

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, May 25, 2018 - Room D213

- Chair:** Greg Schlitt, Acting Dean
- Present:** Ian Affleck, Allan Arndt, James Bedard, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, David Chu, Robin Endelman, David Fenske, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Ghafourifar, Sandra Gillespie, Alida Janmaat, Anna Kuczynska, Karin Loots, Cynthia Loten, Stan Manu, Janice Nagtegaal, Rebecca Robertson, Gregory Schmaltz, Tony Stea, Shaun Sun, Norm Taylor, Jane Webb
- Regrets:** David Harper, Carmen Herman, Longlong Huang, Alan Reid, Ben Vanderlei, Perrin Waldock, Noham Weinberg
- Recorder:** Caroline Majeau
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1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. UFV President, Joanne MacLean

UFV President, Dr. MacLean shared her transition plan. She requested feedback on opportunities for the administration and faculties to come together on a regular basis, such as Townhall Meetings. Communication was the common goal for all to work on. Faculty were invited to contact her directly with their thoughts and feedback.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

Allan A. requested to add two information items to the agenda: Turning Point and Stave West

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the agenda as amended.
Tony S. / 2nd Nathan B.; all in favour; approved

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - April 27, 2018

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of April 27, 2018 as presented.
Jane W. / 2nd Greg Schmaltz; all in favour; approved

3. DEAN'S REPORT - Greg Schlitt

- The Math and Stats department welcome a new colleague, Vanessa Radzimski. She will be starting in August.
- Congratulations to Debbie Wheeler from Biology who is the new Science Faculty Advisor for 2018-2020. She is taking over from Stan Manu whose term ended this year.
- UFV's international student numbers have increased and there has been some concern regarding the success of these students. A task force has been put in place to look at these issues.
- The Bio-Chem Stage 1 document will be rewritten and resubmitted.
- The first day of classes for the fall semester will begin on Wednesday, September 5 - changed from Tuesday September 4th.

4. PRESENTATION

- 4.1. Using iClicker to facilitate engagement in the science classroom - Alida Janmaat**
Alida shared her experience using iClicker (www.iclicker.com) in her classroom. She demonstrated how the program works. There is a cost associated to this service. A discussion followed.

5. DISCUSSION

- 5.1. Student Response Systems**
Greg Schlitt continued the discussion on the iClicker technology. He provided a demonstration on Socrative (www.socrative.com). They offer a free version with limited options. If the Pro Version is purchased by the teacher, it's free for the students.

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - N/A

7. REPORTS

- 7.1. Senate - Norm Taylor**
The May 2018 Senate report was previously circulated by email by Norm Taylor. The official minutes from Senate can be found on the Senate website.

8. AAA Awards Celebration

Congratulations to this year's winners!

- Awesome Achievement – Allan Arndt
- Terrific Teacher – Kseniya Garaschuk
- Remarkable Research – Linus Chiang
- Outstanding Outreach – Robin Endelman
- Superb Service / Faculty – Jeff Chizma
- Superb Service / Staff – Caroline Majeau

Special thanks to Allan Arndt and Jeff Chizma for their service as Biology and Physics Heads.

Rebecca Robertson, Greg Schmaltz, Norm Taylor and Ben Vanderlei were congratulated for attending the most Faculty Council Meetings over the year.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1. Memo from FSCC to SFC summarizing information items 8.2 - 8.4

9.2. Proposed Revision to GEOG 117 Dinosaurs

9.3. GEOG 302 River Geomorphology - 6-year review

9.4. GEOG 453 Remote Sensing of the Environment - 6-year review

9.5. TurningPoint

TurningPoint (<https://responseware.turningtechnologies.com/responseware/>) is a similar online system as iClicker and Socrative. The cost is \$22/semester. If UFV were to purchase the institutional license then it would be free to students. Allan A. advised that a representative from TurningPoint was coming to present on June 7th - he will send out more information when the time is confirmed.

9.6. Stave West - Allan Arndt

Allan advised council that there is a great facility in Stave Lake which would provide a wonderful opportunity for research run field schools or retreats.

10. ADJOURN – 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: September 7, 2018 @ 1:00 PM Room D213