

## FACULTY COUNCIL

### Approved Minutes

Friday, November 6, 2015, 1:00 pm – Room B132

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CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Akhtar Malik	Derek Howell	Jane Webb	Pauleen Nuite
Ali Fotouhi	Diane Cruickshank	Jason Thomas	Ron Wilen
Carmen Herman	Gillian Mimmack	Jeff Chizma	Shyna Kanda
Cory Beshara	Grant Fritzke	Jonathan Hughes	Stan Manu
Darlene Carson	Greg Schlitt	Karen Cooper	Tim Cooper
David Chu	Gregory Schmaltz	Nathan Bialas	Wendy Gracey
David Fenske	James Bedard	Patrick Harrison	

REGRETS: Allan Arndt, Avril Alfred, Awneet Sivia, Erik Talvila, Carolyn Atkins, Christine Dalton, Cynthia Loten, David Harper, Derek Harnett, Erik Talvila, Peter Mulhern, Melinda Saretzky, Renee Prasad, Robin Kleiv, Shaun Sun

RECORDER: Wendy Gracey

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#### 1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

##### 1.1 Sylvie Murray – Program Development

- Sylvie Murray and Jason Thomas provided an overview and update re Item 6.1.1 Biochemistry Proposal minor changes.
- This program will use current resources more efficiently by drawing students from an oversubscribed Biology program to Chemistry.

##### 1.2 Rod McLeod – UEC Chair

- Rod provided an overview of the current status of Policy 105 - Course Credit.
- Feedback is being requested as the policy is moving through the approval process.
- This policy is set up to accommodate change, but does it really change anything?
- The goal is not to change anything, but to create flexibility.

#### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

##### 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Add:

Update to the Biochemistry major (memo circulated)

5.1 Drop Notification – Greg Schlitt

5.2 Faculty Standards Change – Chemistry – Jason Thomas

8.3 Information Item – MIST Greg Schmaltz

*Greg S./2<sup>nd</sup> Jason T. All in Favour. Carried*

##### 2.2 Approval of the Minutes – October 9, 2015

Change: 8.2 Synopsis

*Grant F./2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan H. All in Favour. Carried*

### 3. DEAN'S REPORT

- The Faculty of Science has a balanced budget for 2016/2017. There will be a .1 support staff increase to both Chemistry and Physics and a .5 increase for the Committee Assistant position in the Dean's Office. One Time funds are being allocated to support various minor requests.
- UFV is looking for another Canada Research Chair. The priorities of the university are in the areas of Agriculture/Health/Digital Media. The next Chair will be in Community Health and Wellness.
- There is a free webinar being hosted tomorrow at 11:00 am on the topic of research and writing skills for undergraduates.
- Trinity Western University has circulated their Renewal Policy for BSc in Biology and is open for feedback.  
ACTION: Wendy Gracey to circulate this document
- The Teaching and Learning Advisory Council needs one more member from the Faculty of Science.
- There is a faculty-wide PD day being planned for May 2016. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.
- Discussion with the City of Abbotsford are continuing for the U District.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 4.1 Indigenization of Science

- Indigenous content in the Faculty of Science was clarified and discussed.
- Rod encouraged faculty members to think about Indigenization within the discipline of Science versus in each course.
- Rod suggested to consult with Shirley Hardman, Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs when courses are at the UEC level
- Stan Manu reported that at a recent Indigenous Studies Committee meeting they are reviewing the Terms of Reference.

### 5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

#### 5.1 Drop Notification

- Notifications that faculty members used to receive when a student dropped a course is currently no longer in effect. Greg Schlitt spoke to the IT team and it was suggested to consult with Faculty Council for input in reversing the practice.

MOTION: To reinstate the drop/add notification.

*Grant F/2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan B. All in Favour. Carried.*

ACTION: Greg Schlitt to report Faculty Council decision to IT Team

#### 5.2 Chemistry Faculty Standards

- The Departmental Standards have been passed through Senate but concerns have been raised with the table used to describe level of achievement for promotion. The Chemistry department would like to remove the appendix table.

### 6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

#### 6.1 SIGNIFIANT (for decision)

##### 6.1.1 Biochemistry Major – New Program

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the New Program – Biochemistry major, as presented with minor changes including the addition of PHYS 105 as an option in the lower level requirements and forward to UEC Screening Committee.

*Jason T./2<sup>nd</sup> Ron W. Unanimous. Carried.*

6.1.2 CHEM 422 – Changes including prerequisites

MOTION: That Faculty Council approves the changes as noted.

*Jason T./2<sup>nd</sup> James B. Unanimous. Carried.*

6.2 REPORTABLE (for information)

6.2.1 BIO 320/BIOC 320 - New Cross listing

6.2.2 BIO 403/BIOC 403 - New Cross listing

6.2.3 BIO 414/BIOC 414 - New Cross listing

6.2.4 CHEM 350/BIOC 350 - New Cross listing

6.2.5 BIOC 401/CHEM 401 - New Course and New Cross listing

6.2.6 BIOC 402 - New course

6.2.7 BIOC 404 - New Course

6.2.8 BIOC 408 - New Course

6.2.9 BIOC 409 - New Course

6.2.10 CHEM 324 – Changes including prerequisites

7. REPORTS

7.1 BSc General Requirements Subcommittee

- Greg Schlitt reported that he will bring some information to Faculty Council in December.

7.2 Senate

- The report was not available.

7.3 Other Reports

- No other reports were given.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Faculty Council Terms of Reference – formatting edits

8.2 Upcoming Events – Dean's Seminar Series presents Carin Bondar, November 26 at 12pm, B101

8.3 MIST Program – Greg Schmaltz reported that the committee has started to gather letters of support

9. ADJOURN

Motion: Cory B./2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff C.

Next Meeting: Dec. 4, 2015 – Room B132

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