

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Friday, December 1, 2023 - D213

Chair:	Michael Hitch, Dean
Present (In Person):	Ian Affleck, Sanchit Arora, Cory Beshara, Margret Bollerup, Almaz Butaev, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Cherie Enns, Lauren Erland, Ali Fotouhi, Grant Fritzke, Semir Hasic, Longlong Huang, Alida Janmaat, Olav Lian, Cindy Loten, Stan Manu, Mariano Mapili, Steve Marsh, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Kathy Peet, Stefania Pizzirani, Renee Prasad, Talha Qadri, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Mitra Tabatabaee, Marina Turlakis, Ben Vanderlei, Debbie Wheeler, Frank Zhang, Dylan Ziegler
Present (Virtual):	Nathan Bialas, Sandra Gillespie, J Hughes, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee
Regrets:	Carolyn Atkins, Yvonne Dzal, Kseniya Garaschuk, Dina Navon, Lenore Newman
Recorder:	Caroline Majeau

1. WELCOME, TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND GUESTS

- 1.1. Dr. Claire Carolan**, Associate Director, Program Development and Quality Assurance presented on curricular efficiency and processes. They will be restructuring the current 10-year program review schedule for the Faculty of Science and work out from there. They are using a curriculum mapping tool which has been tailored for use in BC that maps to the ministry degree level standards and ILOs. Courses are mapped to the ministry standards and shows what the gaps are in the program. Questions can be directed to Claire at Claire.Carolan@ufv.ca, Room B314d.
- 1.2. Dr. James Mandigo**, Acting President and Vice-Chancellor
- A summit was held with the local school districts across the Fraser Valley to discuss students' transition from high school into post secondary. Due to the declining transition rates, they are looking at ways to align the transition to make it much smoother. Five areas that were identified to work on: supporting Indigenous learners, supporting learners from marginalized communities, more opportunities for dual credit, assessment practices, and type of pedagogy that we use in our programming. UFV will be hosting a workshop in February and invite teachers from the high schools in area which will tie in with their professional development.
 - He provided updates on the construction on campus (dining hall and 400-bed student housing). The Mission Campus is nearing completion and the Campus master planning for the Chilliwack has begun. T-Building will be removed next year, there will not be additional extensions from the City of Abbotsford. The campus master plan that UFV submitted to the Government made the life science building a number one priority.
 - He thanked everyone who contributed to Giving Tuesday; \$38,000 was raised for the Student Foodbank.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted by consensus.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - November 3, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of November 3, 2023 as presented.

Approved by consensus.

3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

3.1. Direct entry of BSc students in majors/minors

Ben presented the recommendation from FSCC to strike the 30-credit requirement and remove the wording "all credits attempted" as this is already in practice. It was also recommended that the departments take this opportunity to look at their specific discipline requirements to see if any updates could be made. Discussion followed.

MOTION:

THAT the Faculty of Science Committee approve the remove the 30-credit requirement and modify the GPA requirement to remove the words "on credits attempted".

Stefania P. / 2nd Alan R.; 2 abstentions; carried.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: Nothing to report.

5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS – N/A

6. REPORTS

6.1. Dean's Report - Michael Hitch

- The budget requests have been submitted. Michael will share the outcome once it has been made public.
- A new document will be developed in the new year which will represent who we are as a faculty. This will be used to help find industry money. He will be looking for input from everyone to help develop.
- Michael will be working with the Heads to develop a new way of looking at Promotion and Tenure. Academic competency framework for the faculty will be developed.

6.2. Advising - Karen Cooper

Nothing to report.

6.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu, Chair

Greg Schmaltz provided updates from the meeting held on Nov 28. The committee discussed the MATH 121 and the new institutional ILOs. The committee will meet again in January.

6.4. Indigenization

- Ian thanked everyone who contributed to the November 15 event. He has received positive feedback from the teachers who attended with their students.
- Stefania encouraged faculty to get on the waitlist for the next Allyship program that launched this year. Email PARC@ufv.ca for more information.
- On November 17, J co-lead a field trip with the Sts'ailes Community School to look at the Chehalis River watershed and made some connections and will continue to engage the community school.

6.5. EDI - J Hughes

Carolyn MacLaren and others from Continuing Education are working on a SIF EDI project and are looking to form an Advisory Committee. They are exploring creating programs to help train people and find ideas around EDI. She will be meeting with Satwinder Bains and discuss what the FSA is doing. J continues to build connections with other departments on campus to understand what other groups are doing in EDI. If anyone is interested in getting involved or would like more details, contact J at j.hughes@ufv.ca.

ACTION: J will email more information to Caroline to share with the committee.

6.6. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

Nathan provided updates from the last senate meeting.

6.7. Students - Sanchit Arora | Semir Hasic

Science Student Centre: Semir contacted the Biology Chemistry Student Association regarding the possibility of using the Science Centre space for drop ins with faculty. Since it is a public space for students it was decided the space wasn't feasible. Discussion followed. It was suggested to book a room through room bookings and hold drop ins once or twice per month. Chemistry is on board. Next step will be to reach out to the Biology faculty and see if there is any interest.

6.8. Other Reports

Nothing to report.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. 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.

7.2. As part of a six-week consultation, the University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Policy (#236) previously named Prevention, Education, and Response to Sexualized Violence, please review the attached documents. Please submit your comments to policyconsult@ufv.ca by the deadline of 4 pm Friday, Jan 5th, 2024.

8. ADJOURNED: 3:10 PM