

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, April 28, 2017 - 1:00 pm – Room B161

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ian Affleck	Jeff Chizma	Karin Loots	Greg Schlitt
Rilla Apostolakis	Tim Cooper	Cynthia Loten	Norm Taylor
James Bedard	Christine Dalton	Stan Manu	Ben Vanderlei
Cory Beshara	Robin Endelman	Pedro Montoya-Pelaez	Perrin Waldock
Nathan Bialas	Robin Kleiv	Janice Nagtegaal	Noham Weinberg
Linus Chiang	Anna Kuczynska	Rebecca Robertson	

REGRETS: Avril Alfred, Jennifer Barrett, Karen Cooper, Grant Fritzke, Golfam Ghafourifar, David Harper, Carmen Herman, Jonathan Hughes, Jeff Krahn, Lin Long, Renee Prasad, Awneet Sivia

RECORDER: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Kyle Baillie, Director of Student Life & Development & Greg Mather, Manager of Student Wellness & Development presented on the Student Non-Academic Conduct Policy and Process. They provided information on assisting students in distress and negative behaviours and what to do in various situations. Faculty were advised to contact Kyle or Greg with questions or concerns.

Lucy advised that the updated **2017 UFV Faculty Handbook** which includes information on who to contact or where to seek info can be downloaded from the HR website:

<http://www.ufv.ca/hr/faculty/>

2. SCHOLARLY PRESENTATION – N/A

Lucy encouraged faculty to consider participating in the future.

3. AGENDA and MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

Lucy requested to add 6.1 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

MOTION: That the Faculty Council approve the agenda with the addition of item 6.1 NSSE.

Norm T. / 2ND Nathan B. All in favour. Carried.

3.2 Approval of the Minutes – March 31, 2017

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the minutes of March 31, 2017 as presented.

Robin E. / 2nd Ian A. All in favour. Carried.

4. DEAN'S REPORT – Lucy Lee

- Science Dean's Office Update: Lucy advised that Janice N. will be away May 1-16 on a Study Tour in Berlin. Caroline will be attending the Canada Wide Science Fair in Regina May 15-19; and Lucy will be attending the annual meeting of Canadian Society of Zoologists in Winnipeg May 15-19. The Science Dean's Office will be closed for May 15th and 16th. The department assistants from Biology, Math and Chemistry/Physics can be contacted for any emergencies and will direct queries as needed.
- Travel plans for the London International Youth Science Forum this summer are being finalized.
- Robin E. provided the Science Rocks! update. Registration has opened and the early bird deadline is April 30th. Faculty Supervisors for all the camps have been assigned and Pedro M. agreed to supervise the Aboriginal Camp. CAMP 1: Robin E. / CAMP 2: Kseniya G. / CAMP 3: Cory B. / CAMP 4: Alan R. / CAMP 5: Derek H. / Aboriginal Camp: Pedro M-P.
- Lucy advised that only 1/3 of the Faculty of Science have been attending the council meetings. She will be rewarding for best attendance at the next SFC.
- Renovations are ongoing. Space continues to be a concern. Lucy encouraged faculty to fill out the space requirement forms which are distributed yearly by the Department Heads.
- Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair: Although the fair went very well, we will be looking for additional help to assist with streamlining the event. The photos from the fair are now online.
- Upcoming events: Ian A. is organizing the Math Competition for May 5th. The Chemistry Articulation is being held at UFV on May 5th. CIS have been organizing various events as well as hosting the Western Canadian Conference on Computing Education at UFV.
- We will be hiring 8 LTAs. All have been advertised.
- AAA Awards for 2017 were announced and will be formally recognized at our next Council Meeting on May 26th. Congratulations to Alan Reid – Awesome Achievement / Ian Affleck – Terrific Teaching / Erik Talvila – Remarkable Research / Robin Kleiv – Outstanding Outreach / David Fenske – Superb Service Faculty / Pat Cruickshanks – Superb Service Staff

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Lucy reiterated that since Greg Schlitt's will be the Acting Dean as of Aug 1st he will also become the Chair of SFC leaving the Vice-Chair position vacant. The Vice-Chair should attend all meetings.

ACTION: Caroline will email the Nomination Notice for the Vice-Chair position at SFC.

6. DISCUSSION / DECISION

- 6.1 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – Lucy presented a snapshot of UFV on the analysis provided by the NSSE and requested feedback on the results.

ACTION: Caroline will email the NSSE-FSSE by Program, Snapshot and High-Impact Practices to SFC.

7. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) – Allan Arndt

7.1 SIGNIFICANT (for decision)

- 7.1.1 MATH 152 & ENGR 152 Linear Algebra for Engineering – 6 year review
- 7.1.2 MATH 440 Fourier Analysis – 6 year review
- 7.1.3 MATH 480 Selected Topics in Mathematics – 6 year review

Ian A. spoke to MATH 152/ENGR 152, MATH 440 and MATH 480 as a group and provided an overview of the changes.

OMNIBUS MOTION: That the Faculty Council approve the 6 year review revisions for MATH 152 / ENGR 152 Linear Algebra for Engineering; MATH 440 Fourier Analysis; and MATH 480 Selected Topics in Mathematics as presented.

Norm T. / 2ND Jeff C. All in favour. Carried.

7.1.4 STAT 104 Introductory Statistics – 6 year review

As the updated course outline was not included in the agenda package, Ian A. requested 7.1.4 be tabled until next the next SFC on May 26th.

7.2 REPORTABLE (for information) – N/A

7.2.1 Bachelor of Agricultural Science – Removal of the online statement “Students graduating from this program can meet the academic requirements to apply for membership in the BC Institute of Agrology to obtain Professional Agrologist (P.Ag.) designation.” At the request of the BC Institute of Agrology.

It was further noted that the credits per semester for the BAS is currently being restructured due to the program not qualifying for financial aid. It is currently with the BAS Working Group and FSCC.

8. REPORTS

8.1 BSc Program Committee – Greg Schlitt

The committee met on April 20th and have 2 additional upcoming meetings. They plan to report on Phase I at the September/October SFC meeting.

8.2 Advising Centre – Rilla Apostolakis

The deadline to apply to graduate is May 9th so it has been very busy. Rilla provided the current number of students graduating in the faculty to date. They are also ramping up for the New Student Orientation on May 16th.

8.3 Senate – Norm Taylor

Lucy advised that the next Senate agenda and minutes from the last Senate meeting have already been posted to their website.

8.4 Faculty of Professional Studies – Lucy Lee for Awneet Sivia

Lucy presented on behalf of Awneet S. There were minor course changes in LIBIT and Business and the Education Plan submission was approved.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 UFV PD Day 2017 MAY 2nd – Today is the last day to register

10. ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn: Noham W. / 2nd Jeff C. Unanimous; Carried

Next Meeting: May 26, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – **Room D217**