

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, 1pm – Room A421

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ali Fotouhi	David Fenske	Ian McAskill	Lin Long	Robin Endelman
Ben Vanderlei	David Harper	James Bedard	Nathan Bialas	Ron Wilen
Carolyn Atkins	Etienne Dreyer	Jason Thomas	Nicole Klassen	Tim Cooper
Colleen Gingerich	Gillian Mimmack	Jeff Chizma	Noham Weinberg	
Cory Beshara	Grant Fritzke	Karen Cooper	Norm Taylor	
Cynthia Loten	Greg Schlitt	Kathy Peet	Pauleen Nuite	
Darlene Carson	Gregory Schmaltz	Kevin Hegeman	Rilla Apostolakis	

REGRETS: Allan Arndt, Awneet Sivia, Beth Gillespie, Camilo Martinez, Carmen Herman, Christine Dalton, David Chu, Debbie Wheeler, Derek Harnett, Ian Affleck, Jane Webb, Patrick Harrison, Peter Mulhern, Wendy Gracey

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Kyle Baillie, Director, Student Life & Development - cancelled
(Postponed: Dr. Mark Evered)

Health Sciences Announcement: Bio-Diet study recruiting males – Contact: david.harper@ufv.ca for more details.

Guest: Sylvie Murray, Program Development

New Program – Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Horticultural major

Seeking final approval from Faculty Council

- The Degree will be offered within the Faculty of Science and the housed within the Biology Department
- External reviews were very favorable and made mention of the faculty requirements.
- Discussions are still in place regarding the staffing and faculty requirement and will be addressed after the proposal is approved.
- More resources could possibly be required from the Biology Department and the Science Advice Centre.
- The Agricultural Diploma will continue to be managed by the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies
- Admissions to the program will fall under the Faculty of Science
- In comparison to the Biology Minor, there are a few different courses required for the BIO MINOR, and a Biology Minor could be created later on for the Agriculture degree.

Discussion: possible Technology & Computing science courses

- Choosing courses for this degree was difficult and there is not much room for electives and due to the 120 credit mandate

Note from Geography: Approved in principle, but there are a few concerns from Geography including the GEOG GIS course and the note that GEOG 253 will be required, additional discussion is needed.

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the New Program – Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Horticultural major as presented and forward to the UEC Screening Committee.

Moved by Dave F./2nd by Noham W. 2 Abstentions. 2 Opposed. Carried

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Move: agenda item 6.1.1 to 1.0 – Agriculture Proposal

Add: agenda item 5.5 Limited Term Appointments

Moved by Cindy L./2nd by Greg Schlitt. All in favour. Carried

2.2 Approval of the Minutes - Sept. 5, 2014

Moved by Norm T./2nd by Ron W. All in Favour. Carried

Note: LTA's are not in considered in the sessional numbers, yet Human Resources considers them sessionals.

3. DEAN'S REPORT

- Student union building completion date is on time and set to be completed by March 2015
- 400-seating meeting room area that can be divided into multiple rooms
- Among the offices moving will be the science advisors, as advising will be centralized
- 2014 Capital Plan - How is the university expanding into the next 5 years? UHUB for digital media - the City of Abbotsford wants to create a U-District in which the U-Hub will be a part of. This will add possible meeting and office spaces.
- Another round of budget for 2015/2016 – science cuts appear to be less than expected
- Government is trying to get universities to create jobs, trades and science jobs are present already.
- London International Youth Science Forum – call for candidates will be moved up to February and will lobby for two students to attend. UFV Student Etienne Dreyer represented UFV and Canada well and was featured in their promotion video a number of times.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBWsOZIRK2A&list=UUZc6kp3Qvr4oVLdn3KVnkIA>

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Science Vision and Mission Statement

A Science Vision and Mission Statement is required to promote the Faculty of Science to the community.

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the changes to the Science Vision and Mission Statement as presented.

Moved by Tim C. /seconded by James B. 1 abstention. Carried.

Vision Statement for Faculty of Science:

The Faculty of Science at UFV

- strives to create learners who are scientifically and numerically literate with sharp analytical and critical thinking abilities, who can contribute positively to society and the workplace,
- seeks to shape an environment in which students and faculty identify, understand and work to solve pressing environmental, health, and technological problems,
- remains committed to experiential learning and community outreach, and multi-modal educational delivery, be it in the classroom, laboratory, field, on-line, or through independent research.

Mission for Faculty of Science:

Our mission is to develop critical thinking, scientific literacy, numerical proficiency, and analytical abilities among an increasingly diverse profile of lifelong learners from the Fraser Valley, Canada, and the world, and to do this through high levels of engagement among faculty and students, continued community outreach, excellence in teaching, research, and practical skills training.

A Faculty of Science booklet is being created and a subcommittee has been formed.

4.2 Nominations and Elections Report

Student Representatives (1yr term): Etienne Dreyer & Kevin Hegeman

Staff Representative (2yr term): Pauleen Nuite

Sessional Representative: Nathan Bialas

All representatives were voted in by acclamation.

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Scholarship, Service, and Teaching Committee Report

Draft document was circulated at the meeting.

Discussion:

- Possible ranking of category importance
- Teaching requirement - Minimum teaching of 60% is currently in the collective agreement
- Promotion Approval process – Department to Faculty to the President
- Appeal Process - The current language states that there is no appeal process, discussed whether some wording could be added
- Document Language - need to be mindful and think of the future
- Tenure - University principles are fairly loose and Faculty and Department levels should contain more detail
- External recommendations – Is this currently at the University level, or should this be at department level
- Comparison to Other Universities - Should they be similar?
- Classification Details - Perhaps add more detail to show the differences between the classifications. Presently, no extra money is associated.
- Probation - there is a 3 year probationary period

ACTION: Send all comments and feedback for next draft version to Dave Fenske, Norm Taylor, Pat Harrison, Gabriel Murray, or Ben Vanderlei by October 14th

5.2 General Studies Program Committee - Science Representation

Gillian Mimmack offered to represent Science on this committee and received full endorsement.

5.3 Subcommittee of the Task Force on Research and Scholarship Report

This report was discussed thoroughly by the Task Force and was approved with a majority vote.

Senate members were given opportunity to provide feedback and final approval came from the VP Academic.

Concerns from Faculty Council:

- If a person does not satisfy any of the criteria, they may not be supported by the University.
- Why is Priority #3 is less important than #1? Academics comes first at UFV as funding can be found later on.

5.4 Reporting of Partnerships/Contracts

All full-time faculty are required to report all contracts to the research office.

5.5 Limited Term appointments

Discussion: Discrepancy of the status of Limited Term Appointments (LTA's).

- Collective agreement considers LTA's as Faculty, yet HR considers them as sessionals.
- Administration level considered them as full-time Faculty for one year.
- There is no specific language that covers this issue.
- Other Faculties have noted similar concerns

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 SIGNIFICANT

- 6.1.1 Agriculture Proposal – See Section 1.0
- 6.1.2 BIO 201 – changes with prerequisites
- 6.1.3 BIO 220 – changes with prerequisites

OMNIBUS MOTION: That Faculty Council approve of the changes to BIO 201 and BIO 220 to accommodate the new Agricultural Degree Program as presented and forward to UEC Screening.

Moved by Norm T. /seconded by Greg Schmaltz. All in Favour. Carried.

6.2 REPORTABLE

- 6.2.1 MATH 265 – 6 year review with changes
- 6.2.2 MATH 345 – 6 year review with changes
- 6.2.3 MATH 438 - 6 year review with changes including prerequisites and hours
- 6.2.4 ASTR 103 – 6 year review with changes
- 6.2.5 PHYS 100 – 6 year review with changes
- 6.2.6 PHYS 452 – 6 year review with changes

OMNIBUS MOTION: That Faculty Council approve of the changes to MATH 265, MATH 345, MATH 438, ASTR 103, PHYS 100, and PHYS 452 as presented and forward to UEC Screening.

Moved by Dave F. /seconded by Cindy L. All in Favour. Carried.

- 6.2.7 Course and Program Approval Process
Changes to the Approval process are outlined in the UEC Program and Approval process manual.

Note: Campus Wide Consultation will now occur after Faculty Council.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Senate – ufv.ca/senate/meeting-information/2013-14/

7.2 Science Advice Centre

- 7.2.1 Science Social – great success with plenty of students, staff, and faculty in attendance. The majority of the Science Student Associations and Clubs were represented
- 7.2.2 Apply to Grad School Workshop – Nov 6
Posters coming soon
Announcement: Spring 2015
 - Advising will be moved to a central area in the new Student Union Building. Decisions based from the advising review and the advising task force.
 - Advising Review recommendation is that students with less than 30 credits to see a general advisor.
 - Science Advising has proved to be excellent and so there is concern that students 1st year students will receive incorrect advice.

MOTION: Science Faculty Council firmly supports the Science Advice Centre to advise science students from the moment that they enter the university.

Moved by Tim C. /seconded by Norm T. All in Favour. Carried.

7.3 Other Reports

- 7.3.1 Faculty Health Sciences – see attachment
- 7.3.2 Other reports

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- President Evered: Budget process currently underway and it will be another challenging year
Strategic Enrolment Management Plan (SEM Plan) highlights new areas for new programming in the next 5 years.
 - Health and Wellness
 - Agriculture and the Environment; and
 - Digital Media Technologies
 - Professional studies – are aligning their SEM Plan with the University's
 - A new department called the Department of Teacher Education has been created to formalize a Bachelor of Education program.
 - Physics Student Association (PSA) – had their AGM and are making some plans for the next year. A suggestion was for them to ask for some space in the new student union building.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Policy Changes

8.1.1 Tuition and Other Fees – New Policy

8.1.2 Revisions to Adjunct Faculty (197) & Instructional Responsibilities (46)

ACTION: LUCY: Find about student privacy regarding process for the instructors to leave documents out for student pick up

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting Oct. 31, 2014 at 1pm Room A421

Special Guests: Adrienne Chan, Associate Vice-President, Research, Engagement, & Graduate Studies
& Betty Poettcker, Director, Finance

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