

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, May 29, 2020 - Virtual

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**Chair:** Lucy Lee, Dean

**Present:** Ian Affleck, Allan Arndt, Carolyn Atkins, Jennifer Barrett, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, Jeff Chizma, Karen Cooper, Aisa Dobie, Robin Endelman, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Ghafourifar, Sharon Gillies, Longlong Huang, Jonathan Hughes, Alida Janmaat, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Carlos Leon, Olav Lian, Cynthia Loten, Stan Manu, Steve Marsh, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Janice Nagtegaal, Lenore Newman, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Greg Schlitt, Greg Schmaltz, Isabelle St-Martin, Terry Starr, Norm Taylor, Jason Thomas, Ben Vanderlei, Frank Zhang

**Regrets:** Cory Beshara, Alan Reid, Shaun Sun, Jane Webb

**Recorder:** Caroline Majeau

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### 1. WELCOME

### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

#### 2.1. Adoption of Agenda

Ian requested to table agenda items 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6 until next meeting.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda including the tabling of noted agenda items.

*Stan M. / 2nd Kseniya; all in favour; adopted.*

#### 2.2. Approval of the Minutes - May 1, 2020

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of May 1, 2020 as presented.

*Nathan B. / 2nd Jonathan H.; all in favour; approved.*

### 3. 2020 Faculty of Science AAA Award Winners

Lucy announced the recipients of the 2020 Faculty of Science AAA Awards. Congratulations to:

**Kseniya Garaschuk**, Awesome Achievement; **Golfam Ghafourifar**, Terrific Teaching; **Lenore Newman**, Remarkable Research; **Sharon Gillies**, Outstanding Outreach; **Ben Vanderlei**, Superb Service (Faculty); and **Janice Nagtegaal**, Superb Service (Staff).

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

5. **FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ian Affleck**

For Decision:

5.1. **Proposed revision to STAT 104 Introductory Statistics**

The proposed revision is to separate STAT 104 and STAT 106 and allow students to take both for credit regardless of the order they are taken unless a particular program does not allow it.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the changes to STAT 104 as presented.  
*Ian A. / 2nd Allan A.; all in favour; approved.*

5.2. **Proposed revision to STAT 307, STAT 330, STAT 430, STAT 431 and STAT 470**

Tabled.

5.3. **Proposed revision to STAT 272 Statistical Graphics and Languages**

Tabled.

5.4. **Proposed revision to STAT 106 Statistics I - 6-year review**

The changes made to STAT 104 directly affects STAT 106 so the course outline was revised to correlate with the updates. As this was a 6-year review the learning outcomes were updated but not changed significantly.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to STAT 106 as presented.  
*Ian A. / 2nd Ruwan K.; all in favour; approved.*

5.5. **Proposed revision to STAT 271 Modeling and Data Analysis - 6-year review**

Tabled.

5.6. **Proposed revision to STAT 315 Applied Regression Analysis - 6-year review**

Tabled.

6. **FSCC (Curriculum Committee)**

For Information: N/A

7. **GUESTS**

7.1. **President Joanne MacLean**

Dr. MacLean provided an update on COVID, the EDI Task Force and Strategic Planning.

- She thanked everyone for stepping up and raising to the challenge during this difficult time. President MacLean recognized Dr. Lee and all of the UFV Deans who have done yeoman's service.
- **Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)** is and has been a priority for UFV. Twenty individuals stepped forward to create an action plan for the university.
- **Strategic Planning** – The Provost has taken the lead on the Strategic Plan and is establishing a new mission statement. COVID may change things but the Strategic plan is ongoing.

Questions followed.

Concern was raised regarding the staffing of the Health and Safety office. President MacLean said it has been a challenge for the university. UFV is currently working on filling these positions. Lucy advised that Terry Starr and Steve Thomas have been great on providing Biosafety information. Discussion continued regarding orientation for students in the fall and international growth in student population.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee**

- Lucy provided UFV updates on COVID. Senior admin continues to meet 1-2 times per week to address issues and strategize. UFV wants to reduce the number of people on campus which will continue into the fall. There will be precautionary measures put in place such as Security being placed at the entrances of the buildings and checking temperatures as people enter. It was noted that there were many empty hand sanitizers around campus. This matter is being investigated. The university will remain open and those that share offices will need to make sure that there is only one person in at a time to maintain social distance. Discussion followed.
- Usage of PD funds were discussed. Lucy advised that if faculty require computers or tablets that will facilitate online teaching (as long as it's justified) it will be approved. Lucy advised that the graphic tablet which was originally not one of the approved items has now been approved by HR.
- David Harper is providing a Flight School for online teaching to start next week. He has over 20 years of online teaching experience. There are a few available spots left so please let Caroline know if you are interested.
- Congratulations to Margret Bollerup and Grant Fritzke for attending all council meetings this year. The runner ups were Nathan Bialas and Norm Taylor.

A question was raised regarding what type of advice and direction students will be given from the university concerning technology needed for the fall. Lucy advised that the university will be offering discounted computers for purchase. There will be bursaries and some loaner computers available to those students who cannot afford to purchase one. The computer labs will also be open so students can access them as long as they maintain the proper social distance.

### **8.2. BSc Committee - N/A**

### **8.3. Advising – Karen Cooper**

Karen advised that 93 students have been approved to graduate; 4 will be graduating in the summer or fall; 7 GIS Certificates; 17 Engineering Physics Mechatronics Diplomas; 1 Associate of Science. There will be a much larger university orientation for registration, it will be going live once the timetable has been posted. The Science and Computing Advising Team will also be hosting webinars where students can join in.

### **8.4. Senate - Jonathan Hughes**

The SLUEC Faculty Standards for Tenure and Promotion were approved by adopting the College of Arts standards until they can be revised to the Faculty of Science.

**8.5. Computer Science - Frank Zhang**

CIS has submitted a proposal for the creation of a School of Computing. It has gone through APPC and now heading to Senate. Frank advised that Computer Science is looking to collaborate more with science faculty. They have a lot of equipment that could help with this collaboration such as mapping and orientation. Faculty can contact Frank directly if they have any questions.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9.1. Faculty of Science - 2020 Education Plan Update**

**9.2.** As part of a fourteen-day consultation, the University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the [Course Withdrawal \(81\) policy](#). Please submit your comments to [policyconsult@ufv.ca](mailto:policyconsult@ufv.ca) by the deadline of 4 pm, Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020.

**9.3. Science Faculty Council Meetings for 2020/2021** - Dates have been scheduled but location still to be determined. <https://www.ufv.ca/senate/college--faculty-councils/science/>

**10. ADJOURN - 2:47 PM**

**Next Meeting:** September 11 @ 1:00 PM