

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Friday, May 1, 2015, 2:30 pm – Room A266

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Allan Arndt	Darlene Carson	Grant Fritzke	Kathy Peet	Ron Wilen
Ben Vanderlei	David Fenske	Greg Schlitt	Lin Long	Stan Manu
Carolyn Atkins	David Harper	Jane Webb	Noham Weinberg	Tim Cooper
Colleen Gingerich	Derek Harnett	Jason Thomas	Norm Taylor	Wendy Gracey
Cynthia Loten	Gabriel Murray	Karen Cooper	Rilla Apostolakis	

REGRETS: Ali Fotouhi, Beth Gillespie, Camilo Martinez, Carmen Herman, Cory Beshara, David Chu, Debbie Wheeler, Erik Talvila, Etienne Dreyer, Gillian Mimmack, Gregory Schmaltz, Ian Affleck, James Bedard, Jeff Chizma, Joseph Yu, Nathan Bialas, Nigel Dance, Peter Mulhern, Robin Endelman, Sharon Gillies, Susan Milner

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Martin Warkentin, Copyright Librarian – Copyright Act

Copyright and Science – review of copyright act

- Copyright compliance is each individual's responsibility

<http://libguides.ufv.ca/OpenAccessandOpenEducationalResources>

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

ADD to discussion:

5.2 CIS Department move to Professional Studies

5.3 Salary Status of Lab Instructors

5.4 Workloads

Due to time constraints, discuss 6.2.1 before 5.0

Gabriel M./2nd Grant F. All in Favour. Carried.

2.2 Approval of the Minutes – March 27, 2015

Dave F./2nd Cindy L. All in favour. Carried.

3. DEAN'S REPORT

3.1 Annual Update

- Wendy and Melinda returned from their respective Ed Leaves and were welcomed back to the faculty
- Change in Department Heads
 - o Math & Stats - Ian Affleck replacing Cindy Loten
 - o Physics - Jeff Chizma replacing Derek Harnett
- Advisors –Science Advice, Arts Advice, and Student Services are merging and relocating to the new Student Union Building – all advisors are under a new umbrella.
- Faculty advisors – 4 previous releases, 2 releases for the upcoming year and 1 course release will be offered in future years
- Science Dean's office is moving into D203

- The Department of CIS has been moved to the Faculty of Professional Studies effective April 1. There are no program changes being made other than the reporting structure of the department going to the Dean of Professional Studies. The CIS Department has wider opportunities under the Professional Studies Faculty and we will continue our relationships with this department in a complementary and supportive role.
- The proposal for BSc Major in Biochemistry is proceeding through the program approval process
- Budget 2014/2015 – update – the Faculty of Science budget ended positively, with a small surplus of \$4500. This was possible thanks to international enrolments from CIS, and overall fiscal restraint within various areas, albeit Biology, Chemistry and Physics budgets ended in the negative
- 2015/2016 – budget changes
 - o Removal of CIS and Science Advising
 - o This will be a very tight year, however 2016/2017 looks promising as science programs continue to grow
- Retirements – Camilo Martinez (Math & Stats), Nigel Dance (Chemistry), Lesley Spier (Chemistry), Susan Milner (Math & Stats)
- New Babies - Cory Beshara and James Bedard welcomes new additions to their families.

3.2 Faculty of Science AAAwards

Awarded at the next meeting.

- A permanent plaque with previous winners will be posted near the dean's office

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Luminis Course Tools (attached).

Send Melinda a list of the tools you use in myUFV to be implemented by Blackboard by May 15th

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Faculty Standards Committee (FSC) Response to the Faculty of Science Criteria (attached)

MOTION: To withdraw the submission of Science Faculty Standards to Faculty Standards Committee and retain it as a Faculty of Science guideline for which each department uses to create their own document.

General consensus: That the Science Faculty Standards is a guidance document to be used internally and has already been approved by Science, and therefore departments may adopt the Science Faculty Standards and/or create their own departmental standards. Chemistry standards were approved by Faculty Council and will be forwarded to Senate.

Noham W./2nd Grant F. All in Favour. Approved.

Note: If departments are wishing to submit a document for the next Faculty Standards Committee meeting, (agenda deadline: May 25, 2015) an extraordinary meeting will have to be called.

5.2 CIS - Department move to Professional Studies

MOTION: The Faculty of Science Council is deeply concerned with the lack of consultations and rationale on this side of university administration in making its decision to move the CIS Department to the Faculty of Professional Studies and demands that the CIS department is affiliated with the Faculty of Science where it naturally belongs.

Discussion was had regarding the consultation process of moving CIS to the Faculty of Professional Studies and whether adequate discussions were held between the department, Faculty Council and management.

Noham W./2nd Derek H. 3 abstentions. 3 against. Carried.

5.3 SALARY AND STATUS OF LAB INSTRUCTORS

MOTION: That the Faculty of Science Council is deeply concerned with the lack of proper concern associated with lab instructors and in particular with their salaries and rank recognition and to urge administration to work with FSA to work toward their quick resolution.

Discussion was had regarding grandfathering, ranking of associate professors and lab instructors.

Noham W./2nd Tim C. 3 Abstentions. Carried.

5.4 WORKLOAD ISSUE FOR LAB SCIENCES

MOTION: That the Faculty of Science council is deeply concerned with lack of proper recognition by the university administration of the amount of work involved in teaching science labs and its attempts to increase faculty work load by decreasing the teaching credits given for labs.

Discussion was had regarding the potential changes to the workload for instruction of labs in the Faculty of Science and the impact on the quality of teaching in the future.

Noham/2nd Tim. 4 abstentions. Carried.

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) (attachments)

6.1 REPORTABLE

- 6.1.1 CHEM 110 – changes including description, pre-reqs, LOs, and hours
- 6.1.2 CHEM 113 – changes including description and LOs
- 6.1.3 CHEM 114 – 6 year review, changes including description and LOs
- 6.1.4 CHEM 213 – 6 year review, changes including hours, description, and LOs
- 6.1.5 CHEM 350 – 6 year review, changes including hours, descriptions, LOs, and texts

6.2 SIGNIFICANT

6.2.1 BSc Major – Computing Science

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the Major in Computing Science for the Bachelor of Science program as presented and forward to the next stage in the UEC approval process

Discussion:

- Potential conflicts with students in science versus students in professional studies
- Workloads – eventual cross-appointments between Professional studies and Science
- BSc Programs and course changes will go through science - CIS Programs and courses will go through Professional Studies. (Note: COMP courses will eventually be approved in Science once a COMP department has been created)
- Potential issues with Math courses that are already full – the proposal budgeted for the possibility of adding additional sections.

Gabriel M. /2nd Noham W. Approved.

7. REPORTS

- 7.1 Senate
 - 7.2 Science Advice Centre
 - 7.3 Faculty of Health Sciences
 - 7.4 General Studies Committee
 - 7.5 Student Reports
 - 7.6 Other Reports
- All reports Tabled to next meeting

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1 Policy Updates (attached):
 - 8.1.1 Change in Program Content (68) policy, effective May 1st
 - 8.1.2 Course Numbering (58) policy, effective May 1st
 - 8.1.3 Deletion of the Placement (83) policy, effective May 1st
- 8.2 Library Advisory Committee (LAC) – nominations due May 15th (attached)
- 8.3 Faculty of Science Social Media – Facebook like, share, follow, and tell your students! (attached)
PowerPoint slide available from Melinda.

9. ADJOURN

Tim C. /2nd Greg Schlitt

Next Meeting May 29, 2015 at 1 pm - Room A266.

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