

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Friday, February 2, 2024 - D122

Chair:	Ian Affleck, Associate Dean
Present: (In Person):	Ian Affleck, Randal Arsenault, Margret Bollerup, Almaz Butaev, Jeff Chizma, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Cherie Enns, Lauren Erland, Ali Fotouhi, Longlong Huang, Olav Lian, Lin Long, Mariano Mapili, Steve Marsh, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Caroline Majeau, Lenore Newman, Kathy Peet, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Scott Shupe, Mitra Tabatabaee, Jason Thomas, Ben Vanderlei.
Present: (Virtual):	James Bedard, Jennifer Barrett, Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Yvonne Dzal, Kseniya Garaschuk, Sandra Gillespie, Semir Hasic, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Stan Manu, Gillian Mimmack, Jake Spooner, Debbie Wheeler, Frank Zhang, Dylan Ziegler.
Guest:	Claire Carolan, Associate Director, Program Development and Quality Assurance Office
Regrets:	Michael Hitch, Sanchit Arora, Carolyn Atkins, Cory Beshara, Grant Fritzke, J Hughes, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Marina Tourlakis.
Recorder:	Janice Nagtegaal

1. **WELCOME, TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

2. **AGENDA and MINUTES**

2.1. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as revised:

- Move 3. Discussion/Decision after FSCC items
- Move 4.2., 4.3., 4.4., under 5. FSCC For Information.

Almaz B / 2nd Alan R; carried.

2.2. **Approval of the Minutes – December 1, 2023**

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of December 1, 2023, as presented.

Stefania P / Almaz B; carried.

3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

3.1. Proposed revision to Biology declaration requirements

MOTION:

THAT the Faculty of Science Committee approve the revisions to the Biology declaration requirements, as presented
Almaz B / 2nd Greg S; carried.

3.2. Proposal for new course GEOG 320: Sustainable Transportation

It was noted the course should be 3 credits, not 4 credits.

MOTION:

THAT the Faculty of Science Committee approve the GEOG 320: Sustainable Transportation as a new course, as revised.
Alan R / 2nd Almaz B; carried.

3.3. Program proposal for GIS Associate Certificate

A discussion took place, and it was noted that the name of this certificate should differentiate it more from the current GIS certificate. Applied GIS Associate Certificate was suggested.

3.4. Proposal for new course GEOG 352: GIS for Built Environment

It was noted that the course number will have to be changed as GEOG 352 is already a course that was discontinued.

3.5. Proposal for new course GEOG 359: Geography Information Systems (GIS) for Business

OMNIBUS MOTION:

THAT the Faculty of Science Committee approve the Applied GIS Associate Certificate, the new course GEOG 352 (with a different number), and the new GEOG 359, with the noted revisions.
Stefania P / 2nd Cherie E; 6 abstentions; carried.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information

4.1. Proposed revision to GEOG 105: Natural Hazards and Hollywood (6-year review)

4.2. Proposed revision to GEOG 111: Environmental Issues and Strategies (6-year review)

4.3. Proposed revision to GEOG 233: Geography of a Selected Region (6-year review)

5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

5.1. Suspension of Geoscience Programs

The proposed suspension of the Geoscience programs came to the Science Faculty Council for consultation. The Council reviewed the documentation and discussed it.

- 5.2. **Student Accountability**
Tabled to a future meeting.

6. **REPORTS**

- 6.1. **Dean's Report** - Michael Hitch
No report
- 6.2. **Advising** - Karen Cooper
No report
- 6.3. **BSc Committee** - Stan Manu, Chair
No report
- 6.4. **Indigenization**
No report
- 6.5. **EDI** - J Hughes
No report
- 6.6. **Senate** - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas
No report
- 6.7. **Students** - Sanchit Arora | Semir Hasic
No report
- 6.8. **Other Reports**
No report

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 7.1. Program change to the Agriculture Technology Diploma (Email Vote: Jan 3-11, 2024)

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the addition of a new field of specialization in the Agriculture Technology Diploma as amended.

Renee P. / 2nd Jason T.; 45 in favour; 0 against; 0 abstentions; approved.

- 7.2. 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 science@ufv.ca so it can be included in our next report.

8. **ADJOURNED: 3:00 PM**