

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, January 7, 2022 – Virtual

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<b>Chair:</b>	Lucy Lee, Dean
<b>Present:</b>	Carolyn Atkins, James Bedard, Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Jeff Chizma, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Sandra Gillespie, Patrick Harrison, Jen Hetherington, Jonathan Hughes, Manveer Jhamat, Alida Janmaat, Jesper Johansen, Heather Kelly, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Olav Lian, Lin Long, Cindy Loten, Stan Manu, Mariano Mapili, Steve Marsh, Janice Nagtegaal, Stefania Pizzirani, Talha Qadri, Vanessa Radzimski, Alan Reid, Fabiola Rojas, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Tony Stea, Jason Thomas, Ben Vanderlei, Jane Webb, Noham Weinberg, Frank Zhang
<b>Regrets:</b>	Ian Affleck, Ruwan Karunanayaka
<b>Recorder:</b>	Caroline Majeau

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### 1. WELCOME & GUESTS

Lucy introduced Gerald Van De Ven, UFV's new Manager of Environmental, Health and Safety. Gerald brings with him extensive experience in Health and Safety from the post secondary system on the Island, Vancouver Health, BC Transit, and from the forestry industry. His office is located on the Abbotsford Campus in B122. If anyone has questions or would like to discuss health and safety at the department level, please contact him at [gerald.vandeven@ufv.ca](mailto:gerald.vandeven@ufv.ca).

### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

#### 2.1. Adoption of Agenda

Lucy requested to move the Dean's Report after 3.1 as she had to leave early to attend the Academic Continuity Committee meeting. Alan Reid will step in as Vice-Chair in her absence.

#### MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.

*Stefania P. / 2nd Alan R.; all in favour; adopted.*

#### 2.2. Approval of the Minutes - December 3, 2021

#### MOTION:

THAT Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of December 3, 2021 as presented.

*Vanessa R. / 2nd Nathan B.; all in favour; approved.*

### 3. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

#### 3.1. University Communication with Faculty

Concerns were raised regarding the communication coming from upper administration. Lucy advised that the decisions made do not necessarily all come from them, they must hear from the Post Secondary Education Minister and the Public Health Officer. Discussion followed. Lucy will bring the concerns discussed to senior admin as well as President MacLean. She did stress that the University tries to err on the side of safety which is why the first two weeks will be online for most. Faculty agreed that their major concern was the lack of advance notice. When decisions are made so last minute it is difficult for faculty to plan the semester. It was suggested that it would be helpful to know what contingencies the university is discussing with the province if the situation with omicron worsens. Lucy will bring these concerns and requests to the Academic Continuity Committee.

Discussion continued regarding technology available on campus to provide online delivery. It was suggested it would be helpful to have a contact person at ITS for the Faculty of Science as we do with TLC.

### 4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

#### 4.1. ENV 310: Leadership in Environmental Professions (New Course Proposal)

Stefania introduced the new course which focuses on the development of leadership skills for use in environmental professions. It will also be added as an option to the course calendar for the BES and the BES-NS.

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty council approve the new course proposal ENV 310 as presented.  
*Jonathan H. / 2nd Alan R.; all in favour; approved.*

#### 4.2. Program Changes: Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES), BES-Natural Science (BES-NS) and Environmental Studies minor

Stefania introduced the program changes. New courses have been added to give students the right option in these different areas. The focus of the degree is the environment. Discussion followed. Although calculus is not a core requirement it is a prerequisite for many courses within the program. Stefania offered to meet with the Math department to discuss further. Discussion continued. The only change in core requirements is the addition of PORT 398 or ENV 310; and a student is required to take one Agriculture course. It was suggested to update the memo rationale to emphasize that course offerings which have an alternate option, address all the same learning goals as the other course.

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Faculty of Science approve the program changes to the BES, BES-NS and the Environmental Studies minor as presented.  
*Jonathan H. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Mariano M.; 1 abstention; approved.*

5. **FSCC (Curriculum Committee)**

For Information: N/A

6. **REPORTS**

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

- Joanne Maclean is completing her first term as UFV President. A committee has been set up and is reviewing her renewal. Please send any comments or feedback to Lucy so she can share it with this committee. The communication concerns were recapped.
- Discussion followed regarding the many changes in faculties and new hires. The Faculty of Access and Continuing Education (FACE) is now the Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development (FECHD). The new Dean of FECHD was just announced as Dr. Allyson Julé. The School of Business and the School of Computing are now the only areas in the Faculty of Professional Studies. Their new Dean is Chris Schinckus. Frank Z. from the School of Computing advised that the Faculty of Professional Studies' new name will be decided in March. Agriculture will be joining the Faculty of Science as a new department as of May 1, 2022.
- Reminder that the University Review Committee is looking for one Science member and one Alternate member. Deadline for nominations is January 17.

<b>ACTION:</b> Lucy and Janice will put together a list of key personnel changes to share with the faculty.
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6.2. **Advising** - Karen Cooper

The Advisors are still dealing with students changing their grade to a credit; and continue to work on grads for the fall.

6.3. **BSc Committee** - Stan Manu

Nothing to report.

6.4. **Indigenization and EDI**

Stefania reminded faculty how they can put captions on their recordings through myMedia on Blackboard. Open the video; click on actions, click caption options; then hit submit. Kseniya uses YouTube and it adds closed captioning automatically.

6.5. **Senate**

Senate's last meeting was November. Updates were reported at December's SFC meeting. Jonathan reiterated the great news that the Centre for High Pressure Research was approved at Senate.

6.6. **Students**

Manveer advised that students are concerned as faculty are regarding the lack of advance on communication.

**6.7. Other Reports**

- **UFV March Sustainability Events** - Stefania shared a series of events that she is co-organizing for March with the Office of Sustainability.

Tentative schedule:

- March 2 - Pollinator Garden and Wildlife Protection
- March 9 - Repair Fair
- March 16 - Spring e-clean and recycling
- March 23 - Earth Day
- March 30 - Sustainability Career Fair

If you would like to get involved and/or email ideas please contact Stefania. Alan R. advised that Trades has a welding instructor who has a plasma cutter if needed.

- **Science Rocks** - Robin announced that Science Rocks Days will be continuing this semester, but the dates have all changed due to the pandemic coupled with the next few weeks being online. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a faculty on call for one of the days, please contact Robin. Link to new schedule:  
<https://www.ufv.ca/science/science-in-the-community/science-rocks/science-rocks-days/>
- **The Centre for High Pressure Research** has been established by the decision of Senate. If anyone interested in High Pressure Research and would like to get involved, please contact Noham W.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 7.1.** The University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the **Transfer Credit (#107) policy**, regulations, and procedures. Please submit your comments to [policyconsult@ufv.ca](mailto:policyconsult@ufv.ca) by the deadline of 4 pm, February 4th, 2022.

**8. ADJOURN - 2:53 PM**