

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, October 6, 2017 - Room A269

Chair: Greg Schlitt, Acting Dean

Present: Ian Affleck, Allan Arndt, James Bedard, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup (Staff Rep), Jeff Chizma, David Chu, David Fenske, Kseniya Garaschuk, Sandra Gillespie, David Harper (Health Sciences Rep), Carmen Herman, Longlong Huang, Jonathan Hughes, Hongfei Li (Library Rep), Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Rebecca Robertson (Student Rep), Greg Schmaltz, Shaun Sun, Norm Taylor, Ben Vanderlei, Perrin Waldock (Student Rep), Noham Weinberg

Regrets: Rilla Apostolakis (Advising), Cory Beshara, Golfam Ghafourifar, Lin Long, Karin Loots, Renee Prasad

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. Darin Lee, Chief Information Officer, ITS

ITS has been working on many of the issues and challenges that the university has had with internet and connection services. UFV internet provider has been switched over to BCNET which is a shared service with the Province. All of UFV's campuses are now connected with eduroam. This service allows users from a participating site to get network access at any of the other 500 institutions who are connected to eduroam. ITS continues to work towards supporting Mac and hopes to have something in place over the next year. Faculty were advised that if they have streaming challenges to submit a ticket to ITS and indicate the room they are in. A discussion followed regarding Blackboard and the issues of emailing students directly from that. Greg Schlitt asked Darin to pass along a thank you for a great job to the Service Desk.

1.2. David McGuire, Executive Director, UFV International

David provided information on the Internationalization Fund available to UFV staff, faculty and administrators as well as how to apply. He advised that there will be a call out for applications within the next couple of weeks. A copy of the Internationalization Fund Criteria and Application can be found here: <http://international.ufv.ca/international-student-life/internationalization-fund/> He also mentioned that an International Visitor Fund was also available. This fund is to assist with the cost to bring a colleague from another institution to UFV. Faculty can also apply for this funding if it fits into the 5 Internationalization Goals. Questions can be sent to david.mcguire@ufv.ca

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Faculty Council approve the agenda as presented.

Nathan B. / 2nd Greg Schmaltz; All in favour. Approved

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - September 8, 2017

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of September 8, 2017 as presented.

Jonathan H. / 2nd Ben V. All in favour. Approved.

3. DEAN'S REPORT - Greg Schlitt

3.1. Digital Hub

Greg advised the business case for the digital hub is being written now. There are opportunities for science to use the flexible space there for advanced digital media teaching and presentation. All suggestions can be sent to Greg Schlitt and he will bring them forward.

3.2. Let's Talk Science

Greg advised that UFV will become a Let's-Talk-Science site. Once in place a science faculty member will be appointed as a contact person. This opportunity supports our community outreach and has a great deal of resources available. Contact Greg Schlitt for more information. <http://www.letstalkscience.ca/>

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ian Affleck

6.1. FSCC Terms of Reference

Ian A. presented the revisions that the Curriculum Committee put forward regarding the FSCC Terms of Reference. A summary of the reportable changes from FSCC for SFC will be sent out one week prior to the SFC meeting. If a member wishes to have a reportable item flagged for discussion it can be requested and moved up on the agenda. Significant changes will continue to be brought to SFC for final decision.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the changes made to the Faculty of Science Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Norm T. / 2nd Jeff C. All in favour. Approved.

7. REPORTS

7.1. BSc Program Committee

Greg S. advised that things are progressing. The committee will have more to report at the December 2017 council meeting.

7.2. Advising Centre - N/A

7.3. Senate Report - Norm Taylor

The September 2017 Senate report was previously circulated by email by Norm Taylor.

7.4. Nomination Committee

Welcome to our new SFC Representatives: Margret Bollerup, Staff Representative 2-year term by acclamation; Rebecca Robertson and Perrin Waldock were elected by their fellow students for another 1-year term. Congratulations.

7.5. Agriculture Centre of Excellence

The ACE report was previously circulated by Garry Fehr. Questions regarding the report can be directed to Garry Fehr, ACE Director.

7.6. Other Reports

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: November 3, 2017 @ 1:00 PM Room A269