

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Friday, September 11, 2015, 1:00 pm – Room B132

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Akhtar Malik	Darlene Carson	Greg Schlitt	Karen Cooper	Peter Mulhern	Tony Stea
Ali Fotouhi	David Chu	Gregory Schmaltz	Kathy Peet	Renee Prasad	Wendy Gracey
Allan Arndt	David Harper	Ian Affleck	Nathan Bialas	Robin Endelman	
Ben Vanderlei	Erik Talvila	Jane Webb	Noham Weinberg	Ron Wilen	
Carmen Herman	Gillian Mimmack	Jason Thomas	Norm Taylor	Stan Manu	
Cory Beshara	Grant Fritzke	Jeff Chizma	Pauleen Nuite	Tim Cooper	

REGRETS: Awneet Sivia, Christine Dalton, Cynthia Loten, Dan Harris, David Fenske, Derek Harnett, Gabriel Murray, James Bedard, Robin Kleiv, Shaun Zheng Sun

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Changes to the Bachelor of General Studies, Michelle Rhodes

- BGS houses a wide variety of students including sciences
- Presentation was focused on the areas related to science
- Proposed New BGS will include thematic options in which students could declare on their final transcript
- A review of each students' program plans is already required and is reviewed by the current BGS committee
- Upper level courses and prerequisites are an issue for these students.
- Learning Outcomes were created.

Questions or comments: Contact Michelle Rhodes

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Grant F./2nd Gillian M. All in favour. Carried

2.2 Approval of the Minutes – May 29, 2015

Nathan B. /2nd Ali F. All in favour. Carried

3. DEAN'S REPORT

Lucy welcomed everyone back and also to the new representatives: Akhtar Malik (OReg), Renee Prasad (Applied and Technical Studies)

- Office move: Dean's office to D203
 - Faculty and Staff Changes:
 - New permanent Faculty: Shaun Sun, Math & Stats and Alan Reid, Biology
 - Chemistry: two positions are advertised
 - Limited Term Appointments for 2015/2016: Karim Elrayes and Robin Kleiv (Physics), Karin Loots and Karamjit Dhande (Math and Stats), Nathan Bialas and Justin Lee (Biology)
 - Department Head changes: Ian Affleck, Math & Stats and Jeff Chizma, Physics
 - Sabbatical returns: Carmen Herman, Ian Affleck, and Debbie Wheeler
 - Committee Assistant: Melinda Saretzky, temporarily been increased to full-time until March.
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- Retirees: Nigel Dance, Lesley Spiers, Susan Milner, Camilo Martinez, Beth Gillespie
- Regret to hear of the loss of Lesley Spiers this past July
- Budget planning has begun for upcoming years: no cuts are projected, no new funding added either
- The senior population in universities is growing: field schools may be an idea
- Submit Annual Workload plans: include service and scholarship
- VP Academic has started the next 5 year plan: 2025 plan will be taken into account
- Bachelor of Computing Science has been approved at UEC: next steps are Senate and Ministry for Approval.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - n/a

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Terms of Reference - 3 year review

MOTION: To approved the following changes to the Faculty of Science Terms of Reference and forward to Senate for approval.

Change: 2.1.a

FROM “academic advisors employed within the Faculty of Science ”

TO “an academic advisor from the Advisory Unit with expertise in science”

Jane/2nd Greg Schmaltz. All in favour. Carried.

5.2 Promotion and Standards – Math and Stats

Ben V./2nd Stan M.

- Feedback was given regarding some wording differences between the ‘mandatory’ and ‘additional’ categories
- Some comparison between the departments was given
- Questions were raised whether there should be some comparison between all the department documents and whether there should be some continuity. The Faculty of Science standards main document could be used to set minimum standards, but each department is submitting their own and will be compared with the University Wide Faculty Standards
- Suggestion was made to make some of the scholarship activities ‘mandatory’

Motion was withdrawn to allow department to discuss the suggested changes.

ACTION: Tabled to next Faculty Council meeting.

5.3 Committees requiring Science Representation (see attached)

Bachelor of General Studies Program Committee - Gillian Mimmack

Faculty of Health Sciences - Dave Harper

Faculty of Professional Studies (Starting Jan 2016) - Greg Schmaltz

Library Advisory Committee (LAC) - (Grant Fritzke)

Teaching and Learning Advisory Council (TLAC) - (Allan Arndt)

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 REPORTABLE (for information)

6.1.1 MATH 112 - Review with Changes

6.1.2 MATH Major/Minor/Minor (stats option) – addition of COMP 150

6.2 SIGNIFICANT (for decision)

6.2.1 FSCC Terms of Reference – change to membership

MOTION: To accept the changes to the FSCC Terms of Reference to reflect the changes of the CIS and Advisory areas as presented.

Allan. A/2ND Robin E. All in favour. Carried.

7. REPORTS

7.1 BSc General Requirements Subcommittee – tabled

7.2 BC Campus Open Text Conference – Dave Harper and Ian Affleck

- A few instructors at UFV are promoting the adoption of open texts to help students with the expense of textbooks
- Instructors can adapt and change open text to their own.
- Subcommittee on campus has formed to try and monitor the use of open texts

7.3 Advising Centre

3rd floor of the Student Union Building

2nd year students in BSc will need to declare to get into their courses

7.4 Senate – no report

7.5 Other reports

Office of the Registrar

- 'Studies' students
 - all studies students will be converted to 'qualifying studies' by the end of October
 - now accepting new students
 - working on implementing mandatory advising as per the SEM plan
- Degree Audit – 1st version going live in October with advisors testing the system
- DCU - closing on Sept 17

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Policy Updates (attached):

8.1.1 BRP 205.01 – Board Policy on Tuition and Other Fees

8.1.2 BRP 230.01 – Board Policy on the Student Union Society

8.1.3 BPD 230 – Board of Governors Policy Direction on Student Support, Student Co-Curricular Learning and Student Societies Dedicated to Student Engagement (former title Student Services, Student Activities and Associations)

8.1.4 Board bylaw BGB 110.04 – Confidentiality of Board Information and Authorized Board Spokesperson

8.2 Science Faculty Council 2015/2016 Meeting Schedule

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Oct. 9, 2015 – Room B132

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

Motion to adjourn: Norm/2nd Karen