

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, May 1, 2020 – Virtual

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| <b>Chair:</b>    | Lucy Lee, Dean   |
| <b>Present:</b>  | Ian Affleck, Carolyn Atkins, Cory Beshara, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, Karen Cooper, Cherie Enns, Grant Fritzke, Sandra Gillespie, Longlong Huang, Jonathan Hughes, Alida Janmaat, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Hongfei Li, Olav Lian, Steve Marsh, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Janice Nagtegaal, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzinski, Greg Schlitt, Greg Schmaltz, Isabelle St-Martin, Terry Starr, Shaun Sun, Norm Taylor, Ben Vanderlei, Jane Webb, Frank Zhang |
| <b>Regrets:</b>  | Golfam Ghafourifar, Lenore Newman  |
| <b>Recorder:</b> | Caroline Majeau  |

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### 1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

#### 1.1. Proposal "Classification of Experiential Learning categories at UFV"

Larissa Horne and Liana Thompson from Experiential Education provided background on the submitted proposal "Classification of Experiential Learning categories at UFV". It serves as an overview of an institution-wide round table consultation process. Discussion followed. Any comments or feedback on this proposal can be emailed directly to them.

### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

#### 2.1. Adoption of Agenda

##### MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.  
*Cory B. / 2nd Vanessa R.; all in favour; adopted.*

#### 2.2. Approval of the Minutes - April 3, 2020

##### MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of April 3, 2020 as presented.  
*Greg Schmaltz / 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan B.; all in favour; approved.*

### 3. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS - N/A

### 4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Decision: N/A

5. **FSCC (Curriculum Committee)**

For Information: N/A

6. **REPORTS**

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

- Lucy thanked everyone for stepping up during the COVID-19 situation.
- The summer term will be fully online. The fall term will likely be online as well so if courses can be taught online, then faculty should plan accordingly. A task force has been implemented to look at those courses which cannot be held without a face to face component – their findings will be presented within the next few days. Solutions will be presented to the Policy Emergency Group and announced university wide shortly. UFV continues to follow the guidelines of the Provincial Health Officers. Discussion followed.
- Going forward UFV is following the requested schedules set out by the Scheduling Office, however, changes can always be requested if need be. As a publicly funded university we abide by the provincial guidelines so are not in a position to pay extra to faculty and staff for preparation. In terms of peripherals needed, the university is coming up with solutions. If exams are requested to be held in person, it could happen in fall but is not possible for the summer.
- Lucy provided an update on positions. The Associate Dean position has been released; Math & Stats has postponed their full-time position and has now received an extra LTA to cover their needs; the Biology and SLUEC positions are still ongoing.
- The AAA Awards will be announced at the next Science Council meeting.
- Congratulations to Physics student, Annabelle Czihaly, who was selected as our representative at LIYSF for 2020. Since the 2020 LIYSF has now been postponed until next year, Annabelle will attend next year's event with our 2021 winner.
- Student Summer Research: As long as students can maintain the social distancing precautions they are able to do their research. The NSERC USRAs have been announced and are working with their supervisors on how they can perform their work throughout the summer. Lucy asked that faculty inform the Research Office of what they and their students are doing.

6.2. **Library** - Hongfei Li

A written report was submitted. Although the library is physically closed the librarians are available online. They are now processing science books for 2021, purchase orders can still be sent to Hongfei as they still have funds for science books (Biology, Chemistry and Math and Stats).

6.3. **BSc Committee** - Greg Schlitt

Nothing to report. The Committee hopes to meet virtually this month.

6.4. **Advising** - Karen Cooper

97 BSc students have applied to graduate this year, 1 Bachelor of Agriculture Science, 8 GIS Certificates, 17 Engineering Physics Diploma, and 1 Associate of Science.

6.5. **Senate**

Lucy provided updates from the last Senate meeting. Due to the emergency situation at hand, power was given to the president to make decisions on behalf of Senate if anything pressing comes up. The next meeting of Senate will be held virtually on Bluejeans next week.

6.6. **Other Reports** - N/A

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1. The University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the **Approval of Graduands (20) policy**, a copy of which is attached. Please submit your comments to [policyconsult@ufv.ca](mailto:policyconsult@ufv.ca) by the **deadline of May 11, 2020**.

7.2. As part of a second round of consultation, the University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the **Grade Reporting (109) policy**, a copy of which is attached. Please submit your comments to [policyconsult@ufv.ca](mailto:policyconsult@ufv.ca) by the **deadline of May 7th, 2020**.

7.3. The much anticipated **UFV Climate Change music-video** was released on April 22 to kick off Earth Day. Thank you to all the faculty and students for taking part in this fun video and a special thanks to Carin Bondar for putting this all together. View the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dr1tgIWEJeA&feature=youtu.be>

8. **ADJOURN - 2:30 PM**

**Next Meeting:** May 29, 2020 @ 1:00 PM on Zoom