

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, February 2, 2018 - Room D213

Chair: Greg Schlitt, Acting Dean

Present: Ian Affleck, James Bedard, Cory Beshara, Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Jeff Chizma, Karen Cooper, Tim Cooper, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Ghafourifar, Jeff Krahn, Anna Kuczynska, Hongfei Li, Stan Manu, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Alan Reid, Rebecca Robertson, Greg Schmaltz, Norm Taylor, Ben Vanderlei, Perrin Waldock, Jane Webb, Noham Weinberg

Regrets: Carolyn Atkins, Margret Bollerup, Godwin Choy, David Fenske, Sandra Gillespie, David Harper, Carmen Herman, Jonathan Hughes, Robin Kleiv, Karin Loots

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. Accessibility Services with Seanna Takacs, Acting Coordinator

Seanna provided an overview of what the Centre for Accessibility does and how the process works. Various scenarios were discussed. Accessibility Services is to help not only the students but to also work closely with the instructors to provide the best accommodations for those students who require it. Her office is creating a manual for faculty to help deal with students who require special accommodation. She encouraged faculty to contact her if they had any questions or concerns.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

Noham W. requested to add item 5.3: Office Assignments

MOTION:

THAT Science Faculty Council approve the agenda as amended.
Jeff C. / Grant F.; All in favour; approved.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - January 5, 2018

MOTION:

THAT Science Faculty Council approve the minutes from January 5, 2018 as presented.
Norm T. / 2nd Jane W.; All in favour; carried.

3. DEAN'S REPORT - Greg Schlitt

3.1. Let's Talk Science Program

The Faculty of Science will be hiring a coordinator this spring. A Steering Committee has been formed with Jason Thomas (Chemistry), Robin Kleiv (Physics), Greg Schlitt (Math), Jenny Hamilton (Biology) and James Bedard (Biology). This position will look after recruiting student volunteers in the fall among other duties. Let's Talk Science will not be competing with our other science outreach programs (Science Rocks, Math Mania, Super Science Club, Science Fair, etc.) but will serve to support and complement each program.

3.2. Budget Update

We are coming to the end of our expenditures for the year. Greg Schlitt reminded faculty that if something has been approved, it needs to be on order by the end of February and must be on campus by the end of March.

3.3. C Building Update

There has been a push to expand C Building south towards the SUB. Unfortunately with the issues facing D Building, it may not be completed for some time.

3.4. Faculty Adviser

Stan Manu is finishing off his 2-year term as Faculty Adviser. The Dean's office will be sending out expressions of interest this spring for another science faculty member to take on the role.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - N/A

5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

5.1. BSc Learning Outcomes - Update

The BSc Curriculum Committee consolidated the learning outcomes from 18 down to 6. A draft copy of the BSc outcomes with elucidations/means of demonstration were shared with SFC. A discussion followed regarding the wording. Comments will be taken back to the BSc Curriculum Committee for further discussion.

5.2. BSc Curriculum Group Chair - Nominations & Voting

Greg Schlitt was appointed as Chair by Lucy Lee, Science Dean to get the BSc Committee underway. In the interest of transparency, it was suggested that going forward the chair position should be put to a vote. Due to the lateness of the SFC meeting and quorum, this agenda item will be tabled until the next SFC meeting. Greg Schlitt will continue as BSc Committee Chair in the meantime.

The BSc Curriculum Group has three new members: (Physics) Norm Taylor replaced Jeff Chizma; (Chemistry) Golfam Ghafourifar replaced Jason Thomas; and (Biology) Greg Schmaltz replaced Tony Stea. The remaining committee members are: Karen Cooper (Advising); Jonathan Hughes (Geography); and Greg Schlitt (Math & Chair).

5.3. Office Assignments - Noham W.

It was agreed to table this item until the next SFC meeting on March 2, 2018 so more people will be included in the discussion.

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Nothing to Report

7. REPORTS

7.1. Advising Centre -N/A

7.2. Senate Report - Norm Taylor

The January 2018 Senate report was previously circulated through email by Norm Taylor.

7.3. Other Reports - N/A

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - N/A

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: March 2, 2018 @ 1:00 PM Room D213