

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, March 5, 2021 - Virtual

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**Chair:** Lucy Lee, Dean

**Present:** Ian Affleck, Allan Arndt, Carolyn Atkins, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Cherie Enns, Grant Fritzke, Sandra Gillespie, Jen Hetherington, Longlong Huang, Jonathan Hughes, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Olav Lian, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Jordan Penner, Stefania Pizzirani, Kabeer Poonia, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Norm Taylor, Jason Thomas, Jane Webb, Noham Weinberg, Frank Zhang,

**Regrets:** N/A

**Recorder:** Janice Nagtegaal

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### 1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Brooke Haller, Principal and Janet Carroll, Program Director from Imagine High Integrated Arts & Technology Secondary School introduced the upcoming opening of their new school in September 2021 for grades 9/10. It will open to more grades as the years go. This school is an innovative and vibrant school community in the Chilliwack school district, fostering and celebrating creativity where students find meaning and contribute to the community within the school and beyond. Their first graduating class will be the Class of 2024. Although Arts is in their name, they are interested in a collaborative interdisciplinary experience. For any further connection ideas or questions, contact Brooke and Janet at [brooke\\_haller@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:brooke_haller@sd33.bc.ca).

### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

#### 2.1. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.  
*Stefania P. / 2nd Norm T.; all in favour; adopted.*

#### 2.2. Approval of the Minutes - January 8, 2021

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes from January 8, 2021 as presented.  
*Vanessa R. / 2nd Longlong H.; all in favour; approved.*

**3. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS**

**3.1. April Science Faculty Council Meeting**

The next Faculty Council meeting on April 3 is Good Friday. Council agreed to cancel the meeting instead of rescheduling. The next meeting Faculty council meeting will now be April 30, 2021.

**3.2. Safety Protocols**

As we are still in a pandemic, Lucy reminded faculty and staff who are coming to campus to report to their supervisors that they meet the regulations to be on campus. The safety protocols have been working; we just have to make sure that they are followed.

**3.3. Creating Connection**

It has been difficult to have a social connection while working remotely and people are feeling stressed. Lucy advised that the Dean's office would like to start a chat group for various topics where staff and faculty can come and talk about their personal interests such as pets, cooking or even teaching pointers, ideas on how to teach online, research opportunities, etc. Once the platform is set up, instructions on how to access it will be emailed out.

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

For Decision:

**4.1. Proposed revision to STAT 106 Statistics I**

Ian spoke to the proposed change to STAT 106 by adding MATH 125 as a prerequisite. This will allow students to enrol in STAT 106 sooner and without waivers.

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revision to STAT 106 as presented.

*Ian A. / 2nd Longlong H.; all in favour; approved.*

**5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)**

For Information: N/A

**6. REPORTS**

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

- **Fall Semester:** Lucy advised that the fall semester is still being sorted out. UFV is expecting a letter from the Ministry which will help direct how we organize for the fall.
- **Renovations:** Updates were provided on the current renovations happening on campus including the external renewal of Building D. There are funds available for renovations on the 3rd floor of D building as well. The current plan is to look at switching the Math and Stats offices with some of the Arts offices in B Building; and for CIS and Economics to switch spaces. Lucy did point out that Science needs more space and that has been clear for some time. Renovations to the A Building to include Science is in the Campus Planning 5-year plan.

- **Budget:** As the 20/21 budget year is coming to an end, some areas are in a deficit, but that is to be expected. Our enrollments have been good which has helped with our budget.
- **LIYSF** - Each year science has sent a student to attend the London International Youth Science Forum. We did choose a student last year who will have the opportunity to attend this year, but we did not select an additional student to go from this year since we are currently under a travel ban.
- Lucy thanked everyone for working above and beyond this year. It has been hard on everyone's mental health. She advised that Science has nominated individuals for all of the UFV faculty awards. Also the AAA Awards for Science will be announced at the SFC meeting on May 28.

**6.2. Advising - Karen Cooper**

Students will be registering for the summer starting March 15 with International. Karen asked faculty to let her know if there is a course that isn't normally offered over the summer that they would like Advising to be aware of so they can share that information with the students. May Orientation for the fall is currently being organized to assist students to register in the courses in June. The Academic Success Centre is hosting a Procrastination Avoidance Week. There are a lot of good seminars for students to join in on. More information can be found here:

<https://www.ufv.ca/asc/PAW/>

**6.3. BSc Committee - N/A**

**6.4. Indigenization and EDI - Stefania Pizzirani**

- An EDI calendar is available. It contains important dates from so many cultures to a take into account when planning exams, quizzes, etc. The calendar can be found here: [https://ufv.ca/media/assets/presidents-office/edi-resources/EDI-wall-calendar\\_Print.pdf](https://ufv.ca/media/assets/presidents-office/edi-resources/EDI-wall-calendar_Print.pdf).
- Upcoming Webinars:
  - Chat Reconciliation open-houses are available with Lorna Andrews the first Wednesday of every month where you can ask any questions on indigenization and approaches: <https://events.ufv.ca/tlc/events/chat-r-chat-reconciliation-8/>.
  - TLC has BlackBoard Ally, an accessibility application. This resource allows students to use alternative ways of reading PDFs (braille, black/white resolution, audio reading, etc.). This is a great way to create more inclusivity.
  - Workshop on Online Teaching Fundamentals - Inclusivity Online will be held on March 25: <http://events.ufv.ca/tlc/events/microcourse-7-online-teaching-fundamentals-inclusivity-online-16/>.

Stefania encouraged faculty to share any resources or tips regarding indigenization and EDI with her so she can share widely.

**6.5. Senate – Jonathan Hughes**

Information from Senate was previously emailed to faculty by Norm, Senate Representative for Applied and Technical Studies.

**6.6. Students – Jordan Penner & Kabeer Poonia**

Jordan advised that students are feeling quite isolated and it has been hard on their mental health. They are looking forward to having more face to face courses. They have been using collaborative apps (like discord) to study together or just talk over material. Lucy asked Jordan and Kabeer to please share her appreciation for all of the students continuing to follow the safety protocols that are in place.

**6.7. Other reports:**

- Frank Z. advised that Department of Computer Information Systems will become the School of Computing starting May 2021. Amir Shabani, a new faculty member in CIS, has created a robotics research lab. If any students are interested in this type of work, there may be research opportunities. They are developing a new program around VR and animation – if interested in getting involved in this program, contact Frank.
- Retirements and updates: Lucy advised that Librarian, Kim Isaac, is retiring and a search will be starting soon for her replacement. Jacqueline Nolte, Dean of the College of Arts, has finished her term. A search is underway for her replacement. John English, Dean of Applied and Technical Studies has retired and Peter Geller is currently Acting Dean. There is a call out for a Temporary Acting Dean for the short term.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7.1. [January Report to Provost](#)**

**7.2. [February Report to Provost](#)**

**8. ADJOURN – 2:25 PM**