

## SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

### Approved Minutes

Friday, February 8, 2013

1:00pm - Room B132

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CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ali Fotouhi	Daniel Harris	James Bedard	Noham Weinberg
Allan Arndt	Darlene Carson	Jane Webb	Richard Wong
Camilo Martinez	David Fenske	Jason Ho	Rilla Apostolakis
Carmen Herman	Derek Harnett	Joss Ives	Ron Wilen
Christine Dalton	Gillian Mimmack	Karen Cooper	Stan Manu
Cory Beshara	Gregory Schmaltz	Karina Chow	Steve Marsh
Cynthia Loten	Ian Affleck	Leon (Lixin) Pan	Tim Cooper

REGRETS: Awneet Sivia (On Leave); Godwin Choy (Sabbatical); David Chu (Sabbatical); Sharon Gillies (Sabbatical); Alida Janmaat (Sabbatical); Susan Milner (Sabbatical); Greg Schlitt (Sabbatical); Norm Taylor (Sabbatical)

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

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#### 1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

#### 2. AGENDA and MINUTES

##### 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for today's Faculty Council meeting be adopted as presented

*Moved by Dave F. /Seconded by Allan A. All in Favor. Carried.*

##### 2.2 Approval of the Minutes – January 11, 2013

MOTION: That the minutes of the January 11, 2013 Faculty Council meeting be approved as presented with the following change.

TYPO: Change "Olam Liam" to "Olav Lian"

*Moved by Steven M./Seconded by Jason H. All in Favor. Carried.*

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

##### 3.1 Scholarship, Service and Teaching

It was suggested that each department create their own document and for the committee to come up with some common guidelines.

Chemistry – Dave Fenske; Geography – Steve Marsh; Physics – Derek Harnett; Math – Cindy Loten;

Biology – Ron Wilen or Allan Arndt

##### 3.2 Centralized printing

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After speaking with the other Deans, it seems this issue is not prevalent in other faculties.

Tabled to next meeting.

#### 4. DISCUSSION and DECISION

##### 4.1 FSCC (Significant Changes)

###### 4.1.1 Biology

BIO 305, BIO 306, BIO 312 - Course reviews with changes.

BIO 380 – New Course – Ornithology

- ADDITION: Student will not be allowed to take BIO 421

###### 4.1.2 Mathematics and Statistics

STAT 106 - Course reviews with changes.

OMNIBUS MOTION: To accept the course reviews with changes to BIO 305, BIO 306, BIO 312, STAT 106 and the new course BIO 380 with suggested change, and forward to UEC.

*Moved by Dave F. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Allan A. 1 abstained. Carried.*

#### 5. Information Items

##### 5.1 Brazilian Students – Update on Research Projects

- Field trips must remain within Canada.
- Field trips will be allowed for credit but not as research.
- Carmen will be meeting with the students in the next couple of weeks.
- Please continue to make our foreign students feel welcome. Recruits will be visiting Brazil again.

##### 5.2 Strategic Research Plan – Updates

Suggestions/Comments deadline: March 15, 2013 [yvette.fairweather@ufv.ca](mailto:yvette.fairweather@ufv.ca)

- Discussion was had regarding the possibility of adding Molecular Sciences, Environmental sciences, and Ecology as part of this document.
- Molecular Sciences is a wide field that covers molecule related sciences including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Statistics, Math, and Computing Sciences.
- Faculty Council support is apparent.
- There may be more funding opportunities in the future if science is better represented.

ACTION: Add to next Faculty Council meeting for discussion and decision.

ACTION: Noham W. and Greg S. will submit documents for discussion at the next faculty council meeting.

##### 5.3 Policy Update – Undergraduate Directed Studies, Special Topics & Independent Study Courses

- The policy has been updated with the suggestions from sciences and the final version of the document will be forwarded to all when it becomes available.

#### 6. Other Reports

## 7. Dean's Report

- Annual Plan Reporting – thank you for the feedback, it is very useful.
- Research Excellence Award: Nominating Noham Weinberg
- Teaching Excellence Award: Nominating Joss Ives
- These award projects have been very rewarding. You can expect to see more recognition in the future.
- Research open house was a success and will plan to host this event every year. It showcases the work that science does and how little space we have. The more voices we have, the more to the forefront science becomes, the more resources will be available in the future.
- There are many exceptional Faculty and students within our faculty, please forward names of students to Lucy.
- Lab Instructors re: collective agreement - Each department please forward comments to Lucy - sorted by discipline.
- Upcoming Activities
  - Career Science Night – March 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair April 2-5 - Faculty interested in Judging on April 3rd, email Ron Wilen
  - Student Research Day – March 20<sup>th</sup> - Posters can be sent to Ron Wilen (deadline for submissions is March 14<sup>th</sup>) and those interested in Microlectures, email Yvette Fairweather
  - BC Regional Research Day - April 5<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Western University – If students are interested in volunteering – email Ron Wilen (Deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March).
  - London Youth Forum – would like to send another science student again this year – Timothy Richards attended last year's form and had represented UFV very well. This will be funded by the Dean's office.
  - Science Rendezvous – May 11<sup>th</sup> – more information to come.
- Early retirement – See email sent to UFV-all - Each department is to plan for the future regarding future staff replacements.
- SENATE BOARD – Tim will be stepping down from the board, it would be nice to have a representative from Science. Not sure when the “stay of enrolment” will be.

## 8. Adjourn – Next Meeting March 8, 2013 1pm Room B132

MOTION: To adjourn.

*Moved by Tim C. /2<sup>nd</sup> Stan M. All in favor. Carried.*