

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Friday, March 6, 2020 - Room B121

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Chair: Lucy Lee, Dean

Present: Rilla Apostolakis, Ian Affleck, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Aisa Dobie, Robin Endelman, Grant Fritzke, Golfam Ghafourifar, Kseniya Garaschuk, Longlong Huang, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Anna Kuczynska, Cindy Loten, Greg Schlitt, Greg Schmaltz, Isabelle St-Martin, Norm Taylor, Frank Zhang

Regrets: Carolyn Atkins, Sandra Gillespie, Sharon Gillies, Olav Lian, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzinski, Michelle Rhodes, Shaun Sun

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

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1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. IT Services/Business Transformation update and introduction of new directors.

Darin Lee, Chief Information Officer, introduced the new directors of IT Services: Adam Eason, Client Experience Director; Jamie Gamble, Business Transformation Office Director; and Alex Diaz, Infrastructure and Operations Director. Each provided an overview of their positions and projects they are working on and encouraged faculty to contact them directly with any questions or concerns.

Darin advised faculty of the increased volume of spam emails and reminded faculty to be vigilant when opening emails. If a suspicious email is received, do not respond to it or click on any links or downloads in the message. Faculty and staff are encouraged to forward the email to [phishreport@ufv.ca](mailto:phishreport@ufv.ca).

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.  
*Grant F. / 2nd Ruwan K.; all in favour; adopted.*

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - February 7, 2020

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of February 7, 2020 as presented.  
*Ian A. / 2nd Grant F.; all in favour; approved.*

3. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

3.1. Mathematics & Statistics Standards for Tenure and Promotion

Ian presented the updates to the Tenure and Promotion Standards for Math & Stats. The wording of “excellence in teacher” versus “commitment to excellence in teaching” was discussed. It was noted under the teaching activities - evaluations for full professor was stated but not for the Associate or Assistant. Discussion followed. Ian would like to discuss this further within the department but submit the standards as is before the deadline.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions made to the Mathematics & Statistics Tenure and Promotion Standards as presented.

*Ian A. / 2nd Robin E.; all in favour; 1 abstention; approved.*

3.2. Biology Standards for Tenure and Promotion

Greg Schmaltz advised that Biology would also like to further discuss their standards at the department level but would like to submit them by deadline.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the Biology Tenure and Promotion Standards as presented.

*Greg Schmaltz / 2nd Nathan B.; all in favour; 1 abstention; approved.*

3.3. Master of Science in Integrated Science and Technology (MIST) status

Lucy advised that work is still being done on the Master of Science. It may not necessarily be Integrated Science and Technology as it was too broad according to the ministry standard. She advised that we can resubmit without having to go through the entire process again. The committee needs volunteers to replace some members who are unable to continue. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Lucy know.

3.4. Rank & Tenure (Community Service)

As Tony S. was unable to attend, Greg Schmaltz spoke to the item. The Biology department requested feedback from SFC on their definition of community service related to rank and tenure. Could ‘community’ be physical community as well as peer reviewing for a journal as it is a community of peers. Lucy advised that there are 3 aspects of university life: teaching, scholarly activities and service which are all important. A different weighting can be put on each but all 3 are still required. Lucy also advised that if a faculty member was being paid for service it would not count towards service.

3.5. Corona Virus Update - Lucy

Lucy asked each department to discuss a contingency plan if UFV needs to close due to the corona virus. She also asked faculty to use caution if travelling. On March 12, 2020 in A225 the Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network’s Respiratory Virus Infections Working Group will be providing information on COVID-19 through a webinar. Although it will be highly technical, everyone is welcome to attend. Lucy will continue to keep the faculty informed on updates. Discussion followed. There were concerns raised that a medical team was not available on campus.

**ACTION:** Lucy will bring more information about medical options on campus to next meeting.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ian Affleck

For Decision:

4.1. Program Change to BES-Natural Sciences

As Michelle R. was unable to attend Ian A. spoke to the requested updates. Robin E. suggested that MATH 112 be added to the list and MATH 255 would be a good addition for research skills.

**MOTION:** THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to the BES-Natural Sciences degree as presented.

*Ian A. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Schmaltz*

Discussion continued. Norm T. requested to amend the motion to include MATH 112 to the list (MATH 112 or MATH 118) and leave MATH 255 for SLUEC to consider.

**AMENDED MOTION:** THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions requested to the BES-Natural Sciences degree including the addition of MATH 112 as an option.

*Norm T. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin E.; in favour 7; against 3; approved.*

5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information:

5.1. Memo summarizing agenda items 5.2 and 5.3

5.2. Revision to Physics declaration requirements

This minor change updates the Bachelor of Science Physics declaration requirements to make them consistent with the lower-level requirements of the Physics major and minor. The request is to add “or MATH 118” to the declaration requirements, which would then read “PHYS 112 and C in MATH 112 or MATH 118”.

5.3. Exception for admission to the BSc

A student requested an exception for admission to the BSc. They did not meet the requirement of a C in MATH 111 - Calculus I so was not accepted into the BSc. After a lengthy discussion and considering past marks on their transcript it was decided to differ the decision to the summer following successful completion of this semester **OR** they could write the MDPT now.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy will be away from March 17 to April 3, 2020.
- She is working on goals for the faculty.
- The Faculty of Science received 6 very good applicants for the LIYSF opportunity. The top 4 finalists will present on a research topic of their choice. The other 2 will be invited to apply again next year. Her office will advise faculty once a date has been confirmed for these presentations.

6.2. BSc Committee - N/A

6.3. Advising - N/A

6.4. Senate - N/A

6.5. Library Advisory Council - Grant Fritzke

Grant provided a written summary of the Library Advisory Council's meeting held on January 31, 2020. He did want to highlight that Harvest IR, UFV's institutional repository, does not automatically take all students who present posters, they only take ones with first prize. If you have students who have really good posters or other good things to share, you will need to request to be included. The Library is actively seeking content in HarvestIR. Please contact [Martin.Warkentin@ufv.ca](mailto:Martin.Warkentin@ufv.ca) or [Brenda.Philip@ufv.ca](mailto:Brenda.Philip@ufv.ca) if you are interested in a scholar profile or have submission ideas. A link to HarvestIR on the Library's home page: <https://library.ufv.ca/>

6.6. Other Reports

UFV WEST - Isabelle S. advised that UFV WEST will be hosting an event on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 from 4-5 pm in B121. The Society for Canadian Women in Science & Technology (SCWIST) will be talking about the leaky pipeline and how to promote inclusion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. The Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair is still looking for judges for both judging groups. Please contact Jason Thomas and Caroline Majeau if you can spare a couple of hours on April 2, 2020 from 1-3 PM and/or 3:30-5:00 PM. We would also encourage your senior students to sign up. If they are interested, please have them contact us. For more information, please see the attached.

7.2. President's Leadership Lecture Series - International Women's Day - Featuring keynote speaker and UFV honorary doctorate recipient, Dr. Tamara Taggart. Friday, March 6 from 3-4:30 PM, Evered Hall. <https://events.ufv.ca/events/presidents-leadership-lecture-series-international-womens-day/>

8. ADJOURN - 2:30 PM

**Next Meeting:** As the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was cancelled our next meeting is May 1, 2020 @ 1:00 PM Room B121