

Approved Minutes

Friday, April 5, 2013

1pm – Room B132

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CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Allan Arndt	Gabriel Murray	Jason Thomas	Ron Wilen
Camilo Martinez	Gillian Mimmack	Karen Cooper	Sandi Sasaki
Carmen Herman	Grant Fritzke	Kathy Peet	Stephan Bohm
Christine Dalton	Gregory Schmaltz	Leon Pan	Steve Marsh
Cynthia Loten	Ian Affleck	Noham Weinberg	Tim Cooper
David Fenske	James Bedard	Patrick Harrison	Wendy Gracey
Derek Harnett	Jane Webb	Rilla Apostolakis	

REGRETS: Godwin Choy (Sabbatical), David Chu (Sabbatical) , Sharon Gillies (Sabbatical) , Alida Janmaat (Sabbatical) , Susan Milner (Sabbatical) , Greg Schlitt (Sabbatical) , Norm Taylor (Sabbatical) , Awneet Sivia (Ed Leave) , Darren Francis, Cory Beshara , Tony Stea

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

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**1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Betty Wierda & Glen Whitfield- Interdisciplinary Disability Profile Committee at UFV

- Purpose of the committee is to raise profile on students with disabilities
- There are over 900 students at UFV with disabilities

UFV Wide Pro-D Day – “Universal Design” – April 30, 2013

Sign up online: [www.ufv.ca/tlc](http://www.ufv.ca/tlc)

“Universal Design” - creates inclusive environments by using the concept of including:

- Changing design of washrooms, classrooms, online environment, etc.
- Adding options to current instructional materials

- b. Craig Toews, Executive Director, Campus Planning and Facilities – Programming Opportunities at the BMO building in Chilliwack

Future project - UFV BC School of Agriculture Centre at the CEP campus

BMO building donated to UFV – downtown Chilliwack – \$650,000 donated by CEPCO for the retrofits.

- Approximately 7000 sq. ft - two classrooms, one meeting room, and administrative offices
- Program ideas – social programs, practicum, creative thinking courses, etc
- An area is available for lease to generate some income.
- Building opening ETA is slated in October 2013
- Parking – 5 designated to the building and public parking is near.
- Bus system will go from CEP to the downtown core
- New inter-campus bus (possibly available for Fall 2013) will have a certain percentage of room available Faculty and staff

## **2. AGENDA and MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: That the agenda for today's Faculty Council meeting be adopted as presented.

*Moved by Patrick H. /Seconded by Grant F. All in Favour. Carried.*

### **2.2 Approval of the Minutes**

MOTION: That the minutes of the March 8, 2013 Faculty Council meeting be approved as presented.

*Moved by Dave F./Seconded by Cindy L. All in Favour. Carried.*

## **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **3.1 Scholarship, Service and Teaching**

Update: The committee will circulate a document to the departments for discussion.

The sections will be categorized:

- a) Research & Scholarship
- b) Service
- c) Teaching

CIS representative – Paul Franklin

### **3.2 Centralized printing**

- Other Faculties are not reporting any issues at this time. other faculty members may not submit
- Department area printers may be the solution if you wish to do that on your own.
- Print Services offer an efficient way to receive photocopies
- "C" building printers require personal security
- Forward specific issues to Lucy with details

## **4. DISCUSSION and DECISION**

### **4.1 FSCC (Significant Changes)**

#### **4.1.1 GEOG 317/BIO 317 - Cross-Listing**

- Offers Biology students another option for an upper level course.
- 25 maximum enrolment

MOTION: To accept the changes to GEOG 317 and the addition of the cross-listing of BIO 317 as presented and forward to UEC.

*Moved by Dave F./Seconded by Allan A. All in Favour. Carried.*

### **4.2 Discussion: Proposed changes to General BSc Requirements**

- Discussion was prompted at the last FSCC meeting regarding the computing science requirements and the possibility of adding another option such as CIS 110 because computing science does not appear to be necessary in all disciplines
- Departments could individually specify which course would be required

MOTION: To change the General BSc requirements to include CIS 110 as an option alongside of COMP 125

*Moved by Tim C./Seconded by Derek H.*

**Tabled to next meeting.**

ACTION: Departments to discuss adding CIS 110 to the computing science section of the General BSc requirements at your next meeting and bring forth comments to next faculty council.

## **5. Information Items**

### **5.1 Call for expressions of interest for Senate Awards and Honours Committee**

Call ends Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 4:00 pm

- Four Faculty positions
- One staff position

## **6. Other Reports**

### **6.1 Deans report**

- Western Deans' conference – many universal issues were discussed  
Eg. advising, lab instructors, scheduling
- Regional Science Fair – awards ceremony today at 4pm
- Big Bang – today at 5pm – AfterMath
- Sandi Sasaki is retiring from CIS - July 1<sup>st</sup>

### **6.2 External Advising Review**

- Report was circulated  
Recommendation options from the review include:
  - A central advising structure, whereas the students will go to Student Services and be overseen by the VP Students OR
  - Keep current advising models but students with 0-60 credits be advised by Student Services
- Lucy received some comments from Department Heads
- Strong feedback was received from faculty and students in favor of the current advising system.
- Concern was raised regarding the recommendations because of the certificate and diploma programs. The students would benefit by receiving advice from a Science advisor
- Science Advising group is quite important to the Science model and would recommend that the advisors remain as voting members of the Faculty of Science.
- The review mentioned that there are communication issues between advising areas, yet it does not seem to be the case, an example was brought forth regarding the Brazilian students and how great the communication has been
- Centralizing administrative tasks may be ok, but specific advising is crucial to the student's success
- General consensus from the faculty of science is to reject the recommendations of the advising review.
- AREAS of ADVISING are: Science Advice, Arts Advice, Student Services, and Program Advisors in some areas

- The Science Advice Centre has Faculty advising which is a huge benefit to the individual departments
- It was noted that the Faculty of Science had voted in the past in favour of a Science Advice Centre with faculty advisors
- Some current advising tasks include: academic warnings, graduation applications, etc. If the advising goes centralized these tasks would need to be handled elsewhere

**MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Faculty Council believes that the current advising model is superior to the centralized advising because it allows better access to student science advising and integrates advising between advisors and faculty.

*Moved by Noham W./Seconded by Derek H. All in Favour. Carried.*

**ACTION:** Lucy: to compile faculty comments and suggestions and add them to the response document regarding Advising Review.

### 6.3 Special Guests

- Suggestion was made to limit guest presentations to a maximum of 10 minutes

### 6.4 CV's requested by the Dean – send as soon as possible and please cc Wendy Gracey

## 7. Adjourn – Next Meeting May 3, 2013 1pm Room B132