

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

Friday, February 7, 2020 - Room B121

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**Chair:** Lucy Lee, Dean

**Present:** Ian Affleck, Carolyn Atkins, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Karen Cooper, Aisa Dobie, Grant Fritzke, Claire Hay, Longlong Huang, Jonathan Hughes, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Olav Lian, Cynthia Loten, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzimski, Greg Schlitt, Norm Taylor, Ben Vanderlei, Frank Zhang

**Regrets:** Kseniya Garaschuk, Sandra Gillespie, Sharon Gillies, Anna Kuczynska, Greg Schmaltz, Isabelle St-Martin, Tony Stea

**Recorder:** Caroline Majeau

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**1. WELCOME**

**2. PRESENTATION**

**2.1. London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF)**

Isabelle St-Martin was unable to present due to a last minute commitment so Lucy provided an overview of the LIYSF and shared Isabelle's insight from her own experience as UFV's 2019 Representative. Students value and pay attention to the information that is shared from their professors in class versus other forms of advertisement such as posters and social media. Having professors specifically encourage a student to apply also makes a huge difference. Lucy asked all faculty to please share this information with their students. The application deadline is February 25, 2020. <https://ufv.ca/science/student-opportunities-and-news/london-international-youth-science-forum/>

**3. AGENDA and MINUTES**

**3.1. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.

*Norm T. / 2nd Grant F.; all in favour; adopted.*

**3.2. Approval of the Minutes - January 10, 2020**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of January 10, 2020 as presented.

*Norm T. / 2nd Karen C.; all in favour; approved.*

**4. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS**

**4.1. Rescheduling of April 3, 2020 Faculty Council meeting**

Due to Science Fair administrative work and Lucy being away it was suggested that the April 3, 2020 Science Faculty meeting be cancelled. Council was in favour of the request.

**5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ian Affleck**

For Decision: N/A

**6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)**

For Information:

**6.1. Memo summarizing agenda items 6.2 - 6.3**

**6.2. Revision to MATH 111 Calculus 1 | MATH 141 Calculus for Business**

The calendar description to be revised to remove all mention of equivalents between MATH 111 and MATH 141 since there is sufficient new material in each course to warrant credit for each after the other has already been taken.

**6.3. Revision to MATH 123 Everyday Math and Stats**

Considering the different learning objectives of MATH 123 and MATH 105, students who have taken MATH 105 would stand to learn quite a bit in MATH 123 and deserve full university credit for taking both courses.

**6.4. Exception to graduate for Chemistry majors - Recommendation from FSCC**

FSCC recognizes that neither CHEM 311 nor CHEM 312 was offered in the 2019/2020 academic year so we accept the Chemistry Department's recommendation that CHEM 412G replace CHEM 311 or 312 requirement for students graduating in June 2020 even if it means they may only have 29 upper level chemistry credits.

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee**

- The monthly 'Department Highlights' reports submitted to the Provost's office each month can be found here: <https://ufv.ca/science/deans-office/monthly-department-highlights/>. If department's have anything significant to share each month, please let Lucy know so it can be included in the monthly report.
- Lucy will be away February 20-21 for the Western Dean's Conference.
- The Applied Bioinformatics program is moving along. Final approval should be coming soon. The program will be implemented Fall 2020.
- The working group continues to work on the MIST proposal. The name will need to be revised as it is too general. CIS is also working on a masters proposal which is separate from the sciences.
- Lucy advised that UFV continues to make efforts to recruit indigenous faculty and has positions specifically targeted. Faculty is encouraged to keep this in mind when hiring new faculty.
- Space continues to be an ongoing issue at UFV. There is a possibility of additional portables being added due to the temporary moves happening with the building renewal project.

- The Campus Planning Working group looks at major decisions on campus. They take requests every year for renovations, additions, and other needs. Last year Chemistry put forward a request for labs - the ICE Lab was approved pending grant funding.
- This is the final year of the current Tenure and Promotion process. Faculty who came in as an Assistant Professor will be grandfathered. Lucy advised that departmental review committees will need to be renewed. A call for members for next year will be forthcoming as well as the University level Review Committee (URC) and Appeals Committee.
- The Government of BC now requires that degrees will need to undergo 6-year reviews so the BSc will be due for review.
- There are 3 new faculty positions in science that are currently being advertised: Math and Stats which closes today; SoLUEC closes next week; and, the position in Biology is closing in March. The new Associate Dean of Science position will follow a similar format of the Associate Dean of Students in the College of Arts. The advertisement will be coming out soon.

Cindy L. noted that in addition to the space crunch the parking continues to be an issue. Shuttles are being taken to help alleviate the lack of parking, but faculty and staff risk getting kicked off. A suggestion was made to have a 'Faculty Shuttle' or possibly allowing faculty/staff to pay a fee to secure a seat.

<b>ACTION:</b> Lucy to send the Shuttle feedback to Senior Administration.
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**7.2.**     BSc Committee - Greg Schlitt

- The framework is in place. ARTS is revising the portfolio. There is an upcoming meeting regarding the Portfolio which the BSc Committee has been invited to attend.
- Greg noted that the mandate of the BSc was to revise the BSc but was unsure whether it would also be its role to review the BSc.

**7.3.**     Advising - Karen Cooper

- The deadline for students to apply to graduate is April 1.
- Advising is currently working with students who are on academic probation. Karen advised faculty if they are dealing with a student who is having difficulty in their classes to please refer them to Advising.
- Admissions is working on a pilot study and the BSc is part of the group. The program is working at getting information from incoming students earlier.

**7.4.**     Senate - Jonathan Hughes

Jonathan provided an overview of the Senate meeting held on January 17, 2020 which included approval of the Data Analysis Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Chemistry Honours and the Biology's Program Review.

**7.5.**     Other Reports - N/A

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1. Policy Updates: The following policies were recently updated and approved. The changes are effective immediately. Service Excellence Awards (BRP 225.06) | Signing Authority (BRP 205.02) | Business and Travel Expense (235) (formerly Travel Approval, Booking & Reimbursement) <https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/policies/updates/policy-activity/>
- 8.2. UFV Employee Excellence Awards - UFV Service Excellence Awards are presented annually to celebrate UFV staff and faculty excellence in service, leadership, and teamwork that supports the values, mission, and goals of UFV. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, February 14, 2020. For more information, please contact [nancy.scarrow@ufv.ca](mailto:nancy.scarrow@ufv.ca) or local 4065.
- 8.3. The Faculty of Science Dean's Seminar Series is pleased to welcome Molecular Biologist, writer and stand-up comedian, Dr. Adam Ruben, Associate Director of Vaccine Stabilization and Logistics at Sanaria Inc. on Tuesday, February 11 @ 3:00 pm in B101. Read more about his talk at <http://bit.ly/37bo0l4>.
- 8.4. The University Secretariat invites your feedback on the following policy that has been recommended to be rescinded. Student Residence Code of Conduct (73). Supporting documents are available at <https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/policies/updates/policy-in-consultation/>. Please submit your feedback and comments to [Policyconsult@ufv.ca](mailto:Policyconsult@ufv.ca) by February 14, 2020.
- 8.5. GreenSpeak Series with Shannon Bard on March 4, 2020 at 2:00 PM in C1429. More information on her talk can be found here: <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2020/02/03/greenspeak-series-shannon-bard/>
- 8.6. The College of Arts and the Faculty of Science are pleased to present Ethnobotanist and Emeritus Professor at the University of Victoria, **Dr. Nancy Turner**, on Friday, February 28 at 2:30 PM at the Gathering Place in Chilliwack. She will discuss the cultural roles of plants and ways in which botanical knowledge is shared.
- 8.7. UFV Faculty Microlectures – February 26, 2020 11:30-12:30 pm. A fun, fast-paced event that highlights the interdisciplinary nature of UFV's work and exposes students, staff, and faculty alike to the innovative research happening here. Deadline to sign up to present is February 14, 2020. Questions to be directed to [danielle.mijoburch@ufv.ca](mailto:danielle.mijoburch@ufv.ca).
- 8.8. Student Research Day – March 31, 2020 from 10-3:30 pm. UFV's annual Student Research Day is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their faculty supervisor-guided research projects to the broader community. Students participate by presenting a 2-minute micro-lecture or a research poster (or both). <https://www.ufv.ca/research/student-research-day/>

## 9. ADJOURNED: 1:48 PM

**Next Meeting:** March 6, 2020 @ 1:00 PM Room B121