

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

### Approved Minutes

Friday, February 7, 2014, 1pm – Room D217

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Andrew Alexander	Tim Cooper	Nicole Klassen	Gregory Schmaltz
James Bedard	Christine Dalton	Lucy Lee	Tony Stea
Cory Beshara	Robin Endelman	Camilo Martinez	Norm Taylor
Darlene Carson	David Fenske	Ian McAskill	Jason Thomas
Jeff Chizma	Ali Fotouhi	Gillian Mimmack	Jane Webb
Karen Cooper	Kevin Hegeman	Kathy Peet	

REGRETS: Allan Arndt, Awneet Sivia, , Beth Gillespie, Carmen Herman, Christopher Duffin, Colleen Gingerich, Cynthia Loten (On Leave), Derek Harnett (On Leave), Erik Talvila (On Leave), Grant Fritzke (On Leave), Greg Schlitt, Joseph Yu (On Leave), Noham Weinberg, Olav Lian, Patrick Harrison, Rilla Apostolakis, Susan Milner, Steve Marsh (On Leave), Wendy Gracey (On Leave)

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

- TYPO – Next meeting date should read March 7<sup>th</sup> not Feb. 21

- Add: 5.1 Professional Development Signing Authority

*Moved by Tony S./Seconded by James B. All in favour. Carried*

2.2 Approval of the Minutes – Jan. 10, 2014

TYPO – Next meeting date should read Feb. 7<sup>TH</sup> not Feb 21

*Moved by Ian M./Seconded by Camillo M. All in favour. Carried*

3. DEAN'S REPORT

- NSERC PromoScience application was unsuccessful.

- Deadlines for NSERC Strategic Project Grants are coming up [April 1, 2014 deadline – post-meeting addition]

These grants require industrial partners. Please let Lucy know of any interested partners.

See website for details [nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/rpp-pp/spg-sps\\_eng.asp](http://nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/rpp-pp/spg-sps_eng.asp)

- Co-Op for science students – we are currently meeting with the co-op office to discuss how we can increase opportunities for our students

- UFV 40th anniversary events are being planned for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- Science News and Events Blog launched - [blogs.ufv.ca/science](http://blogs.ufv.ca/science) - Submit articles by contacting your department assistant or [Melinda.saretzky@ufv.ca](mailto:Melinda.saretzky@ufv.ca)

- Science webpages are under review and will be updated

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Donate to the Faculty of Science – Advancement office is currently working on making it easier to donate to the Faculty of Science.

- VISION 2020 – This will include a plan for a Science Building. There are many needs for Science and there are also some graduate programs coming forward. A working group will need to be established.

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Professional Development Signing Authority

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RE: "Supervisor of the unit"

- Discussion was had regarding who should have final signing authority. For now, applications go to the department head, with Lucy's ending authority.

ACTION: Take back to departments for more discussion

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 INFORMATION ITEMS.....*attachments*

- 6.1.1 BIO 415 – Change to prerequisites – no concerns
- 6.1.2 CIS 110/BUS 160 – Course review with changes – no concerns

7. REPORTS

7.1 Scholarship, Service, and Teaching Committee

- A report will be forwarded from the committee

7.2 Senate – no report

7.3 Science Advice Centre

- High school students are seeking advice at this time
- Students are disappointed that the engineering transfer program has already closed for the Fall, the advisors are promoting the new Physics Engineering Diploma
- Grad Checks are being done as well – Grad Applications due – April 1<sup>st</sup> (Early application fee \$25) – April 1 – May 1<sup>st</sup> application fee is \$75
- Science Grads could potentially top 100 this year (compared to 58 last year)

7.4 Other Reports

- Agriculture Centre of Excellence - grand opening is being planned
- Faculty of Access and Open Studies - Sue Brigden sought information regarding the ILO's deadlines to align courses and programs.
  - o Year 2 - Courses are to be aligned to the program learning outcomes. It was not clear whether all course learning outcomes were to be changed all at once or whether they can be updated when the courses come up for review.
  - o Year 3 – methods measure student performance
- Professional Studies - The Dean has been hired and an official announcement is pending
- Student Opportunities
  - o Education Enhancement Fund - funds are available for students to support learning and development outside of the classroom such as conferences  
[ufv.ca/student-services/educational-enhancement-fund](http://ufv.ca/student-services/educational-enhancement-fund)
  - o International Development Fund

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Upcoming Events – [blogs.ufv.ca/science](http://blogs.ufv.ca/science)

- Award nominations coming forth from Science
  - o Teaching and Research Excellence Awards

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- Science Ambassador Award
  - Math Ambassador Award

- Math Challengers – Feb. 13, 2014- [ufv.ca/math/math-challengers](http://ufv.ca/math/math-challengers)

Contact Ian Affleck if you are interested in helping - expected 70 students in attendance, actual number is over 200

-UFV Scientific Research Open House – Feb. 27, 2014 at CEP

4:30 - tour

6:30 – gathering house – microlectures

The event is open to everyone, please contact Nicole Klassen if you would like to participate or just take the tour.

-UFV Research Day – Tentative date change: April 10, 2014 (previous date was March 27, 2014)

-BC Research Day - Undergraduate Research and Innovation Conference– March 28, 2014 – Thompson Rivers University

-[Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair](http://ufv.ca/faculty_of_science/fraser-valley-regional-science-fair) – April 1-3, 2014 – Judges required – contact Ron Wilen or Cory Beshara [ufv.ca/faculty\\_of\\_science/fraser-valley-regional-science-fair](http://ufv.ca/faculty_of_science/fraser-valley-regional-science-fair)

- Expecting over 200 students in attendance – The Fraser Valley is one of the largest regional fairs in the province
- President Mark Evered has invited [Penny Parks](http://penny-parks.com) to the university during that time and she may participate as one of the judges

- UFV Honorary Degree - Nominations are being accepted until Feb. 28, 2014

-Mathmania - Events are typically held each month – This is an outreach activity at various elementary schools [ufv.ca/math/math-mania](http://ufv.ca/math/math-mania)

-BC Secondary Schools Math Contest – hosted by UFV - May 2, 2014  
[ufv.ca/math/bc-secondary-schools-math-contest/](http://ufv.ca/math/bc-secondary-schools-math-contest/)

9. ADJOURN – 1:45pm

Next Meeting March 7, 2014 at 1pm - Room D217