the Chilliwack CEP Campus). The registration workshop was huge success that it had to be moved into the gym.

### 7.3 Senate – Nothing to report

Lucy advised that the Indigenous requirement change will be discussed at the next Senate meeting on June 10, 2016. Allan A. shared he was recently in Whitehorse. They provided a 2 day workshop on Indigenous learning practices. He suggested UFV should consider something similar. Lucy advised she has already been looking into something similar for the Science Department.

### 7.4 Science Rocks – Robin Endelman

Registration for Science Rocks summer camp has begun. 10% off for UFV Faculty and Staff. See Robin Endelman or Caroline Majeau for flyers to distribute.

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Science Faculty Council Terms of Reference – Senate Approved

8.2 Revisions to Grading System Policy 101 – Implemented for Fall 2016

Discussion on Grad Level "Grade below B-". Lucy to convey to the Grad Office that the clarity of the wording should be looked at.

8.3 Faculty of Science Convocation Celebration June 2 after Ceremony everyone welcome!

8.4 Science Faculty Council 2016/2017 Meeting Schedule

8.5 New K-12 Curriculum David F. advised the FSC that there will be a soft roll out for Grades 10-12 for the 2016/2017 year. They are accepting feedback on the site: [www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca) David hopes to meet with the ministry next month and will provide input. There was a discussion regarding assessment exams - Provincial Assessment vs. Campus Assessments. Entrance exam to be tied to a scholarship may provide incentives. Capilano University assesses their students on the first day of class and on the last day of class to compare scores.

**ACTION:** Caroline to email SFC Government Link [www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca)

## 9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: September 9, 2016 @ 1:00 pm – Room TBC

MOTION to Adjourn: unanimous; carried