

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**
Friday, April 1, 2022

Chair:	Lucy Lee, Dean
Present (In Person):	Ian Affleck, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Janice Nagtegaal, Alan Reid, Ben Vanderlei
Present (Virtual):	Carolyn Atkins, Jennifer Barrett, James Bedard, Cory Beshara, Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Jeff Chizma, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Garaschuk, Sandra Gillespie, Jen Hetherington, Longlong Huang, J Hughes, Manveer Jhamat, Alida Janmaat, Jesper Johansen, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Heather Kelly, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Carlos Leon, Hongfei Li, Olav Lian, Lin Long, Cindy Loten, Stan Manu, Mariano Mapili, Steve Marsh, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzinski, Afia Raja, Fabiola Rojas, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Tony Stea, Jason Thomas, Jane Webb, Noham Weinberg, Frank Zhang
Regrets:	David Chu
Recorder:	Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1. Sandeep Hans**, Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion was in attendance. She shared her background and what brought her to UFV. She shared her EDI strategy with faculty council. Workshops continue to be available for faculty as well as one off training with departments. Discussion followed. Faculty were invited to contact her anytime at sandeep.hans@ufv.ca.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

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

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - March 4, 2022

Lucy advised that the Chemistry motion was sent to UEC and will be addressed at their next meeting on April 22, 2022.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of March 4, 2022 as presented.
Stefania P. / 2nd Afia R.; all in favour; approved.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1. Indigenization and the Sciences

- Lucy advised Faculty Council that the Indigenous Scientist position has been put on hold. The search will begin again in September. Discussion followed.
- A discussion group focusing on Indigenization within the Faculty of Science is being formed. It will be led by Stefania and Ian. More information to follow.
- A suggestion was made that an Indigenous Coordinator for the Sciences could be a helpful addition to our faculty.
- Stefania shared a link to Indigenous perspectives in STEM and STEAM opening doors for all <https://www.indigesteam.ca/>.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision: Nothing to Report.

5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: Nothing to Report.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy encouraged faculty to attend Science Faculty Council in person again. Discussion followed.
- She provided an update to the Masters of Science in Integrated Science and Technology (MIST). The original proposal was turned down in 2019 by the Ministry. The time limit to respond with comments has since passed and now needs to be resubmitted. She asked faculty if there was still interest to continue. Noham will prepare a summary of the MIST program and circulate to faculty to see if there is interest in forming a new group to brainstorm and move forward.
- Lucy shared that she will be giving licensing rights to some of her fish cell lines to the Faculty of Science as an endowment that will help fund activities related to research.
- Our science students did very well at UFV's Student Research Day on March 31. <https://www.ufv.ca/research/students/student-research-day/2022-award-recipients/>
- Lucy advised she will be away the week after Easter. In her absence, Ian will be the Acting Dean.

6.2. Advising - Karen Cooper

Nothing to report.

6.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

Nothing to report.

6.4. Indigenization and EDI

Nothing further to report.

6.5. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Jonathan Hughes

Nothing to report.

6.6. Students - Heather Kelly | Manveer Jhamat

Nothing to report.

6.7. Other Reports

March for Sustainability was a huge success. Thank you to Stefania Pizzirani and her team in making it happen.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. Join the Giving Days Webinar - Getting to Know the Faculty of Science - Tuesday, April 5 from 7-8 pm via Zoom. Hear from Dr. Lucy Lee, Dr. Stefania Pizzirani, and science student, Connor Frey as they update you on the goals, hopes, and their passion behind what they do and what they are learning. Please register for this event through https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UIEaVeylSLKRABu1wpy9gw

7.2. Agriculture Technology Open House, Wednesday, April 6 from 5-7 PM in the Agriculture Centre of Excellence and see the hands-on learning aspects of their programs at UFV's agriculture facilities (greenhouses, teaching barn, outdoor classroom, and lab. Please reserve your space in advance through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ufv-agriculture-technology-open-house-tickets-288004287577>

7.3. Save the date! **UFV PD Day** is May 12-13. For more information visit: <https://ufv.ca/pd-day/>.

7.4. Departments/Schools are invited to submit nominations for their best research student. Deadline to nominate is Monday, May 2 for the following awards: Industry Engagement Research Award (research involving an industry partner); Community Service Research Award (research involving a community service agency); Indigenous Research Award (an Indigenous research project). Questions can be directed to Deborah.Block@ufv.ca.

7.5. The upcoming **Canadian Council of Deans of Science** (CCDS) meeting is being hosted by the Faculty of Science at UFV from May 27-29.

7.6. Senate approved the **Graduate Course & Program Approval (209) Policy** at their March 18, 2022 meeting. The updated policy and procedures can be found on the Secretariat policy website: <https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/policies/>.

7.7. Monthly reports to the Provost from the Faculty of Science can be found here: <https://ufv.ca/science/deans-office/monthly-department-highlights/>. If you have news to share, please email Caroline so it can be included on our next report.

8. ADJOURN - 3:00 PM