

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, May 24, 2024 – 1:00 PM

Room D213 or online

Chair:

Michael Hitch, Dean

In Person Attendance:

Cory Beshara, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Sharon Gillies, Michael Hitch, Daniel Iwama, Caroline Majeau, Steve Marsh, Serhii Myroshnychenko, Stefania Pizzirani, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzimski, Gregory Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Marina Turlakis, Ben Vanderlei, Debbie Wheeler

Virtual Attendance:

Ian Affleck, Randal Arsenault, Carolyn Atkins, Jennifer Barrett, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chang, Yvonne Dzal, Cherie Enns, Kseniya Garaschuk, J Hughes, Alida Janmaat, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Cynthia Loten, Gilliam Mimmack, Frank Zhang

Guest(s):

None

Regrets:

Ruwan Karunanayaka, Sanchit Arora, Semir Hasic, Lauren Erland, Alan Reid, Longlong Huang

Recorder(s):

Alison Reeves, Janice Nagtegaal

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Michael welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the academic year.

Michael welcomed Alison Reeves, the new Academic Communications Coordinator

Michael welcomed Daniel Iwama (before awesome achievement awards), Daniel is the new Planning, Geography and Environmental Studies faculty.

Michael congratulated Vanessa Radzimski (before awesome achievement awards) for being the Teacher Excellence award winner for 2024.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: That the Faculty Council approve the agenda as presented.

1st Ben Vanderlei, 2nd Jennifer Barrett. All in Favour; Carried

2.2. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2024

MOTION: That the Faculty Council approved the minutes of the April 26, 2024, meeting as presented.

1st Ben Vanderlei, 2nd Jennifer Barrett. All in Favour; Carried

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3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) – Ben Vanderlei

For Decision: **None**

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For Information: **None**

5. DECISIONS

5.1. MSc Biotechnology & Sustainability – Lauren Erland

Discussion re: grammatical / reading issues that need to be addressed, approval process, statistics included, sustainability meaning, and workload impacts.

MOTION: That the Faculty Council approves and supports moving forward with the proposed concept paper with amendments.

1st Stefania Pizzirani, 2nd Dina Navon with amendments. 2 Abstained; Carried.

5.2. Terms of Reference for Science Indigenization Committee

Discussion followed, noted that committee's decisions are made by consensus not by number of votes.

MOTION: That the Faculty Council approves the Science Indigenization Committee's Terms or Reference as presented.

1st Marina Turlakis. 2nd Stefania Pizzirani. All in Favour; Carried.

6. DISCUSSIONS

6.1. Policy 46 - [Instructional-Responsibilities-\(46\).pdf \(ufv.ca\)](#)

Discussion: comments provided, further comments: send to Greg.

7. AWESOME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Awesome Achievement – Serhii Myroshnychenko

Terrific Teaching – Marina Turlakis

Remarkable Research – Dina Navon

Outstanding Outreach – Jake Spooner

Superb Service Faculty – Greg Schmaltz

Superb Service Staff – Stephanie Laframboise

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8. APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Deans Medal Winner: Ronald Balagtas

Faculty Council Meetings perfect attendance awards (5) were given out

See welcome section for other acknowledgements

9. REPORTS

9.1. Dean's Report – Michael Hitch

- Program 150 – FSA has met and Deans Council still working on it.
- Timetabling – Infrastructure and timetable conflicts
- Convocation - June 11 @ 9:30 am, approximately 2800 graduates for university.
 - Please attend, tents will be available outside in the Alumni Celebration area
- University Overall
- Student Success Working Group

9.2. Advising – Karen Cooper

- 190 Graduates for convocation
- Graduates from every program this year
- International student numbers not available
- # of domestic students is up (over 800 admitted or conditionally admitted for September)
- Course planning sessions for new students begins end of May – registration begins mid-June

9.3. BSc Committee – Stan Manu – No Report

9.4. Indigenization

- Ian has reached out local school districts to collaborate on events

9.5. EDI – J Hughes

- Many local community events over the summer everyone is encouraged to check those out

9.6. Senate – Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

- Presentation of growth from James and Joanne
- Berry Centre Approval and approvals of number of programs

9.7. Student – Sanchit Arora | Semir Hasic – No Report

9.8. Other Reports - None

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1. 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 science@ufv.ca to have it included in the next report.

11. ADJOURN – 2:50 pm

Next Meeting: September 6, 2024 @ 1:00 PM, Room TBD