

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Friday, February 6, 2015, 1pm – Room A266

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ali Fotouhi	Cynthia Loten	Etienne Dreyer	Jeff Chizma	Paul Franklin
Allan Arndt	Darlene Carson	Gabriel Murray	Karen Cooper	Pauleen Nuite
Ben Vanderlei	David Chu	Gillian Mimmack	Kevin Hegeman	Ron Wilen
Camilo Martinez	David Fenske	Greg Schlitt	Lin Long	Stan Manu
Carolyn Atkins	David Harper	Gregory Schmaltz	Nathan Bialas	Steve Marsh
Christine Dalton	Derek Harnett	Ian Affleck	Nicole Klassen	
Cory Beshara	Edward Lo	Jane Webb	Noham Weinberg	

REGRETS: Awneet Sivia, Beth Gillespie, Carmen Herman, Debbie Wheeler, Erik Talvila, Grant Fritzke, Susan Milner, Wendy Gracey

RECORDER: Angie Reid

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Maureen Wideman, Accessibility Advisory Committee

- The Accessibility Advisory Committee meets about 4 times a year.
- 1 in 7 people in Canada has a disability. Over 900 UFV students are registered with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC).
- Important terms:
 - Accessibility: ensures access to materials, courses, buildings, etc. to all people
 - Accommodation: an alteration to enable a student to gain access
 - Modification: changes to the curriculum in order for someone to achieve outcomes
 - Universal design: considers people with a wide range of characteristics (age, gender, disability, ethnicity, etc.) when designing educational environments and curriculums
- UFV accommodates, but does not modify. We do not change outcomes for a student, they must be able to achieve it.
- Language is very important. When speaking of students with disabilities, always put the person first. Example: the student who is blind *not* the blind student. Also, do not use terms like “confined” or “bound” when speaking about wheelchairs. Wheelchairs are liberating and should only be talked about with positive terms. Terms that devalue people with disabilities should also be avoided. Examples are crippled, handicapped, suffers from, and afflicted.
- Accessibility is everyone’s job, not just the DRC’s. Faculty and staff should keep accessibility in mind when designing all course and student materials. Designing accessible courses is not more work, it is merely a different approach.
- How can an instructor make a course accessible?
 - Use videos with captions.
 - Have all documents in Word because these are more compatible with screen readers than PDF.
 - Use the style tools in Word for headings instead of changing the font. Screen readers can recognize headings this way.

ACTION: Invite the DRC to a future meeting. – Lucy L.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

AMENDMENT: Addition of item 5.4 Education Plan Task Force

Moved by Greg S. / 2nd by Stan M. Carried.

2.2 Approval of the Minutes – Jan. 9, 2015

Moved by Greg S. / 2nd by Allan A. Carried

3. DEAN'S REPORT

Faculty Representation

- Many institutional decisions are initiated by committees so Science faculty representation is crucial.
- There has not been a Science representative on the Senate Budget Committee since 2010.
- Watch for call-outs for positions on Senate, Board of Governors, and other committees. Noham's position on Senate is ending soon so his seat will be available.
- There was no Science nominations for the Teaching and Research Excellence Award that the dean is aware of.

Participation at Events

- We need more participation in events, especially student events. For outreach events, faculty should show support by attending the opening and closing event. In addition to attending the events, they should be announced in class.
- Check the blog regularly to see what events are occurring. It would be beneficial to make students aware of the blog at the beginning of the semester as well.
- Etienne's London International Youth Science Forum presentation was poorly attended. However, the president was in attendance and was impressed. He may ask Etienne to speak at Board of Governors. Attendance in Greenspeak events are also decreasing, which is problematic because these are invited guests and greater participation is desirable.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Role of Limited Term Appointments at Faculty Council

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve of the revised Faculty Council Terms of Reference as presented.

Moved by Ron W. / 2nd by Jane W. Carried. 1 abstained.

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Copyright Act and Blackboard

- Despite our original thoughts, Blackboard falls under copyright laws so only 10% of a published work may be posted. Links to complete works are permitted.
- FIPPA states that students cannot be forced to put information on foreign servers, including US servers, which includes Facebook and the Cloud.

ACTION: Invite Martin Warkentin to a future meeting. – Lucy L.

5.2 Indigenization Initiatives in Science

- The Strategic Enrollment Management Plan and the Education Plan lists indigenization initiatives as a priority.
- Science has outreach programs with indigenization efforts, such as the Science Rocks camps, but the university wants more course and research initiatives. If you are part of such an initiative, please tell Lucy.

ACTION: Forward UBC's Aboriginal Math Symposium information to Angie for circulation. – Stan M.

5.3 UFV Vision 2025

- Ian A. is on the committee. They are currently brainstorming and reading the literature. Ian will forward the reading list to anyone who asks for it.

ACTION: Find out who is on the list of representatives. – Lucy L.

5.4 Education Plan Task Force

- The task force consists of one dean, a few administrators, and a number of faculty, staff, and students. Ian A. accepted Eric Davis' invitation to join the task force.

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 REPORTABLE CHANGES (omnibus)

6.1.1 Physical Geography Honours – Removing GEOG 417

6.1.2 COMP 381 – Revisions including prerequisites and calendar description

- Gabe M. reported that his department has asked to keep the maximum enrollment at 35. FSCC had asked for it to be 36.

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve of COMP 381 with the noted amendment and forward to UEC Screening Subcommittee.

AMENDMENT: Change maximum enrollment to 35.

Moved by Gabe M. / 2nd by Cindy L. Carried. 1 abstained.

6.2 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES – N/A

7. REPORTS

7.1 Teaching, Service, and Scholarship Committee

- Standards were approved at the last meeting.

ACTION: Forward to Standards Committee. – Lucy L.

7.2 Senate – No report.

7.3 Science Advice Centre

- The deadline for grad applications is near. Please prompt senior students to see an advisor and apply to graduate.
- Upcoming pharmacy information session on Feb. 26 at 5:30.

7.4 Faculty of Health Sciences

- Currently going through the rank and tenure process.
- The Dean received money from the innovation fund for a program called Healthy You. 4-5 programs are being developed, most of which will be delivered to the public. These may occur at the Chilliwack 5 Corners campus.
- There is 2 KPE faculty members applying for an internationalization fund for a trip to Costa Rica.
- David H. is leaving tomorrow for the University of Adelaide in Australia. He will be presenting his bio-diet research and discussing student and faculty exchange and research collaboration opportunities. David will report on his trip at the next Faculty Council.

7.5 General Studies Committee

- Written report attached to agenda package.
- Thematic options are not scripted. Students gather courses and propose a theme they wish to pursue.

7.6 Other Reports

- Louden Singletree had a Reading for Science event. Etienne was the only science student in attendance. The Dean's Office had not been notified of the event so it was not featured in the blog. In the future, be sure Angie or Melinda are aware of such events.
- The Chilliwack 5 Corners campus is a bookable space. The campus is primarily used by UUP. The building was donated by BMO and CEPCO and is located in downtown Chilliwack. There is pay and free parking in the area.
- Applications for the London International Youth Science Forum are still being accepted. More applications are needed.
- The new Student Union Building (SUB) will be ready in March and occupation will begin in Summer. The official opening will be in Fall.
- Lucy would like to have a student research feature event in the SUB before it opens. This would be scheduled in April near the poster event. Science Research Day has been moved to April 8.
- A recent change by the government now allows universities to charge tuition for ABE and UUP courses. UFV has decided that we will be charging tuition, but the amount is not yet set.
- Business applied for funding from the Discovery Foundation to set up a program for entrepreneur support. Any UFV member or resident of the Fraser Valley with a business idea can apply to this program. If accepted, the person would receive mentorship and assistance with launching their business. If the Discovery Foundation funds this program, it will start in the Fall and most likely occur at the Chilliwack 5 Corners campus.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Upcoming Research Events, including Publication Celebration

8.2 Policy Updates:

- 8.2.1 Academic Renewal (224) Approved – Effective Mar. 1
- 8.2.2 Adjunct Faculty, Research Associates and Visiting Scholars (197) Approved – Effective Jan. 27
- 8.2.3 Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment Prevention (18) Approved – Effective Jan. 27
- 8.2.4 Safe Disclosure (223) New Policy Approved – Effective Jan. 6
- 8.2.5 Rescind Change in Program Content (68) and Placement (83) – Feedback due Feb. 20
- 8.2.6 Gift Acceptance (new) – Feedback due Feb. 20

8.3 Pharmacy Information Session – Feb. 26 at 5:30 in B132

UBC presenting

9. ADJOURN

Moved by Steve M. / 2nd by Etienne D.

Next Meeting March 6, 2015 at 1pm - Room A266

Science News & Events – blogs.ufv.ca/science