

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, January 11, 2019 - Room D213

Chair: Lucy Lee, Dean

Present: Ian Affleck, Cory Beshara, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, Karen Cooper, Spencer Copeland, Aisa Dobie, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Ghafourifar, Longlong Huang, Anna Kuczynska, Cynthia Loten, Stan Manu, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Vanessa Radzimski, Alan Reid, Greg Schlitt, Tony Stea, Norm Taylor, Ben Vanderlei, Jane Webb, Noham Weinberg

Regrets: James Bedard, David Chu, Sandra Gillespie, Kathy Peet, Greg Schmaltz

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1. **Kyle Baillie, Director of Student Life & Development - Draft "Fitness to Study Policy"**
Kyle presented the early draft of the proposed "Fitness to Study" Policy and Procedure. It sets out how the University may respond to instances where concern is raised regarding a student's fitness to study and the type of action that the University may take to manage the matter and support the student. He provided examples as well as explaining the three levels of action. **Level 1:** Initial and/or emerging concerns (this level is typically where a faculty member will become involved); **Level 2:** Continuing and/or serious concerns, and; **Level 3:** Persistent and/or critical concerns. If anyone has concerns regarding a student's health or behaviour and consider that it is posing a risk to his/her own health, safety or wellbeing, or that of others, contact the Behavioural Intervention Team located in Student Services for advice – Kyle.Baillie@ufv.ca X4092 or Greg.Mather@ufv.ca X4677.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.

Nathan B. / 2nd Tony S.; all in favour; adopted.

2.2. **Approval of the Minutes - November 30, 2018**

- Lucy advised council that Jacqueline Nolte has accepted our invitation and will be attending our February council meeting to discuss the Digital Media Technology Report.
- Norm T. suggested to revise the sentence under 3.1 to now read "It was also suggested that we invite Darrin Lee, Chief IT Officer."

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes as amended.
Ben V. / 2nd Alan R.; all in favour; approved.

3. DISCUSSION - N/A

4. DECISIONS - FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ian Affleck

4.1. STAT 272 Statistical Graphics and Languages: 6-year review

Ian presented the revisions to the course which includes changing the contact hours from 45 hours to 50 hours. Allocation of contact hours to supervised hours, calendar description shortened and adding creating SAS macros to the learning outcomes and course content.

4.2. STAT/COMP 431 Data Mining: 6-year review

Revisions to the course include amending the contact hours from 45 to 50 hours; allocate all contact hours to supervised hours, shortening the calendar description and to offer the course annually in order to fulfill the requirement of the new Co-op DAC program.

OMNIBUS MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to STAT 272 and STAT/COMP 431 as presented.
Ian A. / 2nd Longlong H.; all in favour; approved.

4.3. FSCC Revised Terms of Reference

Ian A. presented the requested updates to the Faculty of Science Curriculum Committee's Terms of Reference.

- the department of Physics will be included in our Voting Membership under 4.I.b.
- FSCC would like to add Upgrading and University Preparation (UUP) to 4.II.b. This would be a standing invitation for a non-voting member to attend as needed.
- It was further suggested to include a process for selecting a FSCC Vice-Chair in the event the Chair is unavailable. It was agreed that an ad-hoc chair will be nominated by the Chair and approved by the Committee membership prior to the meeting either at a previous meeting or by email communication.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the amendments to the Faculty of Science Curriculum Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.
Norm T. / 2nd Karen C.; all in favour; approved.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy reminded faculty to send their feedback regarding UFV's vision through the Visioning Hub at [thoughtexchange](#). Instructions will be given on the process.

- There has been some conversation on the possible merger of the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies. Greg Schlitt moved that this matter be adjourned to the next council meeting so Lucy and/or John English could provide a presentation with more information to be discussed.

MOTION: THAT the Science Faculty Council agree to adjourn this matter to the next SFC meeting so more information can be presented and allow for further discussion.
Greg Schlitt / 2nd Golfam G.; 1 abstention; all in favour; approved.

- There may be a funding opportunity coming from the provincial government for teaching and research innovative applied/experiential learning initiatives. The Vice President Academic office is gathering information on what our faculty is currently doing in the area of innovation, university-industry partnerships, and innovative experiential/work-integrated learning initiatives. As the VPA office would like this information by January 17th, please email Lucy your information ASAP. Caroline will resend the email to the faculty.
- The Government of Canada is offering a grant to Canadian professors and researchers to teach or conduct research, for a short period, in Latin America and the Caribbean. Valued up to \$7,000 CAD. Deadline to apply is February 19, 2019. Read more about the [Faculty Mobility Program](#).
- Ian A. has stepped down as the Faculty of Science representative on the Faculty Standards Committee (Promotion and Tenure). If anyone is interested in this position, please let Lucy know.
- Nominations for UFV's Faculty Excellence Awards are due today.
- The [President's Leadership Lecture Series with Dr. Strang Burton](#) is being held January 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Gathering Place, CEP A1457.
- The [Faculty Micro Lectures](#) are being held February 12, 2019. Lucy encouraged faculty to participate. Deadline to register is February 1, 2019.
- Lucy has been invited to attend a seminar in New Zealand for two weeks. She will be away February 18-24, 2019.
- The School of Agriculture and Geography, tentatively named SAGE has passed through Senate and will become reality as of April 1, 2019. Greg Schlitt is the Acting Director.
- Lucy advised that 6 out of the 13 players on UFV's Women's Varsity Basketball Team are all science students. She encouraged faculty to attend their upcoming home game on January 25 and show them our support.
- The MIST program has gone through public consultation and is now sitting with the Minister for decision. The Biochemistry major has been resubmitted and is also sitting with the Minister for decision.
- Faculty of Science is working on an Applied Bioinformatics interdisciplinary program with Math, Physics, Biology and others who have other life science content. A program working group has been set up with Ben Vanderlei as the chair. There are reps from Biology, Chemistry, Math & Stats, and CIS.

5.2. Other Reports

5.2.1 [Faculty of Applied and Technology Studies](#) - Norm Taylor

- The Digital Manufacturing Diploma is proceeding.

- There has been an increase in international students in the trades programs.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS – N/A**

7. **ADJOURN - 2:00 PM**

Next Meeting: February 8, 2019 @ 1:00 PM Room D213