

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

November 30, 2012

1pm Room D217

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ali Fotouhi	Derek Harnett	Karen Cooper	Sandi Sasaki
Allan Arndt	Edward Lo	Kathy Peet	Stephan Bohm
Awneet Sivia	Gabriel Murray	Landry Dorsett	Steve Marsh
Camilo Martinez	Gillian Mimmack	Leon (Lixin) Pan	Tony Stea
Carmen Herman	Grant Fritzke	Lucy Lee	Vinay Choytun
Cynthia Loten	Greg Schlitt	Noham Weinberg	Wendy Stoltz
Daniel Harris	Gregory Schmaltz	Patrick Harrison	
David Chu	Jane Webb	Paul Franklin	
David Fenske	Joss Ives	Rilla Apostolakis	

Regrets: Beth Gillespie (Teaching), Christine Dalton , Claire Beaney , Colleen Gingerich (Sabbatical), Darren Francis , Debbie Wheeler (Teaching), Jason Ho , Lesley Spier (Sabbatical), Nigel Dance (Sabbatical), Norm Taylor (Sabbatical), Ron Wilen (Sabbatical), Sharon Gillies (Sabbatical), Stan Manu (Teaching), Susan Milner (Sabbatical), Tim Cooper

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

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

ADDENDUM: 6.2.1 Professional Studies report

Approved by consensus.

2.2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of the Nov. 2, 2012 Faculty Council meeting be approved as presented.

Approved by consensus.

3. DEAN'S REPORT

- Things are going well.
- Lucy has an open-door policy – please stop by at any time or make an appointment with

Wendy.

- Re: Student Misconduct –if you have any issues, please refer to Policy #70
- Faculty development – There are no new Sabbatical applications for 2013/2014
- Scholarly Research Release – there have been a few applications received.
- Teaching Excellence Award – nominations closing soon. We have great instructors and so would like to see some nominations submitted.
- PD support – bring forth any ideas for future professional development.
- Centre for Sustainability – will be attempting to create more exposure in the near future.
- Budget –was submitted last week. Be prepared for zero increase and possibly a 5% cut.
- Entrepreneurial Ideas
 - International – could have faculty teach in various countries for a small amount of time (eg. 3 weeks)
 - Local Corporations – could offer our services to them.
 - Bring more international students here.
- Science Building – MarCom has started generating some ideas – email Lucy at any time if you have any ideas.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1. Scholarship, Service, and Teaching

ACTION: Departments: As per Motion at Nov 2nd meeting, please vote a committee representative at your next department meeting.

4.2. Centralized Printing

There are some one-time funds available for possible purchase of printers for each department.

ACTION: Wendy: Research what the best options are, as there are budget issues to consider.

5. DISCUSSION and DECISION

5.1. FSSC (Significant Changes)

5.1.1. Bachelor of Science – Changes to the General BSc Requirements– Addition of Arts 100

MOTION: To accept the changes to the General BSc Requirements by adding “ARTS 100” as an option to the English requirements and forward to UEC.
Moved by Karen C./2nd by Dave F. Carried.

5.2. Draft Policy – Undergraduate Directed Studies, Special Topics & Independent Study Courses

The policy still needs to go through senate, and so there is still time for discussion.

Much discussion was had regarding whether or not this policy was necessary or should it be divided into 3 separate policies, as each section seems to be unique.

- Is it necessary to state some of the “Deans’ roles” because it seems to be already understood.
- Policy was created to bring in some consistency across UFV as a whole.
- Directed Studies – could be reworded, there seems to be some confusion as regarding the department’s role. The Dept. Head could be the “designate”. The CRN’s need to be available for various reasons. The process seems to be opposite as it is right now. Things are running smoothly, and it was suggested that the change may not be necessary.
- Could be issues with the “6 students per Instructor” - the Dean could possibly override.

MOTION: That Science Faculty Council give support to Noham Weinberg as Senate representative and recommend to Senate that this policy be tabled for further review and clarity on some items and possible separation of the three distinct issues.

Moved by Steve Marsh/2nd Noham W. 3 abstained. Carried

Policy sub-committee was created for further review.

Members representing each department: Cindy/Derek/Steve/Dan/Tony/Dave.

5.3. Draft Proposal – Bachelor of Media Arts

Forward your comments and suggestions to Paul Franklin; member of the Program committee.

Question: Will there be funding from the Arts to the Science Departments that offer the courses?

Answer: Not yet, program is still in review.

6. **Information Items**

6.1. (FSCC - Routine Changes)

6.1.1.CIS – MATH to STAT changes

No Issues were noted.

There seems to be no issues to date with regards to the whole MATH to STAT changes.

6.2. Reports from Other Faculty Councils

6.2.1. Professional Studies report

- Sub-Committee regarding the class sizes is being created – will be looking outside UFV for examples
- Scholarship, Service, and Teaching – 1 full hour was dedicated for discussion at a Faculty council meeting. A draft report was created.
- Entrepreneurial International Activity – event was hosted and was a success – 14 faculty members were involved and some funds were generated.

6.2.2.Arts report

- Bachelor of Media Arts program going forth
- Committee for Scholarship, Service, and Teaching being created.
- Looking at how the BA will look with the ILO implemented.
- There may be pressure to see some class sizes go up from 28 to 30.

6.3. International - Update on Brazilian Students

- Thank you to all who came forward with their research ideas for these students, a total of 29 research projects came forth.
- Research funding for faculty is still being discussed.
- Carmen is the Faculty Liaison. Please forward your questions to her.

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm - Next meeting January 11, 2013 at 1pm Room TBA