

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, October 7, 2022 - D123

Chair: Lucy Lee, Dean

Present: Ian Affleck, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Lauren Erland, Rhien Hare, Anna Kuczynska,
(In person) Jed Mamish, Stan Manu, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Fabiola Rojas, Jake Spooner, Ben Vanderlei, Natallia Varankovich

Present: Carolyn Atkins, Jennifer Barrett, Nathan Bialas, Alida Janmaat, Ruwan Karunanayaka,
(Virtual) Hongfei Li, Justin Lee, Tadhg O’Leary, Talha Qadri, Greg Schmaltz, Jason Thomas,

Regrets: Olav Lian, Lin Long, Frank Zhang

Recorder: Janice Nagtegaal | Minutes: Caroline Majeau

1. WELCOME

1.1. Katie Tuck, Chief Information Officer

Katie came to UFV 18 months ago so was invited to share her background and experience with the faculty as well as providing updates within ITS and their upcoming projects. One major project coming next year is a website redesign to support the Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) Plan. She explained the use of the new YubiKeys which allows an extra level of online security. Questions followed. It was requested that an IT contact be assigned to the Faculty of Science to help with inquiries. Kate offered to send Lucy information on various contact avenues that are already in place to share with faculty.

1.2 Lucy welcomed the new Student Representatives for Science Faculty council for 2022/2023, Rhien Hare and Jed Mamish.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of UFV’s Chief Information Officer, Katie Tuck as a guest.

Alan R. / 2nd Vanessa R.; all in favour; adopted.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - September 9, 2022

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of September 9, 2022 as presented.

Ben V. / 2nd Afia R.; all in favour; approved.

3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

Renee spoke to agenda items **3.1-3.5** (AGRI 237, 239, 256, 328, 331) and provided the rationale for the proposed changes.

3.1. AGRI 237: Introduction to the Health and Nutrition of Farm Animals (6-year review)

3.2. AGRI 239: Management and Production of Beef, Sheep, and Goats (6-year review)

3.3. AGRI 256: Management and Production of Poultry and Swine (6-year review)

3.4. AGRI 328: Forage Crop Production: Science & Practice (6-year review)

3.5. AGRI 331: Dairy Production and Management: Science & Practice (6-year review)

OMNIBUS MOTION:

THAT Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to AGRI 237, AGRI 239, AGRI 256, AGRI 328 and AGRI 331 as presented.

Alan R. / 2nd Afia R.; all in favour; approved.

3.6. GEOG/GDS 340: Geographies of Poverty and Development (6-year review)

MOTION:

THAT Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to GEOG/GDS 340 as presented.

Vanessa R. / 2nd Afia R.; all in favour; approved.

3.7. FSCC Terms of Reference

The FSCC Terms of Reference have been revised to include Agriculture Technology as a voting member.

MOTION:

THAT Science Faculty Council approve the updates to the Faculty of Science Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Vanessa R.; 2nd Ian A.; all in favour; approved.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: N/A

5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS: N/A

6. REPORTS

6.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy reminded faculty/staff that if you are requesting a leave of absence or a reduction in workload, you must provide all appropriate information to HR.
- Budget update: Proposed numbers for student intake for the fall has decreased which appears to be the same within other faculties.

- Space: There continues to be a lot of renovations happening on campus but nothing for the FoS. If you require renovations (other than Chemistry), please submit your request through the website: <https://www.ufv.ca/campusplanning/space-planning/>.

6.2. Indigenization and EDI

The Science Curriculum Indigenization Gathering (SCIG) met on September 16. Ian emailed out the summary. There are other events scheduled for October that will take the place of the next SCIG:

- Oct 19 @ 4PM - Dr. Dwayne Donald, President's Leadership Lecture Series. Register through Eventbrite by Oct 13.
- Oct 12 @ 11:30-12:30 on Zoom, Kyra Garson from TRU "Intercultural Learning in the Classroom: What can Faculty Do? ". Part of a series of events to build community across cultures.

Ian will ask Caroline to forward the email with more information on these events.

Stan Manu advised that his term on the Senate Indigenization Committee ended last summer. Lucy will follow up on a new science representative.

6.3. Advising - Karen Cooper

- The Advising office will continue with the hybrid remote model. Appointments are available in person, phone, and virtually.
- They have begun planning for their winter events such as the meet and greet.
- Academic resources for students: Karen had contacted the Academic Success Centre and was happy to report that several students from the sciences are as peer tutors.

6.4. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

It has been a challenge to get the committee together. The committee is comprised of one representative from each of the disciplines. It's difficult to work with a missing representative. An issue was brought forward regarding the MATH 1XX and has been shared with the other representatives. They were instructed to take it back to their disciplines and bring feedback to the next BSc Committee meeting. The committee is hoping to meet within the next couple of weeks.

6.5. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

Pedro provided updates from September's Senate meeting. The SEM Plan was endorsed by Senate. There was one general area that was discussed – the mental health of the staff.

6.6. Library Advisory Council - Grant Fritzke

- Report was included in the agenda package.

6.7. Library - Hongfei Li

- Report was included in the agenda package

6.8. Students – Rhien Hare | Jed Mamish

A faculty member shared an incident that happened to a student earlier in the day regarding accommodation in the classroom. Lucy reiterated that if a student requires accommodation that it is up to the student to petition the Centre for Accessibility and

they will inform the faculty member. She then asked the student representatives and faculty to remind students that there are processes that they need to follow.

6.9. Other Reports

- Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development – Anna provided an update from FECHD. Dr. James Mandigo was a guest and shared that UFV expects to see a 20% increase in enrollments over the next 10 years. Discussion followed.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1.** Nominations for the Faculty Excellence Awards, in teaching, research, and service are open now until December 2, 2022. More details can be found here: ufv.ca/faculty-excellence.
- 7.2.** HR Learning Series Workshops: List of upcoming workshops included the agenda package.
- 7.3.** UFV is now the first [Age-Friendly University \(AFU\) in British Columbia](#), joining eight existing AFU Canadian universities in this growing global network of academic institutions. Open House Oct 5 | 4-6 PM, K170 patio to celebrate designation with community members.
- 7.4.** Policy 111: Tuition and Mandatory Fees Waivers, Employee (formally Tuition Fees, University Personnel) has been revised and approved. The updated policy can be found here: <https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/policies/>.
- 7.5.** 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 – 2:10 PM

ACTION ITEMS		
Caroline	Forward email to council with more information on the events Ian mentioned regarding Community-building across cultures.	DONE
Lucy	Follow up on Science Rep to replace Stan Manu on the Senate Indigenization Committee	Stefania Pizzirani