

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

### Approved Minutes

Friday, March 27, 2015, 1pm – Room A266

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CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

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| Allan Arndt       | Cynthia Loten | Etienne Dreyer | Kathy Peet     | Pauleen Nuite |
| Awneet Sivia      | David Chu     | Gabriel Murray | Lin Long       | Ron Wilen     |
| Ben Vanderlei     | David Fenske  | Ian Affleck    | Nathan Bialas  | Stan Manu     |
| Carolyn Atkins    | David Harper  | James Bedard   | Noham Weinberg |               |
| Colleen Gingerich | Edward Lo     | Jane Webb      | Paul Franklin  |               |

REGRETS: Rilla Apostolakis, Cory Beshara, Darlene Carson, Jeff Chizma, Karen Cooper, Christine Dalton, Grant Fritzke, Beth Gillespie, Wendy Gracey, Patrick Harrison, Carmen Herman, Susan Milner, Peter Mulhern, Gregory Schmaltz, Jason Thomas Debbie Wheeler

RECORDER: Angie Reid

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#### 1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Glen Whitfield, Disability Resource Centre (DRC)

- It can take up to 3 months to receive alternate format textbooks, so submit your textbook adoption forms as early as possible.
- There are 3 types of disabilities:
  1. Physical disabilities – diminishing
  2. Mental health – seeing a substantial increase
  3. Learning disabilities – also seeing a substantial increase
- There is a 20% increase each semester in declared mental and learning disabilities.
- We should be aware that not all students with disabilities register with the DRC. Students could decide not to register for a number of reasons and no law states that they have to declare.
- UFV has a progressive approach and is one of the most disability-friendly institutions in BC.
- The DRC has to follow guidelines set by the province to approve accommodations. All accommodations require medical documentation. Instructors should not provide accommodations to a student without going through the DRC.
- The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that all accommodations are reasonable unless it causes “undue hardship” to the institution. There are very few instances of undue hardship. Examples include if it would bankrupt the institution or if the student does not approach the DRC until the day of their exam.
- Privacy laws prevent automatic notification to the DRC or instructors when students register for classes. The privacy laws also prevent the DRC from notifying instructors unless the student asks them to. The same laws prevent the DRC from disclosing details of the student’s specific disability or reasons for accommodation.
  - Edward L. asked if the laws would allow the DRC to notify instructors if a student with disabilities registers in their class without disclosing the name. Glen said he will look into this option.
- Small, negative comments such as “maybe you should not take this course” can affect a student for years.

#### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

##### 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

AMENDMENTS: Items 7.5.1, 7.5.2, and 7.5.3 added.

*Moved by Gabriel M. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by David C. Carried.*

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2.2 Approval of the Minutes – Mar. 6, 2015  
*Moved by Allan A. / 2nd by Paul F. Carried.*

3. DEAN'S REPORT

UFV 2025

- The committee meets every Wednesday. Ian is a member.
- Departments should discuss this initiative.

Budget

- The Faculty of Science's budget is 8 million, the majority of which goes to salaries.
- Lucy is aware of only 3 Science faculty/staff that attended the budget forums on March 12 and 13. Videos of the forums have been posted online and she encourages everyone to watch them.

Faculty Involvement

- Faculty involvement is still low.
- The Teaching and Research Excellence Awards had no nominations from Science.
- Science needs to be visible and the only way to do this is to increase our involvement and nominate one another.

Programs in Approval Process

- The Bachelor of Environmental Studies has been sent for external review.
- New programs require a large amount of work and time due to the external process.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting Lucy will give her annual report and announce the Triple A Award recipients.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Science Research Open House – April 14, 5-8 pm, B121. Faculty, Staff, and Student volunteers still required.

- When Lucy meets with industry, many do not know we have a Faculty of Science or they still refer to us as a college. Inviting them to our Open House will help change this.
- The faculty was concerned that this was scheduled during the end of classes/beginning of exams period.

**ACTION:** Distribute advertising slide, poster, blog link, etc. - Angie

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Chemistry Rank and Tenure Criteria

- The approved standards were distributed in the past and now departments need to create their own standards based on them. Departments should have their standards created and approved as soon as possible because deserving faculty are waiting to receive their new titles. There is no salary increase with the new rank, but it does assist with applying for grants.
- Country-wide, 5-35% of department members have full professor status. The higher percentages are from research focused institutions. The percentages for new universities is 5-10%, so this is where UFV should fall.

**MOTION:** That Faculty of Science approves the Chemistry Rank and Tenure Criteria for submission to FAC.

*Moved by David F. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron W. Carried.*

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 REPORTABLE CHANGES

6.1.1 Biology Major Concentrations Changes – addition of courses

6.1.2 BIO 202 – changes including title, description, pre-requisites, and LOs

6.1.3 BIO 403 – 6 year review, changes including pre-reqs, frequency, and LOs

6.1.4 BIO 414 – 6 year review, changes including description, frequency, LOs, delivery, and PLAR

6.2 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES – Discontinuation of CIS Certificates

- 6.2.1 Animation Arts Certificate
- 6.2.2 CISCO Networking and Network Security Certificate
- 6.2.3 Professional Computer Proficiency Certificate
- 6.2.4 Web Design and Animation Option – CIS Certificate

**OMNIBUS MOTION:** That Faculty Council approve the discontinuation of the CIS certificates noted above and forward to UEC Screening Subcommittee.

*Moved by Cynthia L. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gabriel M. Carried.*

7. REPORTS

7.1 Senate

- APPC has a tabled motion regarding the Writing Centre's change to the Academic Support Centre. This item came up due to the lack of consultation.

7.2 Science Advice Centre – No report

7.3 Faculty of Health Sciences

- Currently working on the draft Strategic Plan.

7.4 General Studies Committee – No report

7.5 Other Reports

7.5.1 Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee

- Luminis Course Tools will be discontinued in June and everyone will have to use Blackboard instead.  
**ACTION:** Invite Gordon Jang to a future SFC to present on Blackboard. – Angie  
Make a list of what tools you use in Luminis and send to Angie. – All
- Teaching and Learning Advisory has open meetings and departments are welcome to send a representative with questions or concerns.

7.5.2 New Science of Nutrition Talk April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in B101

7.5.3 Multi-University Research Day

- Next year's event will be hosted by UFV. Ron is retiring at the end of next year, so he needs a volunteer to take his place as the local organizer of UFV's participation. The person would work with Ron next year and then organize the 2017 alone.

7.5.4 Students

- Big Bang was very successful. 15 pies were given away on Pie Day, which was the same day as Big Bang.
- Allan A. was the only faculty member to participate in the hockey game he organized, but there was a large number of students. He was surprised because many of the students that attended could not skate, which means that another recreational sports event may be successful as well.
- Angie R. announced that the Faculty of Science has Facebook and Twitter accounts. She encourages everyone to send any future events or opportunities to her/Melinda to post on

the blog and our social media. She will circulate the information, but it is also available on the Faculty of Science's homepage slide show.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Send Angie the required information for the web by March 31.

8.2 Internationalization grants due April 17. Up to \$2500 per grant.

9. ADJOURN

*Moved by Gabriel M. / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia L.*

Next Meeting May 1, 2015 at 2:30 pm - Room A266.

Science News & Events – [blogs.ufv.ca/science](http://blogs.ufv.ca/science)