

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, November 29, 2019 - Room B121

Chair: Lucy Lee, Dean

Present: Ian Affleck, Carolyn Atkins, Cory Beshara, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Aisa Dobie, Robin Endelman, Grant Fritzke, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Ghafourifar, Sandra Gillespie, Jonathan Hughes, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Anna Kuczynska, Olav Lian, Kathy Peet, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Greg Schlitt, Greg Schmaltz, Isabelle St-Martin, Tony Stea, Frank Zhang

Regrets: David Fenske, Sharon Gillies, Longlong Huang, Cindy Loten, Alan Reid, Michelle Rhodes, Shaun Sun

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1.** Lisa Bavington, Advisor for Tenure & Promotion was invited to present at council. She shared her background with the committee and advise that she is here to help guide and support faculty with the tenure and promotion process. She is currently working at developing new resources to make the process clearer. Workshops are currently underway to assist faculty with the process and are open to everyone. She is assisting UFV in upgrading the standards for tenure and promotion.

Greg Schlitt noted that Geography is still under the College of Arts Standards until such time Arts is advised differently. Each department in the Faculty of Science has their own faculty standards so the school could have their own.

- 1.2.** Lucy welcomed Frank Zhang, Computer Scientist from CIS and the new Faculty of Professional Studies Representative.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

- 2.1. Adoption of Agenda**
Grant F. requested to add item 6.6 Library Advisory Committee

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of agenda item 6.6.

Tony S. / 2nd Vanessa R.; all in favour; approved.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - November 1, 2019

Vanessa R. was missed from the regrets and Anna K. was missed from the attendance.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes as presented with the noted updates to attendance.

Tony S. / 2nd Grant F.; all in favour; approved.

3. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS - N/A

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ian Affleck

For Decision:

4.1. STAT 350 Survey Sampling – 6-year review

Ian A. spoke to the revisions to STAT 350. In addition to the hours being updated from 45 to 50, the calendar description was shortened, the learning outcomes have been tightened and clarified, the textbook edition has been updated and the course content has been edited slightly.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to STAT 350 as presented.

David C. / 2nd Cory B.; all in favour; approved.

4.2. BIO 442 Tropical Field School

Tony S. spoke to the revisions to BIO 442. The course outline is being modified to fit all of Biology's field school courses instead of just one. The learning outcomes were updated to better align with the institutional and department learning outcomes.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to BIO 442 as presented.

Tony S. / 2nd Greg Schmaltz; all in favour; approved.

5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: N/A

6. REPORTS

6.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy thanked Caroline M. and Janice N. for organizing the Holiday Luncheon. She also thanked them for their work securing additional funds for the Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair.
- UFV has had a large intake of international students which in turn has given our faculty extra funding for this year. Lucy was happy to report that most of the science departments' capital requests will be met. Deadline to submit department needs is November 30.
- She encouraged faculty to send any newsworthy items for the monthly VP Academic Report to her office.

- Lucy recently visited the Vancouver Island University for a Biology Program Review as an external.
- The budget for next year looks good. Biology and Math & Stats will be getting a new faculty position and the Faculty of Science will be getting a new Associate Dean.
- The current part-time Biology Technician position has been approved to be full time. Geography will be getting a technician, it's not permanent, but science does have short term funds to cover half a technician. For the next budget year, Lucy would like to see it as a continuing position.
- The university has engaged in reinvisioning the university specifically the facilities. This is a Campus Planning exercise. Lucy will keep the faculty informed.
- SoLUEC will be interviewing next week for a new department assistant to replace Leah Sperling who has taken a position in Health Sciences.
- Lucy advised that there are still vacancies on the Senate Committees. She encouraged faculty to apply.
- UFV Faculty of Science along with the Watershed Watch Salmon Society and NERV Productions hosted a film screening of the Heart of the Fraser on November 22. If you missed it and are interested in seeing it, please let Lucy know.

6.2. BSc Working Group Committee - Greg Schlitt

Greg advised that progress is being made. The committee will be meeting again in December.

6.3. Advising - Karen Cooper

Karen provided an update on registration. She confirmed that students can declare with at least 30 credits with a 2.0 GPA. She asked the faculty to have any students who have critical issues to email Advising directly.

6.4. Senate - Jonathan Hughes

Jonathan provided a brief overview of the Senate meeting held on November 15.

- Ken Steele presented a shorter version of his presentation on Higher Education Trends at Senate. The full video of Ken Steele's UFV presentation is available online and can be viewed here: https://video.ufv.ca/media/Ken+Steele+on+Higher+Education+Trends+-+15+November+2019/0_a2fq6w0g/102526
- Alisa Webb and a student presented on the NSO and the success of that event.
- Senate approved the non-instructional days and will start Fall 2020.
- He also provided an update on the science courses that were approved at UEC.

6.5. Student Report - Aisa Dobie | Isabelle St-Martin

- UFV WEST is partnering with the President's Office on December 6, 2019 at 12 Noon on the green at the Abbotsford Campus and at 5:00 PM at CEP for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, in memory of the women who died at the École Polytechnique massacre.
- UFV WEST hosted their first Career Panel on Nov 28 to a full house. They invited 5 successful local women in STEM professions for an interactive discussion.

6.6. Library Advisory Committee - Grant Fritzke

- The Chilliwack Library renovations should be starting soon.
- The Archivist position at UFV looks promising pending budget approval.
- Kanopy, the streaming video collection, has become quite costly for the university. Grant advised that as of January instructors will only have access to the collection and be given a one-year license but the students will not be able to access it. If you use the service, have questions or issues, please contact **Patti Wilson** or **Heather Legood**.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1. Faculty Excellence Awards - The deadline for nominations is Jan 10, 2020. Nominate an outstanding instructor in recognition of their excellence in teaching, research, or service. Nominations for any of the three faculty excellence awards may be made by students, alumni, staff, faculty, or university officers. Award recipients will receive a plaque, certificate, and a \$2,500 award. Learn more at:

<https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/awards/faculty-excellence-awards/> or email UFVSecretariat@ufv.ca

7.2. NSERC Alliance Grants - NSERC is pleased to announce the opening of the next phases of Alliance grants. For full details and how to apply, please visit the [Alliance webpage](#). Please note there is no application deadline.

7.3. BC Festival of Learning 2020 - The theme this year is *Disruption & Transformation in Higher Education* and we welcome proposals from all areas of post-secondary education. Showcase your incredible talents and experiences at the premier learning conference of 2020. Call for proposals is open until November 15, 2019. For more information visit <https://festival.bccampus.ca/call-for-proposals-2019/>

7.4. Credentials (64) policy with revision was approved at the October 18, 2019 Senate meeting. Karen C. advised faculty that the major change with this policy is that students can graduate from a program to which they're admitted effective September 2019, eg. GIS Certificate, DAC, Associate of Science, Engineering Physics Diploma. However, if a student isn't admitted into a particular program they are not able to graduate from that.

8. **ADJOURN – 1:50 PM**

Next Meeting: January 10, 2020 @ 1:00 PM Room B121