

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

### Minutes

Friday, April 1, 2016 - 1:00 pm – Room B140

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**CHAIR:** Lucy Lee

**PRESENT:**

Avril Alfred	Darlene Carson	Olav Lian	Gregory Schmaltz	Wendy Gracey
Allan Arndt	Tim Cooper	Lin Long	Norm Taylor	
Carolyn Atkins	David Fenske	Stan Manu	Ben Vanderlei	
Cory Beshara	Grant Fritzke	Pauleen Nuite	Dallas Visagie	
Nathan Bialas	Derek Howell	Greg Schlitt	Noham Weinberg	

**REGRETS:** Robin Endelman, Jeff Chizma, Rene Prasad, David Harper, Awneet Sivia, Ian Affleck, Carmen Herman, James Bedard, Gillian Mimmack

**RECORDER:** Caroline Majeau

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#### 1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Cancelled - Betty Poettcker, Director, Finance; Donna Avery, Manager/Enrolment Planning, Institutional Research; Nicole Klassen, Financial Analyst & Liaison, Finance – Budgets and Enrolment Planning
- 1.2 Lucy introduced Caroline Majeau and welcomed her to the Faculty of Science. She is the successful candidate for the vacancy left by Melinda
- 1.3 Noham Weinberg Re: 6.1.1

#### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

- 2.1 Adoption of Agenda  
Cancellation – 1.1 Finance Report  
Move – 8.5 Presidential Search from Informational Items to 5.2 – for discussion  
*Norm T. / 2<sup>ND</sup> Grant F. All in favour. Carried.*
- 2.2 Approval of the Minutes – March 4, 2016  
*Greg Schmaltz / 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant F. All in favour. Carried.*

#### 3. DEAN'S REPORT – Lucy Lee

- 3.1 University Level Documents – FYI to Bookmark
  - **Budget and Financial Planning** forms: link <http://www.ufv.ca/budgets/ufv-20162017-budget-planning/> Bookmark
  - **Capital Plan Documents:** July 2015 is the latest document, but the 2016 should be posted shortly. This document shows what the University sees as priorities in terms of infrastructure. <http://www.ufv.ca/campusplanning/capital-planning/>
- 3.2 **Federal Budget** – Good news for universities. Increase in funds for the Tri-Council. Good year to be applying. Reminder to those applying for NSERC Pre-deadline-August 2016 / Full application is due beginning of November 2016. For more information: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Index\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Index_eng.asp)

### 3.3 Hiring Updates

- We have already hired for Math; 2 positions in Chemistry - recommendation has been made for 1 and the other position we are finalizing; the Biology position has been advertised and is closing next week.

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – Lucy Lee

- 4.1 There were 2 items that were submitted to the University Faculty Standards Committee. The memo has not been received from the head of that committee, but changes have been requested.

## 5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

### 5.1 College of Arts – Course Vetting for revised BA

The revised degree includes changes to the core requirements. Non-Arts courses previously were allowed to satisfy the course requirements. This will continue, however they will need to be vetted against the established criteria for the new requirements. BAPC has requested that non-Arts areas submit their appropriate courses for consideration. **Deadlines for submission to BAPC:** April 20<sup>th</sup> for the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and May 18<sup>th</sup> for the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Submissions to be sent to [Rachael.Letkeman@ufv.ca](mailto:Rachael.Letkeman@ufv.ca).

### 5.2 Presidential Search Public Forums and Online Survey

Guidelines have been set out by the Province. The Consultant Group was selected by the Board of Governors. Concerns were raised as to the secrecy around the process. Public forums are coming up and a survey is available for feedback. Any special questions or concerns can be emailed to Lucy and she will provide your feedback to the Presidential Search Committee.

**MOTION #1:** That the Faculty of Science Council calls for a more open process of the presidential search.

Noham W. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm T. / 2 abstentions; Carried

**MOTION #2:** That the Faculty of Science Council emphasizes the importance of the Presidential Candidate to have a strong academic background and a successful record in research and teaching.  
Noham W. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Schmaltz / 8 in favour / 4 against / 6 abstentions; Carried

**MOTION #3:** That the Faculty of Science Council recommends that preference be given to external candidates.

Noham W. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm T.

Discussion - **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## 6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) – Allan Arndt

### 6.1 SIGNIFICANT (for decision)

#### 6.1.1 MSc in Integrated Science and Technology (MIST)

Discussion: Norm T. suggested removal of reference to some Physics resources on page 24 and 25 of the proposal.

**MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Council recommends approval to Senate of the MSc in Integrated Science and Technology (MIST) program with changes as discussed.  
Greg Schmaltz / 2<sup>nd</sup> Noham W. / 8 in favour / 2 abstentions; Carried

6.1.2 Geography 454

**MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Council approves the changes made to Geography 454.  
Allan A. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm T. / Unanimous; Carried

6.1.3 Changes to the Engineering Physics Diploma including admission requirements

6.1.4 Revisions of Physics Honors

Tim C. advised that PHYS 342 and PHYS 372 should be deleted from the Upper-level physics labs as both courses are likely not to be offered again.

6.1.5 Changes to the Physics Major and Minor program

**OMNIBUS MOTION:** That the Faculty of Science Council accept the changes to the Engineering Physics Diploma including admission requirements; revisions to the Physics Honors, including the deletion of PHYS 342 and PHYS 372; and changes to the Physics Major and Minor program as noted.

Allan A. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Lin L. / All in favour; Carried

6.2 REPORTABLE (for information)

6.2.1 N/A

7. REPORTS

7.1 BSc Program Committee – no report

7.2 Advising Centre

7.3 Senate – Tim Cooper

A revised admission policy was approved at Senate. There were 3 policies rescinded as part of the process: change in admission requirement (87), Re-admission (91), and Program Waiting Lists (89).

The Grading System policy has now been revised. It will be implemented in the fall of 2016.

7.4 Other reports – Library – no report

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Revised Admission (80) Policy [\[LINK\]](#)

8.2 Revised Grading System Policy (101) [\[LINK\]](#)

8.3 College of Arts Council – Proposed Motion

8.4 PD Day May 4, 2016: Connect. Learn. Grow [\[LINK\]](#)

8.5 Grad School Information Night – April 5, 2016 [\[LINK\]](#)

8.6 Nomination for Student Speaker at Convocation – Deadline April 22, 2016

8.7 Undergraduate Research Excellence – Nomination Deadline April 29, 2016

8.8 Changes to Sessional Dates – Winter 2017 Start Date

8.9 Science Rocks! Summer Camps July & August 2016

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: April 29, 2016 – Room B140

MOTION to Adjourn: Norm T. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant F. Unanimous. Carried