

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, April 27, 2018 - Room D213

Chair: Greg Schlitt, Acting Dean

Present: Allan Arndt, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Karen Cooper, Golfam Ghafourifar, Sandra Gillespie, David Harper, Longlong Huang, Anna Kuczynska, Stan Manu, Rebecca Robertson, Greg Schmaltz, Norm Taylor, Ben Vanderlei, Perrin Waldock, Jane Webb

Regrets: Ian Affleck, James Bedard, Jeff Chizma, Robin Endelman, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Karin Loots

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. Samuel Hannah, Institutional Research and Integrated Planning

Samuel provided an overview of the results of the 2017 CUSC report. The survey pool consisted of students who had completed between 30-90 credits. In 2014 UFV exceeded the Group 1 levels (universities comparable to UFV). In 2017 some of UFV's numbers had decreased.

1.2. CUSC Report Discussion - Greg Schlitt

Following the presentation the committee split into groups to discuss possible reasons for the decrease. It was requested that we find out where the other Group 1 universities are located; what UFV's percentage was in 2014 compared to 2017 and if there has been any change.

ACTION: Greg will look into where the other Group 1 universities are located and what the UFV percentage comparisons were from 2014 to 2017.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the agenda as presented.
Norm T. / 2nd Greg Schmaltz / All in favour; approved

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - March 2, 2018

Norm T. wanted to clarify that although the class size maximum is a labour management issue it doesn't prevent UEC from putting that information on the course outline forms.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes from March 2, 2018 as presented.

Norm T. / 2nd Greg Schmaltz / All in favour; approved

3. DEAN'S REPORT - Greg Schlitt

Science Fair Update

The Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair was a success. We hosted over 100 students and 80 projects an increase of 28 projects from last year. Thank you to Janice and Caroline for their hard work. It was suggested that the organizers of the UFV Student Research Day and Science Fair work together to make sure the events do not land on the same day next year.

Bio Chemistry Degree

The proposal for the Bio-Chem degree was submitted 3 years ago and was turned down. Greg Schlitt recently met with the Advancement Office and with the new BC government he was advised that we will be invited to resubmit the proposal in the very near future.

Science Rocks! Update

Science Rocks! is celebrating 10 years! Registration is now open. Flyers are available to distribute.

TLAC News

A list of upcoming events being organized by the Teaching and Learning Centre was presented. IGNITE Series; Indigenous Film Series; UFV Stó:lō film series Screening; K-12 Curriculum; Festival of Learning; New this year, First Year Faculty Development Program; Open Education Resources; and new policy for the classroom furniture.

ACTION: Caroline to resend the TLAC News email to Science Faculty

4. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS – N/A

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - N/A

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - N/A

7. REPORTS

7.1. BSc Committee - Greg Schlitt

The committee will be meeting again in May.

7.2. Advising - Karen Cooper

Karen reminded faculty that all grades are due today.

7.3. Senate - Norm Taylor

The April 2018 Senate report was previously circulated by email by Norm Taylor. The official minutes from Senate can be found at the Senate Office.

7.4. Innovation and Entrepreneurship - David Harper

David advised council that he will be taking on a new role as interim Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UFV. He provided an overview of this new initiative. He will be responsible for leading the development of our innovation platform while collaborating with community stakeholders, faculties, and others. He asked that ideas can be sent to him directly at david.harper@ufv.ca. David currently serves as the Health Sciences representative on our council and advised that with his new position he will not be able to continue next year.

7.5. Other Reports - N/A

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. Memo from FSCC to SFC summarizing information items 8.2

8.2. Revision to BIO 420 Special Topics in Biology - 6-year review

8.3. The University Secretariat invites your feedback on the proposed revisions to the Human Research Ethics (54) policy. Supporting documents are available at <https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/policy-consultation/>. If you have any feedback, please submit your comments to Policyconsult@ufv.ca by May 10, 2018.

8.4. Library Advisory Committee (LAC) Vacancies

The LAC is looking for Faculty of Science designates for the 2018-2020 term.

8.5. Internationalization Fund proposals - due May 7, 2018

Send completed applications to internationalization@ufv.ca. Direct questions to John Potts at john.potts@ufv.ca

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: May 25, 2018 @ 1:00 PM Room D213