

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, March 31, 2017 - 1:00 pm – Room B161

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ian Affleck	Robin Endelman	Hongfei Li	Greg Schlitt
Avril Alfred	David Fenske	Karin Loots	Awneet Sivia
Allan Arndt	Grant Fritzke	Cynthia Loten	Jason Thomas
Jennifer Barrett	Golfam Ghafourifar	Stan Manu	Perrin Waldock
Cory Beshara	Sharon Gillies	Pedro Montoya-Pelaez	Jane Webb
Linus Chiang	David Harper	Janice Nagtegaal	
Jeff Chizma	Carmen Herman	Alan Reid	
Karen Cooper	Anna Kuczynska	Rebecca Robertson	

REGRETS: James Bedard, Nathan Bialas, Godwin Choy, Renee Prasad, Ben Vanderlei

RECORDER: Caroline Majeau

1. **GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS**

Craig Toews, Executive Director of Campus Planning and Resource Development provided updates on future plans for UFV, including the partnership with the City of Abbotsford U-District.

2. **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATION – N/A**

3. **AGENDA and MINUTES**

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

Hongfei Li requested to add a discussion item 6.1 - Library Book Weeding Project.

Allan A. requested item 7.1 be removed from the agenda and brought forward to the next council meeting.

MOTION: That the Faculty Council approve the agenda with the addition of the discussion item and deleting 7.1.

Alan R. / 2ND Jeff C. All in favour. Carried.

3.2 Approval of the Minutes – **March 3, 2017**

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the minutes of March 3, 2017 as presented.

Grant F. / 2nd Allan A. All in favour. Carried.

4. **DEAN'S REPORT – Lucy Lee**

- Lucy welcomed Janice Nagtegaal to the Faculty of Science as the new Dean's Assistant.

- Deliberations have completed for the Faculty of Science Interim Dean position. Congratulations to Greg Schlitt. Lucy will begin working with Greg over the summer months and overlap during the first two weeks of August as Greg officially starts August 1st, 2017. As interim Dean, Greg will also take over as the Chair of the Faculty Council, leaving the Vice-Chair position vacant. This will be discussed at our next council meeting.
- London International Youth Science Forum – We had 3 excellent applicants. The winner was Tessa Webb from Biology who will represent UFV in London, UK. Funding to send one more is under investigation.
- Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair – Lucy recognized the efforts of Caroline, Jason and Cory for their hard work. Lucy received notification that the Lieutenant Governor of BC will be attending the Science Fair this year. We have over 50 projects registered.
- Science Rocks! –Registration will go live by the end of the day and the flyers are up. If you would like flyers to distribute, please see Robin or Caroline the Dean's Office.
- Lucy provided updates on upcoming appointments. The Math and Stats Selection Committee have selected a candidate for the full-time position. We have 7 Limited Term Appointments Biology - 2, Chemistry - 1, Physics - 2, Math - 2 plus an additional one replace Greg for the year.
- Some of the faculty office in D3 will be getting renovated and will begin right after the vacation period starts. A request was made to get rid of the carpet all together. Janice will investigate whether this is feasible.
- Lab renovations are ongoing. All lab items need to be packed up and ready to move by April 18-20. The responsibility to pack up is not only the lab techs but all members of the departments.
- Lucy reported that only 2% of the students in the Faculty of science are aboriginal compared to the provincial average of +5%. Nationally the average is 5-7%. We need to achieve at least these numbers.
- Faculty of Science Awesome Achievement Awards will be announced at the next Faculty Council meeting. If you have recommendations for any of the awards, please let Lucy know.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – N/A**

6. **DISCUSSION / DECISION**

6.1 Library Book Weeding Project – Hongfei Li

Information on the upcoming library book weeding project Policy 71 was presented. The library is in the process of being renovated and due to lack of space, they need to reduce the books that are not being used. If you feel certain ones should be kept, please let them know. They have received feedback from faculty indicating that there wasn't enough time to review the book list. Lucy will speak with Kim Isaac, Librarian to see if sets could be housed in labs and come up with a solution.

7. **FSCC (Curriculum Committee) – Allan Arndt**

7.1 **SIGNIFICANT (for decision)**

7.2 **REPORTABLE (for information) – N/A**

8. REPORTS

8.1 BSc Program Committee – Greg Schlitt

The committee will be meeting on April 20, 2017.

8.2 Advising Centre – Karen Cooper

Karen provided updates on the graduate applications that have been received to date: BSc-53; Engineering/Physics-10; Associate of Science-7, Agricultural Degree-1.

8.3 Senate – Norm Taylor

The March 2017 Senate report was previously circulated by email by Norm Taylor. The official minutes from Senate can be found at the Senate Office.

8.4 Faculty of Professional Studies –Awneet Sivia

At the last Faculty of Professional Studies meeting they decided to put together a curriculum committee. There were a number of courses that were under revision in the Adult Education department. The Graduate Certificate in Child Life and Community Health proposal was approved. They also elected a Faculty Council Chair and Vice-Chair.

Lucy advised that there are many vacancies on the Senate sub-committees. She asked council members to encourage those who may not be on a committee to participate.

ACTION: Janice will circulate the list of committee vacancies.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Revisions to Credentials policy (64): Approved revisions February 10, 2017.

9.2 Applications being accepted from B-faculty and post-probation sessional faculty to teach two new courses in the Bachelor of General Studies: PORT 398 and PORT 399. Faculty members may come from any UFV faculty. The posting closes April 3, 2017.

10. ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn: Jeff C. / 2nd Alan R. Unanimous; Carried

Next Meeting: April 28, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – **Room B161**